



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 17 August 2022 at 19:00hrs at CR Smith.

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Sederunt: (Present / Apologies / Unknown):

Community Councillors & Councillors:

C.Cllr Wilma Allday (Madam Chairman)	P	C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane (Vice-Chairman)	P
C.Cllr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)	P	C.Cllr Ross Cassidy (Treasurer)	P
C.Cllr Gordon Harvey	P	C.Cllr Alan MacAskill	A
C.Cllr William Muir	A	C.Cllr Keith Omond	P
C.Cllr Ruth Watson	P		
Cllr Auxi Barrera	P	Cllr Gavin Ellis	P
Cllr Gordon Pryde	P		

Others:

PC Stewart Paton	P	PC Paul Scougall	A
Alan Whyte	P	Mary Whyte	P
Zoë Mays	P	Alex Allan	P
Derek Armitage (Dunf. Men's Shed)	P	Norma Farquharson	P
Roy Slater-Hill	P	Sarah Robertson	A
Alex Rowley MSP	P	Jayne Baxter	P

- Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** C.Cllr Wilma Allday welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded. Members were asked to declare any potential conflicts of interest either now or at the appropriate point in the meeting. C.Cllr Allday also extended a warm welcome to Alex Rowley MSP and Jayne Baxter from the Scottish Parliament who were going to be discussing 'factored area' issues. A warm welcome was also extended to all the members of the public in attendance.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval and Matters arising, not on the agenda:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed (v1.04). They were proposed by C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane and seconded by C.Cllr Gordon Harvey. There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.
- Police Report:**
 - PC Stewart Paton reported on issues in the area which had included minor assaults, alcohol issues, motor bike issues, and speeding on Robertson Road. Reference was also made to a problem reported by some local residents who were suffering youths using their back gardens and property, as a shortcut. PC Paton was confident that they had identified those involved but asked for any feedback should the problem re-occur.
 - Members of the public were reminded to report non-urgent Police matters to their local community police officers by email – police@bellyeomancc.org.uk.
- Item 7a. Unkempt Factored Areas:** Alex Rowley MSP listened to the Community Council about the various issues of unfactored areas across our area and how these issues were becoming worse over time. The C.C. had tried, since 2002 without success, to ask Fife Council to take on board the responsibility enshrined, most frequently, in homeowners' Title Deeds, following a condition of planning permission; namely that a Factor should be employed by homeowners to maintain common areas around their housing development. There were variations on the issue where a developer was supposed to pay Fife Council to take on the maintenance, but the monies were never paid. It was acknowledged that this is a national issue and not only found in our local area, or indeed Fife. A lot of discussion ensued, and Mr Rowley agreed to take the issue back to Parliament but felt that any



action there could not be applied retrospectively, if at all. However, he also encouraged the Fife Councillors to work with Council Officers and the Community Council to work on projects to improve individual areas on a case-by-case basis using a Community Wellbeing angle. The Councillors agreed to take this on board. Mr Rowley circulated copies of two documents containing some background information on the issue, he agreed to email these to the Secretary, who would forward to anyone wishing a copy.

Action: Liaise with Council Officers as discussed	Fife Cllrs
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5. Officers' Reports:

a. Correspondence:

The Secretary reported that miscellaneous correspondence had been circulated to members.

b. Bank Balance:

The current balance was £9,333.

c. Draft Annual Accounts:

Thanks were recorded to the Treasurer, C.Cllr Ross Cassidy, for preparing the draft annual accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2022. They were unanimously approved and would be audited and formerly presented to the Community Council at our AGM in November 2022.

Action: Audit Accounts for AGM	RC
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d. Modified Agenda Format:

C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane explained that the Community Council was exploring new agenda formats to better aid the flow of business at meetings. C.Cllr MacFarlane also summarised the Strategic Plan meeting which had recently reviewed the Strategic Plan, he would be working on updating the Plan and presenting a draft to the Community Council at a future meeting.

Action: Update Strategic Plan Document	IM / GAW
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The Secretary also pointed out the use of Action Points in the most recent Minute. Action Points would become an Agenda item at future meetings. The following Action Points were carried forward.

Actions carried forward:	Since:	By:
Review winter months (Jan-Mar) meeting format	2022, June	C.Cllrs
Online banking admin items	2022, June	RC
Monitor FCCT progress on Core Path	2022, June	Cllr GE
FC review asset ownership	2022, June	All Cllrs

6. Education

a. Bellyeoman Community Woodland.

An appeal for volunteers to work with C.Cllr Graeme Whyte and Zoë Mayes on planning this project was made.

Action: Volunteer for Community Woodland Project	ALL
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b. School Activities.

C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane and Zoë Mayes would liaise over supporting school activities once the new term had started.

Action: Liaise over supporting school activities	IM / ZM
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c. Community Garden.

Cllr Gordon Pryde mentioned that initial interest had been expressed by residents for a Community Garden at the open ground between Lauder Street and Donald Street. Cllr Auxi Barrera warned about a project starting and then volunteers dropping by the wayside and who would then carry it on? Cllr Pryde would work with others to see if there is sufficient interest to action such a plan and appealed for anyone with suggestions to email the Secretary for future consideration.

7. Environment

a. Unkempt Factored Areas.

This item was taken at 4. Above.

b. Lochhead Dump.

It was reported that much more capping had been completed. It was suggested that the smell detected recently could have originated from the Chicken Farm.



- c. **Playpark Review.** Cllr Gavin Ellis hopes to have update at next meeting.

Action: Progress update on Council Playpark Review

Cllr GE

8. Planning

- a. **Northern Relief Road.** Nothing new to report.

- b. **Whitefields.** Our previous objection comments had been passed to the developer's agent for a response.

- c. **Bellyeoman Depot.** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey and C.Cllr Graeme Whyte were to liaise over commenting on the new layouts submitted by the developer, which did not address the previous points of concern.

Action: Comment on new layouts submitted

GH / GAW

- d. **Kent Street.** There was no update at this time.

- e. **Local Place Plans.** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey was due to attend a meeting on this subject on 1 September 2022. He would then report back to the next meeting.

Action: Report back on Local Place Plans

GH

9. Council

- a. **Core Path Steps.** Cllr Ellis is still chasing up the FCCT (Fife Coast & Countryside Trust).

- b. **Hedges/Paths Maintenance.** C.Cllr Wilma Allday summarised the long-standing issues of lack of Council maintenance in our area. Cllr Gavin Ellis agreed to raise the issues with Ken Gourlay of Fife Council. The recent issues in Neidpath Place, namely weeds on the mono-bloc pavement were summarised. Some residents had complained to Fife Council. Madam Chairman found Street Orderly clearing the weeds on hands and knees with a screwdriver. Madam Chairman then instructed the Secretary to raise the issue with Councillors. Action, on this occasion, was swift with the work cleared by a squad with machinery within 24/48 hrs. C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane raised the general issue of paths' maintenance and how we get them tidied.

Action: Raise issues with Ken Gourlay

Cllr GE

- c. **B912 Road Condition from Whitefield Road to M90.** There was no update at this stage.

- d. **Bellyeoman Park Potholes.** Cllr Ellis agreed to raise the issue with transportation. C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane said that we cannot sit as a Community Council, month after month, just talking about what can't be done.

Action: Raise issues with Council

Cllr GE

- e. **Speed Limits and Crossing Points on Whitefield Road.** Cllr Gordon Pryde had met with Fife Council Service Manager, Martin Kingham, to discuss these issues. Discussion ensued amongst all present about the issues. Cllr Gordon Pryde agreed to follow this matter up.

Action: Raise issues with Council

Cllr GE

- f. **Road Markings (Speed Bumps in Paton Street).** The meeting was pleased to record that this work had recently been carried out.

10. AOCB

- a. **Office 365 Subscription.** The Secretary reported that the annual Microsoft Office 365 subscription for our email services etc., would be due in the next month or so. It was agreed that we need to carry on with this renewal.

- b. **Methven Drive Potholes.** Mr Roy Slater-Hill raised the issue of Methven Drive potholes and resultant damage to vehicles. The pavement was also reported to be in an extremely poor condition. Cllr Gavin Ellis agreed to take this matter onboard and raise it with the Transportation Director.

Action: Raise issues with the Transportation Director

Cllr GE

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11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** C.Cllr Wilma Allday thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled for **Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 19:00hrs.**

It was also noted that there had been no potential conflicts of interest intimated and with there being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:00hrs.