



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 19:00hrs at CR Smith.

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Sederunt: (Present / Apologies / Unknown):

Community Councillors & Councillors:

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

Others:

Norma Farquharson	P	Cameron Coyne	P
Alex Allan	P	Zoë Mays	A
PC Stewart Paton	A	PC Paul Scougall	A
Alan Whyte	A	Mary Whyte	A

Actions are shown in shaded boxes after items.

- Welcome, apologies & conflicts of interest:** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey 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.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval and Matters arising, not on the agenda:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed (v1.02). They were proposed by C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane and seconded by C.Cllr Wilma Allday. There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.
- Police Report:**
 - The Police reported that there had been very few issues or concerns in our area. There had been some anti-social behaviour over the festive period with minor crimes occurring in the Community Council area.
 - Members of the public were reminded to report non-urgent Police matters to their local community police officers by email – police@bellyeomancc.org.uk.
- Officers' Reports:**
 - Correspondence.** The Secretary reported that miscellaneous correspondence had been circulated to members.
 - Bank Balance.** The current balance was £9,333.
- Action Points:**
 - Review.** The Chairman agreed to review the Action Points list and only raise items that were not covered in the agenda.
- New Matters:**
 - Icy Pavements and Core Paths.** The Chairman raised the issue of poor / non-existent gritting of pavements during the recent cold spell before Christmas. Councillors agreed to pass the feedback to the relevant officer.

Councillors pass feedback to relevant officer.

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- b. **Flooding.** The Chairman summarised the recent issues of severe flooding in the area and nearby that had a severe impact on many, including Bellyeoman residents. The main area of concern was the repeated flooding and closure of the Halbeath Road dual-carriageway outside the Retail Park and College. Investigations were underway to establish whether the Council or the Retail Park owners would be responsible for corrective works. All agreed that this was a matter of urgency locally, but also as a main gateway to Scotland's newest City. Councillors said that a report was to be made to the next Councillors 'megaward' meeting. C.Cllr Gordon Harvey asked the Councillors and in turn the Planning Authority to revisit the 2017 and 2022 Planning Applications for the Whitefields site with a view to consider their potential negative impact on drainage to this area. C.Cllr Harvey's requests were as follows:

i. *To investigate whether the flooding on Halbeath Road was caused, wholly or partly, by poor maintenance and, if so, to seek improvement in the drainage maintenance regime across Dunfermline.*

ii. *To ask the Planning Department and the Flood Risk Department of the Council to consider whether the flood risk assessments and mitigation measures contained in applications 17/01677/EIA (Whitefield) and 22/01557/EIA (grouting) were still competent given the recent increased rainfalls which are being described by meteorologists as much more likely to occur regularly in the future.*

Councillors to ask Planning Authority to revisit plans from 2017/2022.	Jan 2023	All Cllrs
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7. On-Going Matters:

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** Nothing to Report, ongoing. Cllr Pryde added that when walking there recently he had seen evidence of possible drug misuse. This information would be passed to the Police by the Secretary.

Secretary pass information to the Police.	Jan 2023	GAW
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b. **Speed limits and crossing points on Whitefield Road at Hospital (currently 40mph)** . C.Cllr Gordon Harvey reported on the site visit held on 15 December 2022. The site visit was attended by Gordon Harvey and Alex Allan (representing the CC), the three Fife Councillors (Barrera, Pryde & Ellis) with the Lead Officer for Fife Councils Roads Improvement. One issue was to discuss a further crossing point adjacent to the QM Hospital Car Park where the officer was willing to install another central island. Those present pressed for a full light-controlled crossing rather than the central island proposal as it was felt the island crossings were insufficient for the infirm given the possible size of the island, the speed of traffic and the volume of traffic at certain times during the day. The officer advised a full crossing would not be possible within her budget (£70k for all Dunfermline). Councillors confirmed they were willing to pursue the necessary funds to allow the full crossing to proceed. The CC sought assurance that this would not simply delay any action and would wish the earliest advice on the likelihood of success.

The visit then went on to discuss the possibility of a 30mph limit. Councillors confirmed a review of the current limit was underway and this report was due within six months. It was noted that the CC first wrote to Cllr Helen Law in 2001 asking for the 30mph limit.

The site meeting ended with an examination of the Core Path crossing point at the junction of Robertson Road and Whitefield Road at the mini-roundabout. The Council was asked to consider ways of improving pedestrian safety at this crossing point.

Councillors responded to these comments, above, advising that a light-controlled crossing would be difficult to achieve and felt nothing would be in place for at least two years, even if approved now. The meeting pressed Councillors for an early indication of whether there was



a likelihood of support. Both Cllr Barrera and Cllr Pryde stated their full support for the CC calls to improve road and pedestrian safety, and committed to doing what they can to move matters forward. Cllr Barrera had asked Officers for the roads under consideration for speed reduction measures to be separated, to avoid Whitefield Road being lost with other roads/decisions. Another amendment was to add 'other traffic calming measures' in addition to the speed reductions. The review was agreed, and Transportation must report back within six months.

- c. **Whitefields, 22/01557/EIA.** No update.
- d. **Northern Relief Road (NLR).** No update. Cllr Barrera had kindly shared a map of the indicative route with the Secretary, which was circulated to C.Cllrs.
- e. **Local Place Plans.** Ongoing.
- f. **B912 Road condition from Whitefield Road to M90.** The potholes at the top of Whitefield Road, on Kingseat Road had been repaired the day before this meeting. Cllr Barrera agreed to continue to press for work on the potholes at Lassodie.

<i>Cllr Barrera to continue to chase potholes on B912 (Lassodie).</i>	<i>Jan 2023</i>	<i>Cllr AB</i>
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- g. **Hedges/Paths maintenance.** There had been a lot of progress in the CoOp lane. Members were impressed with the quality and scope of works, which had gone further than anticipated by the CC, but it was felt that this work should reap dividends for some years to come with the improved visibility for lane users.
- h. **Core Path Steps (Bellyeoman – Townhill).** Cllr Barrera had attended a site visit with the Secretary and experienced the path's condition first hand. Cllr Barrera agreed to champion this issue, to assist Cllr Ellis, while he is on paternity leave.

<i>Cllr Barrera to follow-up with FCCT.</i>	<i>Jan 2023</i>	<i>Cllr AB</i>
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- i. **Bellyeoman Park potholes.** Cllr Barrera had been assured by officers that the potholes would have been fixed before Christmas. It can only be presumed that the frost and snow before Christmas had delayed this work and Cllr Barrera would follow this up with the hope that it would be completed soon.

<i>Cllr Barrera chase Bellyeoman Park car park potholes.</i>	<i>Jan 2023</i>	<i>Cllr AB</i>
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- j. **Unkempt 'Factored' Areas (ongoing since September 2002).** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey and Derek Armitage are continuing to work on this issue, as per the October 2022 minute.

<i>Research work on Titles and related issues.</i>	<i>Nov 2022</i>	<i>GH/DA</i>
<i>Liaise with Council Officers on resolution. (First raised in 2002)</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>All Cllrs</i>

- k. **Playparks Review.** Cllr Barrera reported that she understood that the Playpark Review Document was being prepared for publication in the very near future. As soon as she is aware of it, she would let the CC know.

<i>Cllr Barrera to keep CC updated on Playpark Review document.</i>	<i>Jan 2023</i>	<i>Cllr AB</i>
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- l. **Lochhead Dump – smell.** No update.
- m. **Gazetteer.** The Fife Council Gazetteer had consulted on possible names for the new housing development off Leys Park Road at the old Council Depot site. The Secretary was asked to respond by the 17 January deadline with our suggestion of 'Law Court' to reflect the historic nature of the site. It is surrounded on three sides by the walls of the ancient City prison. Members and the public were advised that they could also submit other suggestions directly, should they think of any before the deadline.

<i>Secretary to write to Gazetteer.</i>	<i>Jan 2023</i>	<i>GAW</i>
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- n. **Blue Shed – Queen Margaret Fauld.** Cllr Gordon Pryde relayed an email and photographs submitted by a resident, Derek Armitage, about the insecure state of the abandoned blue shed and surrounding fencing. It was agreed that the area was becoming an eyesore and was now potentially dangerous due to the insecure nature of the site. Cllr Gordon Pryde kindly agreed to take this matter up.

<i>Cllr Pryde to follow-up Blue Shed issues.</i>
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<i>Cllr GP</i>

8. AOCB

There was no other business raised.

Misc. outstanding tasks not discussed at this meeting:

<i>FC Asset Ownership: Work with FC to streamline asset management, e.g., a path owned by Housing, tarred by Transportation, bushes cut by Parks.</i>
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9. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey thanked everyone for their attendance and intimated that the next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled for **Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 19:00hrs at the CR Smith Boardroom.** It was agreed that the acoustics in the Boardroom were better than the Bistro, so with the kind permission of C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane and CR Smith, we would continue to meet in the Boardroom for the foreseeable.

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 20:35hrs.