



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 19:00hrs at CR Smith.

v1.02

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)	A	C.Cllr Graeme Whyte (Secretary)	P
C.Cllr Ross Cassidy (Treasurer)	P	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	A	Zoë Mays	P
Alex Allan	P	Derek Armitage	P
Alan Whyte	A	Mary Whyte	A
PC Stewart Paton	A	PC Paul Scougall	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.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Approval:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed (v1.02). They were proposed by C.Cllr Wilma Allday and seconded by C.Cllr Ross Cassidy.
- Matters arising, not on the agenda:** The Chairman covered the following points:
 - Fife Council Asset Management.** Cllr Pryde gave summary of Housing Revenue Assets vs General Revenue Assets. Cllr Gordon Pryde agreed an action to organise a site visit with the C.Council and Stephen Duffy of Fife Council to review ownership.

FC Asset Ownership: Work with FC to streamline asset management, e.g., a path owned by Housing, tarred by Transportation, bushes cut by Parks.	2022	All Cllrs
Site visit with Fife Council: Cllr Pryde to arrange site visit with CC and Stephen Duffy, FC.	Mar 2023	Cllr G.P.

- B912 Potholes.** Cllr Auxi Barrera reported that she would continue to press for the potholes to be repaired around the Lassodie area. The Secretary reported that the B912 from Whitefield Road to Kingseat Village had been marked up in sections by yellow markers. This may be surveying for the future resurfacing work.

B912 Potholes: Cllr Barrera to continue to chase potholes on B912 (Lassodie).	Jan 2023	Cllr A.B.
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3. Police Report:

- 28 crimes reported. Some anti-social behaviour in the area which officers have engaged with and deterred activity. The police have also engaged with Queen Anne High School. Other activities include speed monitoring and parking safety at schools. The Community Speed Watch initiative could be due to restart in the summer. The Police would like the top three priorities from the CC for the area. The Chairman asked for suggestions from everyone, to be discussed at next meeting. GAW was asked to inform the Police and C.Cllrs about this action.
- Members of the public were reminded to report non-urgent Police matters to their local community police officers by email – police@bellyeomancc.org.uk.



4. Officers' Reports:

- a. **Correspondence.** The Secretary reported that miscellaneous correspondence had been circulated to members. This included an email from Cllr Barrera asking about waste bin provision across our area, and asking for feedback on where it could be improved. Cllr Barrera noted that the south playpark at Queen Margaret Fauld could do with a bin.
- b. **Bank Balance.** There had been no transactions and so the balance stood at £9965.61.
- c. **Strategic Plan Update.** The final version current version had been circulated to members and it was agreed unanimously to adopt it.

5. Planning:

- a. **Whitefields, 22/01557/EIA.** The Chairman reported that an application for an advertising hoarding and flags at the corner of Whitefield Road and Kingseat Road has been submitted by the developer. As this was a dangerous junction and planning officers had been approving applications on very short timescales, the Chairman submitted an objection on behalf of BCC speedily. That objection had not been posted on the Council website and the Chairman had complained to the Council about this. Subsequently the Chairman had been told the CC could not complain at it did not have that right under the Council's interpretation of legislation. The Chairman was concerned this lack of publication, together with other similar events, was suppression of the public view on planning applications. Whilst recent planning legislation sought to involve the community, the actions of Fife Council ran completely counter to this. The meeting asked Cllr Barrera to seek an explanation for this approach.
- b. **Northern Link Road.** Cllr Barrera reported work on elements of the NLR might start next year.
- c. **Lauriston Nursery – Temporary Accommodation (22/04166/FULL).** This had been discussed at the previous meeting and the submission of an objection agreed. This had been completed and the Nursery owner had responded with an explanation of why the CC views could not be met – primarily due to issues with the Care Inspectorate certification and costs of the CC suggested alternatives. The owner had offered to meet the CC. The meeting noted the owner's comments but felt the substance of the objection remained valid and, whilst not taking any further action, would not withdraw the objection as the safety risk concerns would remain valid.
- d. **Local Transport Strategy.** Fife Council had drafted a Local Transport Strategy for 2023-2033 and was seeking the public's views. The Chair had drafted BCC responses to the strategy, and these had been circulated prior to the meeting. The meeting agreed the text of the responses with the exception of the scoring for the realism of achieving individual aspects of the strategy. As the response would need to be submitted before the next BCC meeting it was agreed the Chairman and Secretary would resolve any differences and the Chairman would then submit the online response.

6. Public Services:

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** Zoë Mays summarised the recent visit with Ronnie Collins of West Fife Community Woodlands Group. The works discussed included clearance of existing path parks and a new path; steps and access to the Bellyeoman woodland area; cycle path drainage; clearing of 'dead wood' and creating pathways in the woodland; a potential post and wire fence. It was agreed to try to make a decision by email in between meetings.

Agree scope of works and costs	Mar 2023	All C.Cllrs
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- b. **Speed limits and crossing points on Whitefield Road at Hospital (currently 40mph).** Cllr Barrera had arranged for BCC to submit a paper providing the community position on the review of the speed limit on Whitefield Road. This had been prepared by the Chairman in



consultation with other Committee officers and submitted to the Council's Transport Department. The next anticipated step would be the outcome of the review itself.

- c. **Core Path Steps (Bellyeoman – Townhill).** Cllr Auxi Barrera agreed to continue following this matter up. GAW was asked to follow-up with the Council on the enhancement of the footpath alongside Kingseat Road, between the Townhill Core Path and Waxwing Motors.

<i>Cllr Barrera to follow-up with FCCT.</i>	<i>Jan 2023</i>	<i>Cllr AB</i>
<i>Secretary to ask FC for pavement repairs on Kingseat Road.</i>	<i>Mar 2023</i>	<i>C.Cllr GAW</i>

- d. **Unkempt 'Factored' Areas (ongoing since September 2002).** This matter is still ongoing with no update at this meeting.

<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>

7. Public Services:

- a. **Lochhead Dump – smell.** The bad smell has been particularly potent and smelly lately, due to the weather and airflow direction.
- b. **Flooding.** C.Cllr Gordon Harvey and Cllr Auxi Barrera were working on reviewing the decisions made in 2017 regarding the Halbeath Housing Developments. This is an ongoing matter at the moment and an update was expected for the next meeting.

<i>Ask Planning Authority to revisit plans from 2017/2022.</i>	<i>Jan 2023</i>	<i>Cllr A.B.</i>
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8. AOCB

- a. **Dog Issue.** It was reported that there had been some issues of potentially vicious dogs on the Pleasance Road and adjacent properties not being properly in control. The advice was to document and report such incidents to the Police, as this Core Path is a public right of way.
- b. **Kent Street Development.** It was expected that the Kent Street Development would be decided at a Council meeting next week.
- c. **Community Café.** Zoë Mays informed the meeting that the Community Cafés would be open at Bellyeoman Primary School on Friday 10 March 2023.

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 26th April 2023 at 19:00hrs in the CR Smith Boardroom.**

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.