



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 19:00hrs at CR Smith.

v1.03

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)	P	C.Cllr William Muir	P
C.Cllr Keith Omond	P	C.Cllr Ruth Watson	P
Cllr Auxi Barrera	A	Cllr Gavin Ellis	A
Cllr Gordon Pryde	P		

Others:

Norma Farquharson	P	Zoë Mays	A
Alex Allan	P	Derek Armitage	U
Alan Whyte	A	Mary Whyte	A
PC Stewart Paton	U	PC Paul Scougall	U
Ann Bain	P	Peter Bain	P

Actions are recorded in a separate Tasks List available on our website.

1. **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:**
 - a. **Approval:** 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 Keith Omond.
 - b. **Matters arising, not on the agenda:** The Chairman covered the following points:
 - i. **Council Site Visit.** A site visit on 9 May 2023 for the Community Council to discuss any issues to do with parks, lanes, hedges etc. had taken place and the CC were now awaiting a response from Stephen Duffy.
 - ii. **B912 Potholes.** Cllr Auxi Barrera reported that she was continuing to press for the potholes to be repaired around the Lassodie area.
3. **Police Report:**
 - a. It was suggested that the Secretary arrange a meeting with the Police for the Chairman and himself before the next CC meeting.
 - b. 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.
 - b. **Community Council Elections – Thursday 28 September 2023.** The Chairman asked the membership to encourage others to join them as Community Councillors.
 - c. **Bank Balance.** There had been no transactions and so the balance stood at £9,965.61.
 - d. **Social Media and Communication.** The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary met with William recently. William is developing a strategy for communication. Once a strategy is developed and any associated costings are known, then they can be discussed at CC for agreement.



5. **Planning:**

- a. **Whitefields.** No update at this stage.
- b. **Northern Link Road.** There is no activity on this matter that the Community Council has been made aware of.

6. **Public Services:**

- a. **Bellyeoman Community Woodland.** The Secretary summarised the proposals that had been discussed regarding improving paths to and in the Bellyeoman Community Woodland. It was agreed that the CC will require a detailed quote against the scope of works before agreeing any expenditure.
- b. **Speed limits and crossing points on Whitefield Road at Hospital (currently 40mph).** A recommendation from Fife Council will be presented to Committee on 6 June 2023. The papers will include a report with proposals to reduce Whitefield Road to 30mph from the railway bridge at Queen Margaret Station to just north of the Robertson Road mini-roundabout. Discussion ensued about the details of the proposal and disappointment that the CC's request to include the entirety of Whitefield Road was not part of this proposal.
- c. **Core Path Steps (Bellyeoman – Townhill).** The CC is awaiting an update from a Fife Council officer on possibilities for work on this core path.
- d. **Unkempt 'Factored' Areas (ongoing since September 2002).** It was agreed that this issue is best split in two. The unique situation at Queensgate meant that its issues were quite different from the normal problem of a lack of factor being appointed.
- e. **Alderston Playpark fence and gate.** Cllr Gordon Pryde has followed this up and officers are looking at proposals and costings. Cllr Pryde will revert when he has further information.
- f. **Ahmadiyya Muslim Community - James Allan Centre.** Cllr Pryde has had no feedback from Dundee City Council about their experience with community asset transfers, as they claim all documentation has been destroyed because it was over 6 years ago. Discussion ensued on existing use of hall and are other groups being turned down who might wish to use it? The CC requires answers to task 016-423. Invitation given to FC officer to brief CC on state of play and process.
- g. **Site visit re hedges etc.,** Fife Council is happy with our Woodland proposals when discussed with Stephen Duffy. Action has been taken on some items including Care Home and Surgery land ownership. It turns out that although Fife Council has maintained the grass, bushes and shrubs on the land in-between the pavement and road on the north side of Robertson Road, the land in front of the care home and the New Park Surgery are owned by the respective properties and should be their responsibility. It is understood that Fife Council is writing to the respective properties advising them of their responsibilities. It was noted that this does not seem to affect the land in front of the Lauriston Nursery or the CoOp. The Secretary expressed his concern that as this land had been maintained by the Council as far back as he could remember, that this change in maintenance may end up with a patchwork of areas that are maintained, and others growing into an untidy mess. This should be avoided for the betterment of the area. There is already an issue, at times, with sight lines when leaving the New Park Surgery by car. Extracts from the Registers of Scotland for these areas can be seen in Appendix 1 of this minute.



7. Environment:

- a. **Lochhead Dump – smell.** The Chairman updated the meeting on his conversations with SEPA about the dump. It was hoped that the situation would improve once and for all. Any incidents of smells should be reported to SEPA [online](#) or by phone (0800 80 70 60, 24hrs).
- b. **Flooding.** Cllr Barrera had received a reply to her request for information from the Lead Consultant - Flooding, Shoreline & Harbours on the competence of the Taylor Wimpey applications flood risk assessments.
He advised his team had not received anything since the original applications (22/01557/EIA – grouting, 17/01677/EIA – 1400 houses) however noted that the grouting application did require a flood risk assessment which had yet to be received. The 2017 application did provide a flood risk assessment in 2018 and there were a number of remaining conditions to be met related to water management including a further flood risk assessment.
His team is being reduced in number and will not, in future, be able to review the relevant aspects of planning applications. He did not know how this would be addressed by the Council's planning team for future applications.
He also advised that the applications met the requirements in place at the time they were submitted and noted "if the application were lodged new today, we would require different criteria be applied" reflecting the more stringent requirements new applications would need to meet to reflect the greater impacts of climate change. The Taylor Wimpey applications will continue to be subject to the lower standards due to their dates of submission.
- c. **Bin Emptying Strategy.** Discussion ensued about the proposals to change the way street cleansing is managed. There were concerns expressed that the local knowledge was in danger of being overridden by a Fife House technological solution. Everyone agreed to continue to monitor this.

8. AOCB

No items raised during the meeting.

[Addendum – immediately after the meeting closed, Cllr Pryde reported that ongoing investigation was continuing about a serious seepage or leak of water that was having a serious and negative impact in the garden of a resident in our area. Cllr Pryde promised to update the CC further when more was known.]

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 28 June 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 20:30hrs.

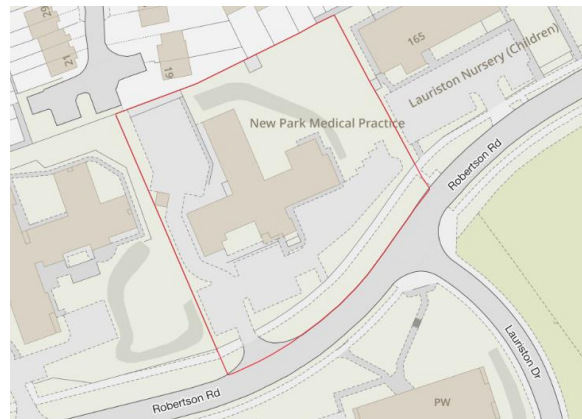


Appendix 1:

Canmore Lodge, New Park Surgery, Lauriston Nursery, and CoOp – extracts from Registers of Scotland



Canmore Lodge



New Park Medical Practice



Lauriston Nursery



CoOp Development