



Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 9 August 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)	P	C.Cllr Keith Omond	A
C.Cllr Ruth Watson	P		
Cllr Auxi Barrera	P	Cllr Gavin Ellis	U
Cllr Gordon Pryde	P		

Others:

Norma Farquharson	P	Alex Allan	P
Derek Armitage	P		
PC Stewart Paton	U	PC Kirstie Colquhoun	U

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. The Chairman recorded the thanks of the Community Council to William Muir who had resigned as a Community Councillor due to other pressures limiting his involvement. Everyone wished William well.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
 - a. **Approval.** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed (v1.03). They were proposed by C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane and seconded by C.Cllr Ruth Watson.
 - b. **Matters arising, not on the agenda.** The Chairman covered the following points:
 - i. **Bin at Queen Margaret Fauld.** Cllr Barrera said that Fife Council have no bins at the moment.
 - ii. **Bin Strategy.** Cllrs did not know what the cost of WhiteSpace Software System was, whether WhiteSpace was improving the system, or whether WhiteSpace was having a detrimental effect on employee retention.
 - iii. **Halbeath Flooding.** Updated information received via Cllr Barrera's investigations. Works are ongoing.
 - iv. **Neidpath Place Weed Killing.** Cllr Barrera reported that the Council will check on the weed-killing schedule for the street.
3. **Police Report:**
 - a. **Monthly report.** None received.
 - 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. The Vice-Chairman, C.Cllr Ian MacFarlane has kindly agreed to step in and work on our social media posts for the immediate future.
 - b. **Community Council Elections – Thursday 28 September 2023.** The Chairman asked the membership to encourage others to join them as Community Councillors. The Secretary had circulated all existing C.Cllrs to see if they will be re-standing and most had responded



positively. Nomination papers will be circulated when they are available. Nomination papers will also be made available for download on our website, as well as from Fife Council.

- c. **Bank Balance.** There had been no transactions and so the balance stood at £9,965.61. The Secretary intimated that the CCs Office 365 annual subscription was due for renewal on 1 September 2023. The meeting agreed to the renewal subject to a cap on any price increase from Microsoft.
- d. **Bellyeoman Depot Site.** The Chairman reported on an issue affecting residents in Leys Park Road. An issue had arisen between the developer of the Leys Park Road affordable houses and an existing property. Whilst the CC would not become engaged in issues between neighbours, it had felt the need to express to the developer a concern that this could harm the relationship between existing and future residents. The CC would not be involved in any further steps as there were a number of remedies readily available to both parties.

5. Planning:

- a. **Whitefields Development.** No further planning applications had been received and the preparation for the grouting work was underway. Cllr Barrera reported that she had received a further email from Dr Haynes, the Council flooding lead, which suggests no Flood Risk Assessment revision will be required and the surface water management provisions will be met via the SUDS and drainage plan which is a condition of the planning approval.
- b. **Northern Link Road (NLR).** No further developments. The meeting expressed continuing concern that the Council was failing in its requirement to meet The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 by its lack of any consultation on, or planning application for, the NLR.

6. Public Services:

- a. **Green Area Issues.** The meeting noted that recently the grass had not been cut for a while and when the long grass was cut, it left areas looking like hay fields. The issue was widespread across Dunfermline North.
- b. **Speed limits.** The Chairman expressed frustration that one of the reasons given by the Council for not reducing the speed limit at the northern end of Whitefield Road was that it would increase speeding. The meeting felt it was better to try and reduce the speed rather than regard it as a lost cause. The Chairman requested a meeting with the relevant Council officer to discuss directly with them on the lack of any speed reduction and cautioned that the current reasons given by the Council were simply unacceptable in light of other Council initiatives to encourage walking/wheeling. Cllr Pryde agreed to try to organise a meeting with Fife Council Officer, Lesley Craig.
- c. **Crossing points on Whitefield Road at Hospital.** No movement on this issue, or the implementation of the agreed 30mph speed limit change.
- d. **Core Path Steps (Bellyeoman – Townhill).** No update from either Cllr Ellis or Stephen Duffy at this point.
- e. **Unkempt 'Factored' Areas (ongoing since September 2002).**
 - i. Queensgate. C.Cllrs and residents met with Cllr Pryde to review the issues and background. Cllr Pryde is following these matters up. It was fair to note that this may take some time to make progress.



- ii. General. The Cc has asked Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP for her assistance in these matters. We received a background paper on the issues from her office. In turn we have asked for a meeting with Ms Somerville ASAP. This meeting is scheduled for 30 August 2023.

- f. **Alderston Playpark fence and gate.** Cllr Gordon Pryde feels he has had agreement from the Council to complete the fencing and gates at this playpark, however he had no update at this stage but was following the matter up with Council colleagues.
- g. **Ahmadiyya Muslim Community - James Allan Centre.** Cllr Pryde reported that he had met with the AMC, but no progress had been made on this matter by the AMC. When matters progress, there will need to be a community engagement process followed.
- h. **B912 resurfacing – Whitefield Road to Kingseat.** Cllr Barrera is chasing up the issues of flooding and bushes.
- i. **B912 potholes at Lassodie.** Cllr Auxi Barrera is still chasing this up, but was promised action in April 2023.

7. Environment:

- a. **Alderston Drive seepage issue.** Cllr Pryde updated the meeting on actions that have been ongoing. Fife Council say it is not coming from their drains. The matter is unresolved at this stage. Cllr Pryde agreed to investigate whether Council planning records would shed any light on the source.

8. AOCB

- a. **Joint CCs Meeting.** A meeting was held on 7 August 2023 with the Electoral Reform Society. The Chairman gave a summary background of the ERS's aims for Citizen Forums. We had hoped that they would help us with positive engagement with Council Officers.
- b. **CoOp Bushes.** Cllr Barrera reported that she and Cllr Pryde had written to the CoOp. They have received a reply to say that the Regional Department of the CoOp were looking into the issues. Cllr Barrera agreed to follow up with this matter.
- c. **Kingseat Road Traffic Calming.** A proposal for a Priority Bollard had been made by Fife Council for Kingseat Road near the viewpoint. The hope was that this would have a positive effect on vehicle speeds on this section of road.

- 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 13 September 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 21:10hrs.