



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27 January 2021 Zoom Meeting

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Roy Christie, Graham Galloway, Brenda McIntosh

In attendance: Cllr Julie Bell

Minutes produced by Jean Henderson from a Zoom recording of the meeting.

Heather opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of 2021 and wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

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<p>1. Apologies: Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Angus McMillan Douglas, Irena Krasinska Lobban, Frances Havenga</p> <p>Resignation from the Community Council: Elaine Findlay has, unfortunately, resigned from Kirriemuir Community Council, due to other commitments. Should Elaine's situation change in the foreseeable future, then she will consider returning to the Community Council. On behalf of the Community Council, Heather thanked Elaine for her contribution to the Kirriemuir Community Council over the past years and wished her well for the future. A recruitment drive for new Community Councillors will take place once the lockdown is over.</p> <p>2. Approval of 25 November 2020 Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Brenda and seconded by Roy.</p> <p>3. Police Report – see attached. (circulated)</p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report: (circulated)</p> <p>December 2020 to 22 January 2021: Home Fire Safety Visits: 5 x high risk – physical visit 1 x medium risk – phone advice only re COVID19</p> <p>Incidents: 3 x special service call 7 x AFA (Automated fire alarm) 1 x fire in open 1 x RTC (Road Traffic Collision) 1 x fire (building) 3 x dwelling 1 x False Alarm – faulty smoke detector</p>	

Fire Safety in the home – self assessment:

<https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/online-hfsv-checker.aspx>

The Coronavirus pandemic means that most of us will be spending more time at home. We want to ensure your home is as safe from fire risk as possible and would, therefore, encourage you to go through our questionnaire and follow our advice and guidance.

When answering each question, you will get some useful tips for each topic. Once you have completed the questions, you can download a bespoke pdf that provides advice and links to further information. If you feel that you require further, more detailed advice then you can request a free Home Fire Safety Visit from our trained crew.

Due to the current social distancing restrictions, we are currently providing only Home Fire Safety Visits to those at highest risks, identified by answering a few questions when requesting a visit. If you do not fit into the highest risk criteria then we will still take your details and arrange a Home Fire Safety Visit in the future, once our full Home Fire Safety Visit programme has recommenced and restrictions have eased.

To book a Home Fire Safety Visit, please call us on: 0800 0731 999

5. Matters Arising:

J Neil Stevenson's proposed £5,000 donation:

- Graham is still in conversation with Neil. As well as the £5,000 donation, fundraising is also planned. Neil is totally committed to the project. He has put together a power point, which is a summary of the project. Graham will circulate the power point.
- Neil has various ideas, ranging from large projects to smaller projects, including improving doorways with art work.
- Neil will be an excellent asset for the town.
- KCC invited Neil to join the February Zoom meeting. All agreed. Graham will arrange.

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K Possible pedestrian traffic adaptations in Croft Terrace:

Cllr Bell reported on some of the “Action points” for Cllr McMillan Douglas.

Roads and Housing are working on transferring ownership of Croft Terrace from “unadopted” into the responsibility of Angus Council. This is a lengthy process but it has started. It can take up to two years and involves public consultation, the Scottish Government, various agencies, etc.

The “unadopted” status has resulted in no Council gritting. The gritting policy has recently changed and Cllr Bell is seeking to have Croft Terrace included in Council gritting. Walter Scott has been requested to install a grit bin and Cllr Bell has received confirmation from the residents that they will take care of the bin.

Regarding parking, Cllr Bell has requested Craig Hudson to arrange for the Wardens to include Croft Terrace in their patrol of the town.

Cllr Bell is currently awaiting the outcome of the above requests.

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M “Spaces for people in Kirrie” - mobility scooter issue:

- Although previously highlighted to AutoSales, it appears AutoSales is still obstructing the pavement with cars outside of their workshop area. Pedestrians are forced to walk on the road. Dangerous area, especially for prams and wheelchairs.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The walkabout around the town highlighted a number of dangerous areas, e.g. top of Tannage Brae, lack of drop pavements, etc. Tannage Brae has been a problem area for many years. • Roy highlighted the paved area at the rear of the Health Centre – not sure who owns it. Roy suggested that if Angus Council owned the land then it could be paved. Steps may be a problem. Cllr Bell offered to investigate. • Heather recently attended a Traffic Seminar, attended by Angus Council – Ian Whyte, Gordon Grewar, Jamie Smith. Traffic/pedestrian/motor issues around the town were highlighted. The group will be looking at bus stops, the current 20 mph becoming permanent, cycle routes, etc. etc. This is work in progress and another Seminar will take place in the next week. • Cllr Bell encouraged everyone to take part in the on-line survey – promote this on social media, if possible. Cllr Bell, in the absence of Cllr McMillan Douglas, reported that the draft Angus Council budget is “incredibly squeezed.” 	<p>JB</p>
<p>Q Car Parking Charges: Community Councils' involvement: Heather attended this meeting. No update received since the closing of the consultation. Parking charges are currently withdrawn until the end of March. Agenda item.</p>	<p>Agenda item</p>
<p>T Feedback from Bi-Annual meeting update: Funding, Participatory Budget, lack of Community Councils' involvement: Agenda item.</p>	<p>AMD</p>
<p>V Inappropriate parking at Croft Terrace: See K above.</p>	<p>AMD</p>
<p>W Angus Council Policy & Resources Committee: Agenda item.</p>	<p>AMD</p>
<p>X Angus Council employee dismissal appeals hearing: Agenda item.</p>	
<p>Y Twinning with Volvic update: Heather has received a letter from Volvic which has been passed on to Kate.</p>	
<p>Z Inappropriate parking of School Transport bus at Sidlaw Range: See Cllr Bell's Report above for update.</p>	
<p>A1 Climate three year Action Plan: Graham reported that a few meetings have taken place. The draft plan has been written up and Graham will circulate this. There are a lot of groups involved, including Sustainable Kirrie who are leading on this. The meetings are open to everyone. The next scheduled meeting is 4 February. More info on Face Book.</p>	<p>GG</p>
<p>B1 Glamis Road/Morrison Street junction – accident blackspot: Cllr Bell reported that Officers have visited the location and they are happy with the yellow markings. The Road Safety Group is currently investigating the area. Discussion ensued about the safety of the junction. Jeanette reported that the other side of Morrison Street is also an unsafe area and justifies an increase in yellow markings. Cllr Bell offered to investigate.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>B2 Addition to Matters Arising by Cllr Bell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title Deeds for the Den House. Cllr Bell has met with the Officers this week and they have prioritised this through the Legal Department. • Paperwork available for the Den includes a number of buildings. Angus Council is assuming this paperwork includes the Den House. This is their case to the Keeper. The Keeper may agree or he may not. If not, then there is another process to follow. Angus 	

Council is pursuing this because it saves “community money.”

- Cllr Bell was asked to report this to Kirriemuir Community Council.
- The Keeper is working from home during the lockdown, therefore, this could cause a delay. However, Angus Council is working towards a positive outcome.

6. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Julie Bell reported:

I wish you and yours the very best for 2021 which is already shaping up to be quite a challenge. Thank you in advance for all you do to stick to the public health rules. I know it is tough but we really do need to #StickWithIt.

- I have attended a number of Council and Public Health Scotland meetings. I include the latter because I feel it is a good way to show the opportunities I have to integrate local Angus experiences of citizens and the Council to a national, strategic level. Scrutiny & Audit, PHS Public Health and Wellbeing Committee, The Angus Health & Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board. Chaired the Audit Committee, a Special Angus Council and an “ordinary” one, Communities (as a sub), Voluntary Action Angus Board meetings and elected member training.
- I have given a presentation to COSLA's Health & Social Care Policy Board on behalf of Public Health Scotland and I make sure that the Third Sector's role in partnership working is central what we do.
- I attended COSLA's Local Leaders Launch event - “Improving the lives of Gypsy/Travellers.”
- I am also attending meetings with Scottish Water, pulled together at my request, and the community around Lintrathen Reservoir. I mention it here as I know people in Kirrie love the area, too. We are working with police, the Council, SFRS, to prevent recurrence of last year's issues.
- I have continued to deal with caseload issues throughout the break, and, whilst some have had to wait for Officers to return from a well-earned holiday, they have been dealt with as normal.
- I have escalated the school bus issue to Council Officers and they are dealing with-it by negotiating a more appropriate parking spot. Likewise, the Den House is being picked up by one of our legal team and I have been assured that I will have an update for the KCC Wednesday meeting.
- I have been asked to site on the Steering Group for a virtual/actual women's centre which is a partnership with the Third Sector via Angus Community Planning Partnership. This is not about new services but about working together, more effectively, regardless of organisational boundaries. As you may be aware, domestic abuse during lockdown has impacted on more women and children and the Women's Centre has evolved from this experience.
- Sustainable Kirriemuir has been doing fantastic work and I have been delighted to do what I can to support this initiative, including work on the Kirriemuir Climate Action Plan.
- Meantime, please stay safe and well and if you need me as your Councillor then please do not hesitate to contact me on email@ CllrBell@angus.gov.uk.

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reported:

- Technically, I am still on special leave but continue to do ward work and attend committee and other meetings, as and when I can. I continue to assist people with housing and other issues, e.g. roads and road safety, etc.
- I send my best wishes to everyone at Kirriemuir Community Council and wish them a

belated and better New Year.

7. Treasurer's Report: (circulated)

KCC Funds as at 27 January 2021: £1180.57

Defib Funds as at 28 October 2020: £693.50

Total in Bank as at 22 January 2021: £1753.07

8. Correspondence:

- Active & Sustainable Travel Stakeholder Workshop taking place on Wednesday, 3 February, 10am to 11am.
- National Planning Framework meeting. No one available to attend.

9. Planning: No report.

10. AOCB:

10.1. Brenda reported an increase in the cars parking at Beechwood Crescent. It was claimed that these cars belong to Mike Shaw employees. Cllr Bell reported that Officers agree that this is becoming a serious problem and they plan to investigate at the soonest.

10.2. Roy highlighted the area in Reform Street, the back entrance to the Post Office, and suggested a barrier/railings be erected to prevent an accident waiting to happen. Cllr Bell will arrange with Roy for a site visit.

10.3. Graham is pleased to announce that Kirrie Connections moved into their new building last week. Some building work still to be carried out. Managing the car park could present a problem and this is being investigated. Graham was pleased to say that Kirriemuir Community Council will soon have a space at Kirrie Connections for their future meetings. *Thank you, Graham, and every success in your new home!*

10.4. Jeanette reported that, unfortunately, Scott Nicol could not join this month's Zoom meeting to talk about the Sports Hub, as he is currently furloughed.

10.5. Jeanette requested the Zoom meeting starts at 7 pm in future instead of 7.30 pm. All agreed.

10.6. Heather reported on the Christmas Hampers that KCC had promised last year to deliver to the Day Care Centre. Money did not materialise from the Co-op donation fund. Heather, therefore, bought for the hampers herself, taking advantage of the "special offers" at the Co-op. She spent £100 which covered 40 hampers and these were duly delivered to a grateful Day Care Centre. Heather will submit her receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Heather hopes to reimburse KCC with the £100 should KCC be successful in the Co-op's local donations fund this year.

10.7. Heather, on behalf of KCC, wished Cllr McMillan well and also sent very best wishes to Cllr Proctor and his wife.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 24 February, at 7 pm Zoom Meeting

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