



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM MEETING of 24 February 2021

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer), Graham Galloway, Brenda McIntosh

In attendance: Cllr Julie Bell, George Meechan, George Aitken, Neil Stevenson (part time)

Minutes produced by Jean Henderson from a Zoom recording.

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- Neil wished to get feedback and generate interest from the town for a project he has been developing for a number of months, along with Graham Galloway and Cllr Julie Bell.
- The idea came from a small Spanish village and their “Open Air Scheme.” The village started walking tours which attracted great numbers of tourists. As well as places of interest, the tours ensured they included passing cafes, shops, restaurants, etc., which generated local business.
- Neil is hoping to introduce a similar scheme in Kirriemuir, Kirriemuir Street Murals and help to invigorate business for the town. Attracting more visitors leading to more spend.
- The DD8 Charity will be used as a delivery vehicle. A young persons charity which can have a longer term shelf life.
- Neil will make a donation of £5,000 to act as a “seed” funding to start the project.
- The idea is to have some interesting murals erected in the town, painted doors, creating interesting artwork for the walking tours.
- Kirriemuir has many iconic images to choose from, i.e. J.M. Barrie, textiles, AC-DC, Peter Pan, Bonfest, etc. etc. to name but few. Looking to the future, too, with rural energy, renewable s.
- The project will be complimentary to Graham and Kirrie Connections – one idea, dovetailing with other ideas in Kirriemuir.
- Cllr Bell has consulted with Planners and Graham has engaged with the Planning Officers and Heritage Scotland.
- Consulting with the local artistic community is planned, as well as with artists out-with the town.
- Neil has made contact with Websters High School and the Art Department, hoping to

involve the pupils. Barrie Ewart has been contacted, as Chair of the Kirriemuir Small Business Group, and Neil has sent him a copy of his Presentation.

- Graham reported that the new DD8 is going to be a Music Museum in the old Currie building. The building facade is needing a lot of attention, however, there are four panels on the front of the building which can be used as a canvas. Graham is aware that the building is in the middle of the Conservation Zone, with the result the Planners are being cautious at this stage. Other sites have been viewed – doorways and gable ends. Graham reported that Kirrie Connections is developing a similar project which would work in tandem with Neil's project.
- Kirrie Connections has been a funeral parlour many years so it is important to change the "image," given the new occupants of the building. Art work for the gable end of the building, facing the Roods, is planned. The building is not listed so there is some leeway. Graham reiterated that it is important to get the support of the town and he totally supports Neil in this venture.
- It is also planned to organise walking tours around the outskirts of the town, as well as the town centre, to include Camera Obscura, the Hill, the Den House, Bandstand and toilets, etc.
- Irena reported that Kirriemuir Regeneration Group has been working with Visit Angus and has produced leaflets of walking tours around Kirrie, which will also be online. This has already gone to the printers. Irena suggested KRG could work together with Neil on this. Neil agreed a very good idea. He said he wanted to avoid duplicating what is already in place in the town and where possible, wants to work with existing projects. Irena will forward the information to Visit Angus Marketing Dept.
- Heather, on behalf of KCC, agreed this is a good idea and asked how he is planning to finance the project.
- The plan would be to use DD8 and those funds would be ring fenced for this project. Also, fundraising, including grants. Neil said he would be happy to get involved with Graham regarding grant applications and also involve the community in fundraising. It is important to communicate to the public that this is a "serious project."
- Graham said that Kirriemuir Community Council's written support would be an asset for the project. All agreed that KCC give support.
- The Participatory Budget was raised. In the absence of Cllr Angus McMillan Douglas, Cllr Bell said she could not offer any further information. Cllr Bell said she supports the project and will be happy to give any assistance needed with Planning. Graham thanked Cllr Bell for her offer, however, he stated that at the moment everything is at the preliminary stage.
- Please contact Neil, Graham or Cllr Bell with any feedback, including anticipated historical hurdles. Neil will give an update soon.
- Heather thanked Neil for his Presentation and said that KCC look forward to hearing of the project's progress.
- Neil left the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Frances Havenga, Roy Christie. Jeanette reported that **Audrey Middleton** has not submitted apologies for the last six months. Therefore, in accordance with the Constitution, unfortunately Audrey is no longer a Community Councillor. All agreed.

George Meechan is co-opted on to the Kirriemuir Community Council. Proposed by Jeanette and seconded by Brenda. *Congratulations to George and welcome to the Kirriemuir Community Council.*

2. **Approval of 27 January 2021 Minutes:** Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Brenda and seconded by Graham.

3. Police Report: No report received. Victoria Crichton is the new Police contact.

4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report:

To 22 February 2021

Community Safety:

Home Fire Safety Risk – Physical visit

Medium Risk – Phone advice only re Covid 19

Operational Intelligence visits: 2 x High Risk premises completed

Incidents:

1 x Special Service Call

6 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm)

1 x Fire (dwelling)

2 x RTC (road traffic collision)

1 x Fire (building)

2 x FAGI (false alarm good intent)

1 x False Alarm (faulty smoke detector)

SFRS Spring - Key Messages

We want to promote public safety throughout spring and the Easter holiday period. We want to encourage people to join Scotland's fight against fire and, in doing so, reduce the level of risk associated with the spring and Easter period. The following are the key messages we will be sending out in all our communications. When offering prevention and protection advice locally, the same messages should be used to ensure our campaign is consistent, therefore maximising its impact.

We want the public to know:

We need people to join Scotland's fight against fire and help us protect our communities.

Deliberate fire-setting is an offence; don't accept it – report it.

SFRS see an increase in the amount of outdoor fires over the Spring season. These take fire-fighters away from other incidents and could put a risk to life, property and can have a detrimental financial impact on the economy.

SFRS will work together with partner agencies during the period to reduce preventable fires and keep people safe – but we need the public's help to achieve these goals.

Parents and carers have a responsibility to know what their children are doing and to keep them safe from fire.

SFRS, working in conjunction with rural communities, businesses and landowners will support the use of 'Fire Plans' to prevent major fire emergencies involving heath, moorland and forestry. These plans will also detail how to respond in case of an emergency.

Many wildfires are started deliberately or are due to careless, reckless or irresponsible behaviour. If you suspect someone of acting suspiciously, recklessly or irresponsibly in the countryside call Scotland Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or call Police Scotland on 101.

Information and advice is readily available about preventing countryside fires, such as the Muirburn Code, which applies to the controlled burning of heather within the permitted season period.

Landowners should not burn out-with the permitted season and ensure suitable 'Fire Plans' are in place

during land management operations.

Communities, tourists and visitors should be aware of the heightened risk of fire at this time of year and people should act safely and responsibly and follow the countryside code.

People should not carelessly dispose of smoking materials in rural areas.

As flytipping is a major problem, operational information and local knowledge should be used to proactively identify and report flytipping hotspots/locations. Where staff or the public identify flytipping or large piles of refuse they should be encouraged to report this via the Dumb Dumpers website www.dumbdumpers.org or the stop line on 08452 30 40 90.

5. Matters Arising:

J Neil Stevenson – see above.

M “Spaces for people in Kirrie” - areas urgently requiring attention:

- Top of steps, paved area. This is being escalated as a potential project for next year.
- Footpath at AutoSales: Barrie Ewart is going to replace signs and have a word with his staff. He points out that there is a footpath on the opposite side of the road which the public can use as an alternative. Meantime, he will monitor the situation. Barrie Ewart requests that if a member of the public has a problem with the area around AutoSales, can they please make initial contact with him.

Q Car Parking Charges update: Heather has not heard anything further regarding the “Community Councils' involvement.” Car parking charges went to Committee on 23 February and they have been suspended for the duration of this Administration. Off Agenda.

T Feedback from Bi-Annual Meeting – Participatory Budget, lack of Community Councils' involvement: In the absence of Cllr McMillan Douglas, Cllr Bell reported that, unfortunately, she didn't have any further information but would investigate and report back.

V Croft Terrace update: Cllr Bell reported that Croft Terrace will be adopted and will be included in the winter gritting programme. George confirmed that all issues have been resolved.

W Angus Council Policy & Resources Committee: Agenda item

X Angus Council employee dismissal appeals hearing: Discussion ensued on the detail of this item which Cllr McMillan Douglas was investigating. This item was initially raised by Roy.

A1 Climate three year Action Plan update:

- Graham reported that the Draft plan has been completed.
- Several tasks have started with various organisations, e.g. bus shelters.
- Kirrie Connections has taken on co-working space for the town, using space on their new building. Graham will circulate the list of these projects.
- Cllr Bell is taking forward the idea of “Bee friendly bus shelters.” Kirrie was placed on the “Bee” line which supports transitions and down the country. Cllr Bell has met with the Environmental Officer and the Public Transport team and they are very enthusiastic about this project – Bees Corridor. Schools, Kirrie Connections, etc., will be part of this. Discussions are continuing regarding the siting of these bus shelters and also avoiding vandalism.

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B1 Glamis Road/Morrison Street junction update: The contractor has been instructed to highlight the road markings. The Road Safety Co-ordination Group has decided that refreshing the lineage and signage is sufficient in this area. Driver behaviour is a major factor at this junction. Regarding the Forfar Road end, Cllr Bell reported that there is not a lot they can do because of the demand for residential on-street parking. They will, however, refresh lineage. The yellow lines could be extended but this could be unpopular with residents.

B3 Inappropriate parking at Beechwood Crescent: Double yellow lines to be installed and this has gone forward.

B4 Reform Street/back entrance to Post Office – possible accident blackspot: Cllr Bell will arrange a site visit with Roy soon.

B5 Inappropriate parking of school bus: Cllr Bell reported that the driver of the bus has been instructed to park the bus in a designated car park area in future. Should this not be happening, please advise Cllr Bell.

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6. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Julie Bell reported:

- I have attended a number of briefings regarding the management of Covid-19 in Angus, including a superb briefing about the local vaccination programme which is being led by Dr. Scott Jamieson of Kirriemuir Health Centre, and Rhona Guild, the Primary Care and Longterm Conditions Manager. Along with my role on Public Health Scotland, these briefings have given me significant confidence that we are doing really well in Angus, Tayside and across Scotland. Tayside is particularly well-served due to the years of experience in rolling out the flu vaccination programme.
- I have attended Angus Council's rent-setting meeting, Children and Learning, Alcohol and Drugs Partnership meetings, the Kirriemuir Climate Action Plan Group, the Women's Centre steering group, and, by Wednesday evening, will also have attended the Angus Community Justice Partnership meeting (Tuesday 23rd) and a development session for the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Audit Committee members, which I chair, and the AH&SCP Integrated Joint Board meeting (both Wed 23rd).
- Roy and I haven't had a site meeting to look at his idea of a barrier, mainly because of restrictions, as I have been doing essential outings only. I have escalated other issues and hope to have updates for the meeting.
- Hope everyone is well. I sense things are becoming much tougher for folk, especially front line workers to whom I am hugely grateful for their incredible efforts.

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.

Cllr Angus McMillan Douglas: No report.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Current Funds: KCC £1080.57 Defibrillator £693.80 Total £1754.07

Discussion ensued regarding the unspent grant in KCC's funds. The ruling is that any unspent monies are returned to Angus Council and this amount is deducted from the next year's grant. The lockdowns over the last year has obviously affected KCC expenditure which has dropped

dramatically. This has affected all Community Councils in Angus, not just Kirriemuir. Therefore, it was agreed to approach Lynn Hally (Angus Council) and request this is taken into account when next year's Community Council grant is being considered and that the 2021 grant should not be based on the 2020 spend. Cllr Bell offered her support on this issue. All agreed. Jeanette will write to Lynn Hally as soon as possible.

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The current funds have to be spent before 1 April. Discussion ensued as to how these funds could be well spent, importantly within the parameters of Angus Council's guidelines, i.e. KCC running costs – stationery, etc. It appears some reimbursements are long overdue and it was agreed to address these urgently. Please send details/receipts, if possible, to Irena. It was agreed these outstanding expenses should be paid. Kirrie Connections has provided their Zoom facility free of charge to KCC over the last six months. It was agreed that KCC should at least pay for their licence.

8. **Correspondence:** Jeanette has circulated during the month.

9. **Planning:** Graham reported that a Declaration of Interest around Kirrie Connections and DD8 has been submitted to Planning. It would be of benefit to both if Kirriemuir Community Council could support these applications. All agreed to support.

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10. AOCB:

10.1. **Irena** asked what was happening to the old ACCESS building. This is not a Council property and it was thought it could be a retail outlet.

10.2. **Graham** reported that the new Kirrie Connections building will be undergoing a lot of building work soon. The public will, therefore, have to stop parking in their car park. Also, the only disabled access to the Co-op is from the car park. Unfortunately, this will all have to stop as Kirrie Connections insurance does not cover these issues. Graham is confident it will all be resolved amicably.

11. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 31 March, at 7 pm, via Zoom.

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Jeanette Elwell
Secretary