



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM MEETING 28 April 2021

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer) part time, George Aitken, Roy Christie (part time), Graham Galloway (part time), Brenda McIntosh, George Meechan

In attendance: Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Angus MacMillan Douglas, Cllr Julie Bell

Minutes produced by Jean Henderson from a Zoom recording.

Heather opened the meeting by welcoming back Cllr Proctor to the KCC meetings.

Cllr Proctor thanked the Community Council for their floral tribute and kind messages in memory of Sonia.

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<p>1. Apologies: Frances Havenga</p> <p>2. Approval of 24 February and 31 March 2021 Minutes: Both sets of Minutes agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Irena and seconded by Brenda</p> <p>3. Police Report: See attached</p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report: Up to 26 April 2021: Community Safety: 2 x Home Fire Safety High Risk – physical visit 0 x Medium Risk – phone advice only re Covid 19 12 x High Risk completed – Operational Intelligence visits</p> <p>Incidents: 1 x Special Service Call 4 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm) 2 x Fire – building 1 x Lockfast 1 x Fire – vehicle 1 x Secondary fire</p> <p>5. Treasurer's Report: Funds as at 28 April 2021: KCC funds £676.57 Defib funds £693.50 Total to date: £1370.07 Two Balance Sheets are ready for submission to Angus Council. One for KCC and one for the Defib funds. This is to highlight to Angus Council that the current fund of £1320.92 is not solely KCC funds and is split between KCC and the Defib funds.</p> <p>6. Matters Arising: T Participatory Budget update: Cllr MacMillan Douglas reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr MacMillan Douglas has had a meeting with the Deputy CEO and the Leader of the	

<p>Council regarding the handling of the Participatory Budget (PB) expenditure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the two years, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, the sums of money are combined and there will be a total of £65,000 for the Forfar, Kirriemuir and Kirriemuir and Dean areas. • In total, this amount will be shared between 8 Community Councils in the above areas. • The target for the PB resources will aim this year to assist communities to recover from the Covid situation. In the longer term, it will move away from small grants to more specific, strategic areas. • Heather queried Cllr MacMillan Douglas's report by stating there is a deficit. £6,000 was the sum agreed to be paid in 2020/2021. Due to the Covid situation last year, it was proposed that the £6,000 would be added to the £65,000. However, this £65,000 proposal works out at approx. £8,000 per Community Council. Heather asked Cllr MacMillan Douglas to explain the situation with regard to the £6,000 budget due to be paid in 2021/2021, which would have given KCC a total of approx £14,000, not £6,000. • Cllr MacMillan Douglas responded that this is the answer he has received from Angus Council, However, should KCC want to challenge this then he would report back to Angus Council on their behalf. Alternatively, he offered Heather the contact details of Mark Armstrong, the Deputy CEO, should she wish to make direct contact. • Heather opened this up to the meeting. All agreed that Heather make direct contact with the Deputy CEO. • Jeanette asked if Community Councils will, in future, be involved in the PB. Cllr MacMillan Douglas replied that this has not yet been decided. 	<p>HK</p>
<p>B4 Reform Street/back entrance to Post Office, site visit: Roy joined the meeting later (after this point was discussed) when it was agreed that he would meet Cllr Bell on Thursday, 29 April, at 12.30 pm outside of the Co-op in the Square for a site visit.</p>	<p>RC/JB</p>
<p>B8 Investigating Kirrie's increased crime numbers with Police: Cllr MacMillan Douglas reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr MacMillan Douglas has had two meetings with Sergeant Vicki Crichton • Sgt Crichton maintains that there is no reduction in Police Officers covering Kirriemuir. The coverage remains the same. The Police Office in Kirrie is visited every morning and evening. • So far as the level of crime is concerned, she states that she is seeing nothing that concerns her in the increased Kirrie numbers. Stating that crime has been on the increase throughout Scotland and there is nothing “out of step” with that in Kirrie and Forfar. • The crimes reported in the Police Monthly Reports are those which Sgt Crichton thinks will be of interest to Community Councils. These crimes are not necessarily representative of all the crimes across any particular Community Council area. • Police Scotland allows the local Police to move their resources around the area, where they are more effectively needed. • Sgt Crichton apologises that the Police are forbidden to attend Zoom meetings. Jeanette reported that she understood that the Police now have access to Microsoft Teams to liaise with her direct. • Cllr MacMillan Douglas has passed on KCC's concerns at the increased figures in Kirrie. He reported that Sgt Crichton said she was more than happy to welcome representatives, or the full committee, to meet with her face to face to discuss Police matters in the area. • Cllr MacMillan Douglas advised that Sgt Crichton has confirmed to him that there has been no dog thefts reported in the Angus area. • Heather asked for comments on the above from the Community Councillors. • Irena expressed disappointment to learn that the two Police Officers arrive in Kirrie, in a car, briefly, in the morning and then again, briefly, in the evening, which is surely not 	

<p>enough coverage for the community of Kirriemuir. This was echoed by the rest of the Community Councillors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanette suggested KCC having a two monthly Teams meeting with Sgt Crichton. All agreed. Jeanette will organise. • Cllr MacMillan Douglas wished it to be Minuted that he has reported the above on behalf of the Police. This is not his personal opinion. <p>B9 Inappropriate parking of school buses continues at Sidlaw Range: See Cllr Bell's report above for update. Unfortunately, Cllr Bell hoped to have further information for the meeting but this hasn't arrived.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy arrived later in the meeting (after this point had been discussed) and reported as follows. • The contractor parks his bus, only on a Friday, from 9 am to 1.30 pm at Sidlaw Range, to avoid going back to the Dundee depot. • Roy pointed out that there are numerous places available outwith the town, e.g. in a lay-by on the A90, where he could wait until 1.30 p.m • Residents continue to complain about the bus parked there every Friday for four hours. • Cllr Bell said that Officers are in discussion with the Contractor. • GeorgeA pointed out that from his experience in transport, it is the Contractor's responsibility to find an alternative, appropriate, parking space for that period, not Angus Council's. 	<p>JR</p>
<p>B12 Continuing inappropriate parking at Beechwood: Cllr Bell reported that this issue went to Tuesday's (27 April) Safety Co-ordinating Group meeting. When she has an update she will email to Jeanette.</p> <p>GeorgeM highlighted “new” double yellow lines which have appeared across from Three Bellies Brae to Visocchi's, which bridge the gap. Discussion ensued. It was thought they could have been “refreshed” as no one had any information on “new” yellow lines in this area.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>B10 Volunteers needed to varnish benches in the Square: Cllr Bell reported that the unpaid team is working again. Heather will give Irene Robertson Cllr Bell's email address for contact. Graham reported that the benches in the Square are very unsteady and need re-cementing into the concrete. Cllr Bell will investigate and report back.</p> <p><i>(Cllr Proctor submitted an update after the meeting: Kevin Robertson, Parks Department, will discuss this with Karen Dillon)</i></p>	<p>HK JB/RP</p>
<p>B11 Volunteer to repair remaining telephone box, re “Book Swap.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the perspex has been removed and a first coat of paint applied. Ready for the gloss paint. • Heather shopped “local” for replacement panes in the telephone box and was quoted £260 for the large panes of glass. There are enough small panes. Online quote was £143, including postage. • The unrestricted funds were discussed and it was agreed there are enough funds to pay £143 for the panes of glass. All agreed. • The Rotary Club of the Angus Glens has the shelving ready and will be donating this. • Re the stickers, Heather reported a price of £10, made up, for four. • Rotary has asked for some kind of sticker to be put on the telephone box acknowledging Kirrie Rotary's contribution. It was pointed out that plaques have already been discussed and agreed., i.e. white with black writing, acknowledging The Rotary, KRG, St. John's and the Newton. 	

- Heather reported that the defib battery is urgently needing replaced and the cost is £160. She has contacted Mr. Fagan, Heart Start, for a cost from them. Still awaiting a reply. Unfortunately, there is a “discrepancy” with regard to KCC's £1,000 deposit to Heart Start from the 2020 Kilt Walk and KCC need to buy the battery from that deposit. Heather will re-contact Mr. Fagan as this is urgent.
- There have been many volunteers offering to “keep an eye” on the defib telephone boxes and the book swap.

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Irena left the meeting at this point.

Roy joined the meeting.

7. Councillors' Reports: Circulated

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reported:

Technically, I am still on special leave but continue to do Ward work and attend committee and other meetings. I continue to assist people with housing and other issues, e.g. roads and road safety, etc. I would like to record my appreciation and heartfelt thanks on behalf of my family and I for the beautiful floral tribute which the Community Council gave in Sonia's memory. I would also like to thank everyone for their kind messages of support and cards.

Cllr Julie Bell reported:

- Since we last met, I have attended Kirrie Art Project meeting and I am linking with Officers over some funding and site possibilities; a number of VAA Board meetings; steering group meetings for an online women's resources for the whole of Angus; I chaired the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Board Audit Committee last week which was followed by the Board meeting; I attended a joint Angus Council/East Ayrshire Council learning event online.
- Council was in recess for the first two weeks of April. I will be attending Scrutiny and Audit on Thursday, 29 April.
- Caseload has been mostly housing and anti-social behaviour issues between neighbours recently.
- Officers have had a look at Bellies Brae Car Park and do not think the installation of a bus bay(s) is feasible. There are only one or two locations where the bay(s) could be installed and in order to allow for the turning manoeuvres of the buses, they would have to remove approx 8 parking spaces. The bus that uses the car park at present may only be able to do so because the car park is quiet when it enters and leaves. However, this may not always be the case in the future. If they were to install a bus bay then we will have to ensure that the buses could access and egress the bay safely without impinging on the car parking bays. They can't feasibly do that unless we remove parking bays. This item will be raised again at the next meeting of the Traffic Co-ordination Group on Tuesday, 27 April, when a final decision will be made by the Group.
- Officers are opening up dialogue with the contractor regarding the issue at Sidlaw Range to seek an alternative parking location. I have asked for an update following this meeting for the KCC Wednesday meeting.
- I will update on other topics at the meeting.

Cllr Angus MacMillan Douglas reported:

- Planning the next stage of the Council's Change Programme. Working with Director of Finance and others to think ahead to the Council's budget next Spring, 2022.
- Consideration of further co-operation with neighbouring Councils on, for example,

procurement. Also, looking for further procurement efficiencies through Scotland Excel. I am on the Executive Sub-committee.

- Working with other members of the Administration and Officers to plan further actions of our Angus Economic Recovery Programme, after Covid, to catch up on our £150m capital expenditure programme and increase expenditure with local businesses and use of local employees. The objective is to do what the Council can to minimise any rise in local unemployment.
- Meeting with East Ayrshire Council to see how we can learn from each other on, for example, economic recovery measures and ways of further motivating staff.
- Working with Officers to get improvement to the Council Access Line.
- Attended two meetings of the Business Gateway Board, of which I am a member, to agree the new strategy for assisting the growth of businesses across Scotland.
- Attended the Government Board of the Tay Cities Deal. Signed off the Hospitalfield renewal and discussed the Michelin Innovation Park (the site used to employ 200 people living in Angus, so future development is important to us).
- Spoke to Kirrie Rotary on the workings of Angus Council and its budget.
- Met with the UK Secretary to the Treasury to discuss the UK Government's levelling up strategy and how this can benefit Angus.
- Working with Cllr Myles to see how Tayside Contracts can use more locally grown food in meals for schools.

8. Correspondence:

Circulated by Jeanette throughout the month.

Jeanette needs a response from the meeting regarding IT sponsorship for the IT mapping, with regard to Lynn Hally's email, already circulated to KCC. Lynn Hally must have a reply by Friday, therefore, all agreed that Jeanette replies to Lynn Hally proposing a payment for KCC's Zoom.

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9. **Planning:** Frances has said she doesn't know how to open attachments which allow her to report on Planning Applications, therefore, Heather reported on the planning application to build four houses at Ballinshoe near the old castle. The build will be on the opposite side of the road to the castle.

10. AOCB

10.1. Brenda reported she had received complaints from residents regarding the road leading from Tannage Brae into Knowehead Crescent, leading to Slade Gardens. The first road in is Denfield Court and the signage is on the right hand side. However, there are six cars parked in this spot which blocks the signage. The signage should be on the opposite side. This blind spot to "visiting" traffic is causing congestion and could cause an accident due to confusion in directions. Cllr Proctor will investigate and report back. *(Cllr Proctor updated after the meeting: Cllr Proctor carried out a site visit on Thursday, 29 April, and has requested moving the sign in question and the addition of a street sign at Tannage Brae/Knowehead Crescent junction. Douglas Hill, Angus Council, is processing)*

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- 10.2. **George** said he would like to see proper parking areas for Motor Homes in Kirrie, and for Angus in general, where visitors could park overnight. A welcome into Angus and Kirrie. Cllr Bell agreed and said she had already raised this at Angus Council meetings. She called on the elected members to support this request in order to enhance tourism. Discussion ensued. All agreed this is something to be considered. Cllr Proctor highlighted the already existing caravan park in Forfar and said he would

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<p>support the proposal and investigate further. <i>(Cllr Proctor updated after the meeting: Douglas Hill, Angus Council, will investigate and report back to Cllr Proctor)</i></p> <p>10.3. Graham has been approached by a resident at Glebe Court asking if there is a spare bench available from the “Garden.” Glebe Court only have one bench available in their courtyard and, with social distancing, this is restrictive. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate. <i>(Cllr Proctor updated after the meeting: Kevin Robertson, Parks Department will investigate availability. Can Graham keep Cllr Proctor advised of any progress on this)</i></p> <p>10.4. Heather highlighted the “Seated Classes” at the Leisure Centre which are not yet being allowed to open up. Cllr Proctor reported that Angus Alive is operating a phased re-opening of certain facilities. He will investigate and report back. <i>(Cllr Proctor updated after the meeting: Angus Alive re-opening programme sent to KCC by Graham Thom)</i></p> <p>10.5. Heather has received complaints from some of the community that none of the town's coffee shops were open on Monday, 26 April. Discussion ensued. It was stated that it is entirely up to the individual businesses as and when they re-open. It was reported that Bridges was open on Tuesday and Wednesday.</p> <p>10.6. Heather asked if there are any plans for yellow lines to be implemented on the road leading to the Golf Club. The Golf Club has received a visit from the Police requesting that they stop all parking on the road, adjacent to the Clubhouse. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate but said his answer at the moment would be “no.”</p> <p>10.7. Cllr Proctor said it was good to see George Meechan and George Aitken had joined Kirriemuir Community Council. He reminded George Meechan that he was the KCC Secretary to George Meechan's Chair over 21 years ago.</p> <p>10.8. Jeanette advised that Scott Nicol and Magnus Moncrieff (Angus Alive) will be joining the 26 May Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Date of next Zoom meeting: Wednesday, 26 May, at 7 pm</p> <p>30.4.21</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>RP</p> <p>RP</p> <p>Agenda item</p>
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