

Kirriemuir Community Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27 October 2021

Kirriemuir Community Council ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 27 October 2021, 7 pm in Kirrie Connections
Interim Chairperson: Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Angus Council

Present|: Heather Kelly, Roy Christie, Brenda McIntosh, Graham Galloway, Frances Havenga, George Aitken, George Meecham, Jeanette Reioch (via Zoom)

In attendance: Cllr Ronnie Proctor

1. **Welcome** and introductory remarks by the Interim Chairperson, Cllr Ronnie Proctor
2. **Composition of Community Council:**
 - a) Interim Chairperson to report on elected membership number. Confirmed eight Kirriemuir Community Councillors, all in attendance at AGM.
 - b) Co-option procedure. Document available online.
 - c) Scheme for the Establishment of Community Council.
 - d) Grant allocation process
3. **Appointment of Chairperson:** Nominated: **Heather Kelly**
Proposed by Graham Galloway, Seconded by Brenda McIntosh
4. **Appointment of Vice Chair:** Nominated: **Roy Christie**
Proposed by Heather Kelly, Seconded by Frances Havenga
5. **Appointment of Secretary:** Nominated: **Jeanette Reioch**
Proposed by Graham Galloway, Seconded by Frances Havenga
6. **Appointment of Treasurer:** Nominated: **Irena Krasinksa Lobban**
Proposed by Frances Havenga, Seconded by Roy Christie
7. **Appointment of Planning Contact:** Nominated: **Frances Havenga**
Proposed by Heather Kelly, Seconded by George Aitken
8. **Appointment of Youth and Associate Members:** Nominated: **Heather Kelly**
Proposed by Graham Galloway, Seconded by George Meecham
9. **AOCB:** Nothing to report.

"Congratulations" to the new Committee of Kirriemuir Community Council.
Thanks to the Chair.

Heather congratulated the new Committee and said it was reassuring that KCC was now meeting face to face for the second time this year. Hopefully, this will now continue. Heather suggested a campaign for the new year to encourage more people to join Kirriemuir Community Council.

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**Minutes of Business Meeting
Wednesday, 27 October 2021, at Kirrie Connections**

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary – via Zoom), Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer), George Aitken, Roy Christie, Graham Galloway, Frances Havenga, Brenda McIntosh, George Meecham

In attendance: Cllr Ronnie Proctor

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

1. **Apologies:** Jean Henderson, Cllr Julie Bell, Cllr Angus MacMillan Douglas
2. **Approval of 29 September 2021 Minutes: Correction** re Common Good Fund proposed Trust. GeorgeM pointed out that he had suggested members of the community running such a Trust and to only seek out the assistance of “professionals” when necessary. Otherwise a true and correct record. Proposed by GeorgeA and seconded by Frances Havenga.
3. **Police Report:** No report received. It was reported that none of the Angus Community Councils are receiving Police Reports. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to officially flag this past Police Scotland. All agreed. Jeanette has an alternative Police contact email address.
4. **Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Report:**

24 September to 4 October 2021:

Community Safety:

- 6 x Home Fire safety visits
- 2 x Operational Intelligence visits
- 1 x PDIR (Post Domestic Incident Response)
- 1 x Planning meeting for large scale joint exercise

Incidents:

- 5 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm)
- 2 x Fire (dwelling)
- 2 x Fire (Open)
- 4 x Special Service

Key Messages:

We need people to join Scotland’s fight against fire and help us protect our communities. We want the public to know:

It is safer to attend an organised bonfire or fireworks display.

Deliberate fire setting is an offence, don’t accept it – report it.

SFRS see an increase in deliberate fires and antisocial behaviour towards crews within the autumn season.

SFRS will work together with multi agency partners to reduce the amount of deliberate fires and fire related offences within the autumn period.

Outdoor fires, in particular rubbish and refuse fires, can overstretch local SFRS resources, taking firefighters away from other incidents and put lives at risk.

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Schools and educational premises are often targeted within the period and local areas will consider initiating a "school watch programme".

Young people between the ages of 11 and 16 can anonymously provide information to Crimestoppers about a crime by visiting www.fearless.org.

SFRS encourage residents within affected neighbourhoods to pro-actively report fire related offenders through the Crimestoppers website www.crimestoppers-uk.org or via 0800 555 111.

If you must organise a home event, read our safety advice and information carefully first. This will reduce the risk of an accident or the need to call SFRS for an emergency response.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Cash in Bank at 27 October 2021, £1435.12, comprising:

KCC Funds £390.42, Defib Funds £595.50, Grant £449.20.

Grant funds spent £80.80. Funds held by Heartstart £840.00

Irena explained the Defibrillator Funds situation with regard to batteries, etc.

6. Matters Arising:

T Participatory Budget update: Nothing new to report. The bidding forms are due to go back to Committee on 2 November so that a decision can be made to move forward with the selected projects.

B14 Lynn Hally – Zoom payment update: No reply to date. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.

B15 Motor Homes facilities for Kirrie update: Cllr Proctor reported that a meeting due to take place on 26 October had to be postponed until November.

B25 Common Good Fund update:

- Jeanette had circulated Ian Lorimer's response to the committee, which she thought was very vague.
- Cumberland Close appears to be the last payment out of the CGF and that was close to 15 years ago.
- It was reiterated that the CGF is not working, it is a very low amount and is in urgent need of a Community Trust to take control of it, as discussed at the September meeting.
- It was agreed that this Trust, although very much supported by KCC, should be community led.
- Discussion ensued. It was suggested arranging for someone who has experience of running such a Trust to come and talk to KCC. However, is KCC the right platform for such a talk? Should this be an Open Community Meeting so that the talk is to the community and aimed at the right audience? All agreed.
- Graham will speak to his contact in Dumfries.

B32 Poor access for wheelchairs – Croft Terrace, etc.

Cllr Proctor reported that a site meeting had taken place. A vacant area next to the house will be re-opened and a ramp installed which will link in with the Bellies Brae suggestion. There has been a positive reaction to this proposal.

B33 Location of shield: Awaiting response from Dave Milne.

B35 Rumoured re-location of Stracathro stroke unit.

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- Cllr Proctor reported that he has been advised by Bob Myles that this is “under review” and has come about due to the “under usage” of the Unit.
- Heather said the Health Board has decided to “under use” the unit and that is why the usage figures are low. The public are totally unaware of this closure proposal, thus no recorded “public reaction.”
- Heather continued by stressing that the Stracathro Stroke Unit is a huge essential for the health and welfare of the public in this area.. She said she was disappointed that Angus Council has not intervened in this serious and unpopular decision.
- The staff of the Stroke Unit have already dispersed and patients are being sent to the Victoria Hospital.
- Cllr Julie Bell is on the Health Board committee.
- It appears the media is reporting that the Stroke Unit is “closing.”
- Cllr Proctor will pass on KCC's strong feelings on this issue to the Angus Council CEO and the Officers involved.

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B36 Feedback from Angus Wider Events: Nothing further to report.

B39 Cortachy Road speed limit sign: Irena reported that the 30 mph sign has been moved to the other end of the road.

B40 Driving barrier at Davison Park requiring attention: No update.

B41 Update on “adopt a phone box” at Marywell Brae: Jeanette has signed the contract and once this is paid then the phone box belongs to KCC. Propose to wait until everything is confirmed and in writing before making any payment. Jeanette will send Heather the email that states planning permission is not required. Jeanette to advise Irena when invoice is received. Heather advised that she and Jim had removed graffiti from one of the telephone boxes. However, any future incidents of this nature, which are caught on CCTV, will be taken further.

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7. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reported:

- Attended and took part in Communities Committee
- Attended Climate Change Member Office Group
- Angus Alive Directors' Meeting
- Site meeting Arbroath Harbour
- Opening Brechin Town Hall
- Various Diamond Wedding Anniversaries
- Interview and Recording at VAA supporting Action Against Violence against women and girls
- Meeting Veterans Housing Scotland Association
- Meeting Royal Navy Families regarding shortage of dental facilities for families based at Condor
- Provosts Association meeting in Edinburgh
- Numerous Constituency matters, including housing, welfare, road repairs, mud on road, etc.

Cllr Julie Bell reported:

- I have met with S-Mart, the social supermarket for Angus, to link them in with the local projects to see if there is more mileage to be made over an art initiative around the climate emergency, sustainability and zero waste. So far, Kirrie Connections, Kirriemuir Food

Hub, DD8 and Sustainable Kirriemuir have been very positive.

- Attended the recent AGM of Kirriemuir Food Hub and I am now a committee member. I do deliveries one day a week.
- I was involved with the recruitment panel for the new Chief Officer of Voluntary Action Angus and the application process. We are delighted to have appointed the interim Chief Officer, Hayley Mearns, to the substantive post.
- I have raised the importance of dementia support and unpaid carers to the new Chair of Public Health Scotland, Angiolina Foster, and have linked her up with Graham Galloway of Kirrie Connections. Following their talk together, Angiolina advised me that I was right – Graham is, indeed, inspiring!
- I have been interviewed by Life Changes Trust around dementia friendly communities and carers. I continue to promote the development of a dementia care pathway through Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board. Also support for unpaid carers through the implementation of the Carers Act. I am delighted that Public Health Scotland is so actively engaged at a national level around these issues.
- I called in to the Carers Group at Kirrie Connections on 25 October and had a very lively chat with everyone.
- I have been involved in a variety of responses to the consultation relating to the National Care Service proposal: Angus Council, Angus H&SCP, Public Health Scotland and the Angus Drugs and Alcohol Partnership. There is a special Council on 28 October to sign off the Council response.
- I campaign to tackle violence against women and girls and domestic abuse. On 25 October I was asked to take part in filming for the White Ribbon campaign which is men tackling violence against women and girls. More details on <https://www.whiteribbonscotland.org.uk/>
- I am also meeting the local Area Commander of Police Scotland and Angus Women's Aid to discuss what is being done locally to build trust and confidence for women coming forward to report matters.
- Caseload issues keep me busy.
- I especially want to highlight issues around poor driving behaviour of people who use Woodend Drive as a shortcut, particularly at school run time and causing issues for families on bikes. I would hope that drivers will slow down and take more care in this area.
- The use of Mid Road as a shortcut, which is an unadopted road, is causing problems. Angus Council is not responsible for its upkeep as it is unadopted. Motorists using it as a shortcut are causing deterioration of the road. Residents of other streets, backing on to Mid Road, are creating rear gateways and drives on to it which is further exacerbating the problem. I have received many complaints from Mid Road residents on this issue.

Cllr Angus MacMillan Douglas reported:

- I am currently on holiday, therefore, regret I will be unable to attend the KCC meeting on 27 October. Please submit my apologies.

Heather asked for any comments on the above reports. Roy queried that Woodend Drive is being seen as a shortcut, as well as Mid Road. He pointed out that Woodend Drive is an obvious route for motorists heading west of the town and not viewed as a shortcut. Also, Cllr Bell talks about “new” driveways/vehicle accesses appearing at the rear of properties into Mid Road. Roy said the only driveways are at the bottom of Mid Road and have been there for many years. Heather confirmed that there have been complaints from residents about Mid Road.

8. **Correspondence:** All circulated during the month.

9. **Planning:** Minor planning applications reported.

10. AOCB

10.1. Irena advised that Angus Glens Rotary have taken over the running of Guy Fawkes celebrations on the Hill on Saturday, 6 November. Camera Obscura will be providing hot drinks and snacks.

10.2. Cllr Proctor has circulated the information on the link up on Defibrillators. Jeanette has not circulated this information because she didn't think it affected KCC.

10.3. Cllr Proctor reported that there is a lot of focus at the moment warning people in "public office" to be careful of targeted violence, including on the internet. Any incidents should be immediately reported to the Police.

10.4. Cllr Proctor highlighted the forthcoming Bi-Annual Meeting.

10.5. Cllr Proctor reported that local councils across Scotland will be charging for electrical car charging.

10.6. Brenda asked who owns the car park opposite Kirrie Thistle. There are eight cars currently parked there by AutoSales. Brenda has been told that AutoSales also own the footpath near their car workshop. This was confirmed as being correct by the meeting. Cllr Proctor confirmed that the car park in question is owned by Angus Council. He will investigate and report back.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 24 November, 7 pm in Kirrie Connections. The Zoom facility will also be available.

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