



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE Zoom MEETING of 23 February 2022

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), George Aitken, Brenda McIntosh

In attendance: Cllr Julie Bell, Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Eric Mitchell (Public)

Minutes produced by Jean Henderson from a Zoom recording

Heather opened the meeting by apologising that face to face meeting could not take place this month. This was due to Kirrie Connections being closed due to Covid issues. Cllr Proctor advised that Cllr MacMillan Douglas was, unfortunately, in hospital. On behalf of KCC, Heather wished Cllr MacMillan Douglas a speedy recovery.

Meeting not a quorum.

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<p>1. Apologies: Irena Krasinska Lobban, George Meecham, Frances Havenga, Roy Christie, Graham Galloway, Cllr Angus MacMillan Douglas</p> <p>2. Approval of 28 January 2021 Minutes: Unable to be approved. Held over until the March meeting.</p> <p>3. Police Report: Circulated</p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report: February Report: Community Safety: 10 x Home fire safety visits 1 x Operational Intelligence visit</p> <p>Incidents: 4 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm) 1 x Smoke Detector Operating 1 x Special service 1 x RTC 2 x Lockfast 1 x Fire (dwelling)</p> <p>t Smoke Alarms All Scottish homes need interlinked fire alarms by February 2022. New legislation, brought in following the Grenfell tragedy, means that Scotland will become the first UK nation to require every home to have interlinked fire alarms, which significantly reduce the risk of injury or death.</p>	<p>Agenda item</p>

• Play an active role in keeping your home safe from fire

It is essential that your home has a working smoke alarm on each level of the property. If a fire starts, this will give you and your family time to get to safety.

Doors slow down the spread of potentially deadly smoke and flames, so it is important to remember to close them at night.

Fire often starts in the kitchen, and no-one should ever leave a cooker unattended while it is in use. It is important to keep lit candles away from children and pets, and from curtains or other flammable materials.

• Home Fire Safety Visit

If you, or someone you know is over 50 years old and smokes and either lives alone, has mobility issues or uses medical oxygen, we need your help to identify them. Ask them to get in touch or if you are a family member or a carer, refer them to us. We will undertake a Home Fire Safety Visit where possible. Make the Call, it could save a life.

As part of our commitment to building a safer Scotland we offer everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit. We'll help you sort out a fire escape plan and provide information about smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarms.

Contact us:

0800 0731 999 | Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone

5. **Treasurer's Report:** KCC Funds £371.43, Defib Funds £595.50, Grant £562.43, Total of £1529.36 £840 funds held by Heartstart.

6. **Matters Arising:**

T Participatory Budget update: Nothing to report. No further meetings.

B15 Motor Homes facilities in Kirrie update: Cllr Proctor is awaiting a report back.

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B25 Common Good Fund update:

- Heather reported that this is not actually the Common Good Fund, rather the Community Trust.
- Another meeting has taken place.
- An Open Meeting will take place on 19 April, between 4 pm – 6 pm, and 23 April, between 10 am – 1 pm. Venue to be advised.
- Hoping to get other community groups and other Community Trusts to attend the Open Meetings.
- Cllr Proctor reported he had attended a meeting on 22 February and had raised details of the proposed Community Trust. He suggested that Audrey Birse, from Huntly Community Trust, should be invited to the Open Meeting, or someone from their Trust. Huntly Community Trust is proving to be very successful.
- Heather said this is moving on and volunteers are needed.

B32 Poor access for wheelchairs update: Progressing but the current weather conditions are a hindrance.

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B33 Location of Shield (Top of the Town Quiz): Dave Milne confirms he had received the trophy but, unfortunately, can't find it. Brenda will investigate a trophy they had at Dykehead, which could be used, and see if she can locate it. Cllr Proctor said he would be happy to donate a

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Quaich to use as a trophy, sometime in the summer, to commemorate his years with the Community Council. *Thank you, Ronnie!*

B48 Pavement parking assessment:

- Cllr Bell reported that a Road Safety Traffic Co-ordination meeting took place on 22 February and this issue was raised.
- The Police will monitor the parking opposite Visocchi's. GeorgeA responded that something should be urgently done about the parking in that area, not just monitored. Cllr Bell confirmed that she has requested the Police to enforce "no parking" in that area and has made four official complaints about the Visocchi parking issue. Any future issues, please contact Cllr Bell with photo evidence, if possible. Cllr Proctor has also firmly complained about this issue to the Communities Meeting and their view is that these new rules should be enforced immediately.
- Cllr Bell reported that a Paper has been issued setting out the rules for the Officers to implement about parking on pavements. Cllr Bell will email KCC a copy of the Paper.
- Heather asked how these new rules would affect some of the local streets that were highlighted at the last meeting. The narrow streets in the town where residents are forced to park on the pavement to allow pedestrian and emergency services access. Cllr Bell said the Paper determines the exceptions whereby pavement parking is permissible.

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B49 Path running parallel with Slade Road:

- Allan Allardyce, Angus Council, has written to the originator of the proposal.
- Allan Allardyce reports that it was never a footpath and the Roads Department does not have enough funds to install a path.
- Cllr Proctor reported that the Parks Department will erect signage from Slade Gardens to the current path. Also, they are going to discuss with Housing Department to determine if they have enough funds to finance a dedicated path.
- Heather suggested discussing this with the Community Trust.
- Cllr Proctor will report back.

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7. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Julie Bell reported:

- We had what we thought might be a short Full Council on Thursday, 10 February.
- The other topic was Angus Alive recovery plan and changes to their opening timetable for various facilities. I sought assurances over the long term future of the Gateway to the Glens Museum in Kirriemuir, a wee gem of a venue. The Museum will be opening soon with reduced opening hours (from pre-Covid) for the summer season. Whilst the Chief Officer could not give a cast iron assurance, she did emphasise the importance of it to the town and to future Angus Alive plans. We are fortunate in Kirriemuir that our Town Hall is accessible and open for bookings. Forfar and others are being used for the NHS Tayside vaccination programme and not available for community use.
- I also include a lovely letter (circulated) after my intervention to help the Kirrie Panto Group stage their amazing performance in December, just in the nick of time, too. Any later and I suspect Omicron may have prevented it going ahead. Well done to everyone involved in such a fantastic mood booster for the town.
- I continue to meet with the Signs of Change group to plan ahead for our next phases of our street art initiative, the Red Tent and the online Angus Women's Day on 8 March. I attended a meeting about Cycling without Age trishaws in the town.
- Kirriemuir Food Hub is going from strength to strength.
- I attended Voluntary Action Angus Board meeting on 17 February to help us develop a

new strategic plan.

- I have attended the Angus Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and will be supporting the development of its risk register as Chair of the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Audit Committee.
- Housing repairs, or lack thereof, in Council housing has escalated due to the poor workmanship of the Council's contractor, whose contract is ending soon. We are applying pressure on the Housing Department to resolve this situation soon. If you are a tenant with issues please get in touch.
- I continue to raise the issue of parking at the dropped kerb opposite Visocchi's. There is a road safety co-ordinator's meeting on 22 February when I expect it to be raised.
- My surgeries are the first Monday of the month at Kirrie Connections, until the end of April, 11.30 pm – 12.30 pm. No need to book.
- Email address: CllrBell@angus.gov.uk, Tel 07988599742

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reported:

- February has continued to be a busy month with the latest storms adding to the work load. Cllr MacMillan Douglas has been very active in obtaining funds to support resilience matters, such as obtaining generators, etc, for use in rural areas. I have been actively supporting him on this.
- The storms also caused flooding and other damage in some areas and I have continued to report matters to the respective Officers. Housing, welfare and other constituents' issues and concerns have also taken up a lot of time and are ongoing.
- I have taken part in a series of TACTRAN studies and meetings over a four day period, taking up a morning on each session.
- I have continued to lobby for Direct Assisted Regional Travel (DART) which would benefit communities in our ward. Active travel and Scottish Government's proposal for work place parking also discussed.
- Took part in the Angus Alive three meetings and continued to lobby for the opening of small Museums and facilities, such as Gateway to the Glens and Brechin.
- Chaired Member Officer Working Group on Flooding, which is quite topical at present.
- Chaired Full Council on 10 February and also pre Council Agenda Meetings.
- Attended meeting for possibly more houses for veterans in Angus.
- Attended Communities Committee.
- Writing numerous "congratulatory letters" to award winners and the British Ladies Curling team in particular.
- Attending Glamis Community Council.

8. **Correspondence:** Circulated throughout the month.

9. **Planning:** No report.

10. AOCB:

10.1. Heather received a very nice email from the Mental Health and Wellbeing Group, advising that they plan to give KCC £10,000 to erect gym equipment on the Hill. Great news!

- Heather has written to the Group, accepting the £10,000 and thanking them for their kind donation. This donation must be used within a year.
- Hoping to get Press coverage once the gym equipment is erected and completed.
- Heather wished to thank Graham for his help in submitting the necessary forms.
- Cllr Proctor congratulated KCC on this donation. Does KCC need any help from the Parks Department in the erection of the gym equipment? The £10,000 includes

erection of the equipment. However, Heather thanked Cllr Proctor for his offer and would keep it in mind.

10.2. Heather reported that she has read in the local Press that the farmers' tractors, which are being used for snow clearing around the streets in Kirriemuir, are using white diesel. Cllr Bell said she can confirm that there are exceptions to the use of white diesel and the tractors used for the snow clearing are using red diesel not white diesel. Cllr Bell will send KCC information on this matter.

10.3. George highlighted the snow clearing at Beechwood Place, which is closed off at the end of the road. The snow clearer is dumping the snow at the barrier and is missing out two houses in that area. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.

10.4. Jeanette asked if the shelves are going to be moved in the Marywell telephone box. Heather will investigate and report back.

10.5. Jeanette asked if a plaque is planned for the Marywell telephone box, similar to the other telephone boxes. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

10.6. Cllr Proctor reported that it is the centenary in August 2023 of the erection of the War Memorial in the cemetery. Kirriemuir Heritage Trust is planning celebrations over the weekend of 12 and 13 August 2023, and Cllr Proctor is leading on this. The plan is to involve the whole community. Cllr Proctor will keep KCC posted. Eric Mitchell pointed out that the Relay for Life is planned for that weekend also.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 30 March, at 7 pm in Kirrie Connections.

Heather closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the Zoom meeting, which was at short notice. Hopefully, the 30 March meeting will go ahead as a face to face meeting.

Heather wished Graham a speedy recovery from his possible Covid issue. Cllr Bell wished Heather a speedy recovery from her Covid issue, too.

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Jeanette Risch
Secretary

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