



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 25 May 2022 Held 7 pm at Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre

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

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Julie Bell, Cllr George Meechan, Kat Govern (part time), Inspector Grant McGaughey (Police), Sergeant Vicki Crichton (Police) – part time, Kate Munro (part time), Ian Lynn and Jim Stewart (Public).

Heather welcomed **Kat Govern** who had come along to give a Presentation on “Life Improvement Plan.”

- Kat introduced herself as a Development Officer for the Health & Social Care Partnership. This is a new role.
- A new Mental Health and Wellbeing was introduced in 2017 by the Scottish Government, giving mental health the same heading as physical health. Accessing mental health support in GP Practices, etc. and trying to make this access as easy as possible. Kat's role is to monitor this.
- Living Life Well implementation plan. This is a national strategy. There was an investigation done in 2016 which didn't come out well with regard to mental health. There were 43 recommendations made.
- One of these recommendations was hearing people's mental health stories and their experiences and taking note of this.
- There is a triangle of care – caring for people with mental health which has a ripple effect on friends and relatives. This led to the Living Life Well for the whole of Tayside. How we implement this into Tayside and then how do we also make this an Angus Plan.
- During February and March on-line sessions took place, involving the general public, staff, elected members, etc. This generated very good feedback and highlighted various “omissions.” Meetings took place “face to face” with various people, organisations, etc. A questionnaire was posted on line for people to submit. This was set up to allow Kat to reflect the needs of Angus.
- There were 1250 responses. 140 were directly spoken to, all with positive feedback. 91% agreed with the ambition. Some expressed concern about the financials. Areas being looked at: Mental Health for all, the GP Practice, older people over 65 years. 93% agreed the areas were important to them. A high percentage agreed with the proposals.
- Plan to link in with Angus Alive. There are other areas to link into, e.g. Mens Sheds, etc. How do we broaden the concept?
- There was nothing in the report with regard to veterans. The improvements for mental health were outlined. However, 80% were unaware of these improvements. Improve communication.
- In the past, people would go to the GP and then be referred. Kat reported that what they now know is what the person needs, initially, and that is support. Who is best placed to provide that support? It was found this was not always coming via the “leadership circle” but from the workforce.
- Kat reported that there is a serious shortage of psychiatrists across the UK which is having a real impact. To help resolve this, Kat said they are trying to build a team to support the psychiatry need.
- Hopefully, in June the Plan will be signed off. Then, how do we get everyone involved? How do we all come together to make this happen?

- Kat works with the Mental Health Team - seeing how it works and planning how it can be broadened out in the future.
- Cllr Bell reported that she is very much involved in the Health & Social Care Partnership and found Kat's Presentation encouraging and very interesting. This Plan will reduce hospital admissions and allow home medical reviews. Cllr Bell said this Plan has long been fought for and it is great to see the results coming to fruition. Cllr Bell said she looked forward to seeing the evaluation.
- Kat said this is an exciting time. Specialist roles being introduced. Linking these support groups together to strengthen the Plan.
- Crisis Support, 24/7. This is being looked at. Where do we put this Crisis Centre in Angus? Perth & Kinross has a Crisis Centre with accommodation facilities.
- Kat said she would be happy to keep in touch with KCC and will send out the Plan once it is finalised.

Heather thanked Kat for her Presentation and Kat left the meeting.

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<p>1. Apologies: Roy Christie, George Aitken</p> <p>2. Approval of 27 April 2022 Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Frances and seconded by Irena.</p> <p>3. Police Report: Attached.</p>	
<p>Heather welcomed Inspector Grant McGaughey and Sergeant Vicki Crichton to the meeting. Sgt Crichton gave an overview of the current Policing situation in Kirriemuir.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspector McGaughey specifically covers Kirriemuir. • Sergeant Crichton is the Community Sergeant for Kirriemuir and Forfar. • Constable Megan Wood is part of the Local Community Policing Team and her remit covers the schools. Constable Barrie Taylor and Constable Scott Anderson are also part of the Local Community Policing Team. • Sergeant Crichton hoped, whenever possible, that there would be a Police presence at the Community Council. Any questions/concerns outwith the monthly meeting, then please contact the Community Policing Team – KCC has the contact details. • The Police Monthly Report to KCC has been standardised for Angus, however, if more specific/local details are needed then please let the Team know. • There have been issues in Kirriemuir this past month with youths, some of whom had travelled up from Dundee to the town. The Dundee youths have been caught and charged. Also, a lot of the Kirriemuir youths have been traced. The Police is seriously endeavouring to prevent a re-occurrence of these issues in the future. • Break-ins continue, mainly in the centre of the town, and positive enquiries are being followed with a good response from the public. The Police urge the public to ensure their outbuildings are secure and if they encounter any suspicious behaviour, please contact the Police • Sergeant Crichton will email the Police Monthly Report to the elected members, Cllr Proctor, Cllr Bell and Cllr Meechan. • Now everyone is back to “face to face” meetings, following the Covid two years, the Police will make every effort to attend the KCC meetings. Inspector McGaughey confirmed this and also reiterated that should anyone have any concerns then please contact the Police. • A good report was given by a member of the KCC meeting regarding the Police resolving certain issues in a street in the town, resulting in a noticeable improvement. • Inspector McGaughey admitted that there had been a lack of Police presence in 	<p>VC</p>

Kirriemuir. He assured the meeting that this will change next month and Kirriemuir will have a Police presence in the town.

- Heather thanked Inspector McGaughey and Sergeant Crichton for attending KCC and they left the meeting.

4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report:

May Report:

Community Safety:

- 11 x Home fire safety visits
- 3 x Operational Intelligence visits
- 7 x People Who Help Us – School/Nursery talks
- 1 x Fire Safety Badge – Kirriemuir Scout Group

Incidents:

- 12 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm)
- 3 x Smoke Detector Operating
- 1 x Fire in open

5. Treasurer's Report:

In Bank at 25 May 2022: £11,769.14, comprising:

FPP Fund £200, KCC Funds £926.60, Defib Fund £595.50, Grant £47.04, VAA Fund £10,000.

(Funds held by Heartstart £768)

6. Matters Arising:

B15 Motor Homes Facilities in Kirriemuir update: Cllr Proctor reported he had received a reply from Andrew Barnes, Angus Council, as follows:

- Motor Homes use of public car parks is not acceptable. This would affect Health & Safety. Fire & Rescue facilities would be required plus a specific space between each Motor Home.
- Parking spaces would require to be extended.
- Motor Homes should be directed to Motor Home sites and Caravan sites.
- A site in Marywell Brae was suggested – it was confirmed this is owned by Wilkies. Cllr Proctor has requested a site visit to Marywell Brae. The Motor Home situation is still being looked at.
- Cllr Bell reported that Alison Smith is looking at Motor Homes across the whole of Angus. Tourists must be encouraged but to stay in a managed way in the community. A public consultation will be required.
- Off the Agenda.

B25 Development Trust (Common Good Fund) update: Heather had been unable to attend the last meeting. A further meeting is scheduled for 7 June. Graham reported the Tuesday meeting was very well attended.

B32 Poor access for wheelchairs update: Cllr Proctor reported the wheelchair access to the Health Centre had been delayed due to lack of manpower. Tayside Contracts will build the space and Cllr Proctor has been promised start dates which will be advised to KCC when known. Once the wheelchair access is complete then people will have the option of using Bellies Brae or Croft Terrace.

B49 Path running parallel with Slade Road update: Cllr Proctor has discussed this path with Housing and Parks. Housing will erect signage on the existing path, towards the bus stop. They

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will not be installing another footpath. Cllr Proctor has been advised that if people wish to continue to use the well worn path then they should be aware that it is not a registered footpath. Heather stated she was not satisfied with this report. Cllr Proctor suggested KCC should contact Ian Kennedy, Housing, or Alan Allardyce, Parks. Heather will make contact.

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B55 Free period products promotion update: Heather is awaiting a response from the school.

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B57 Proposed ramp at steps near Prosen Road to the school: Cllr Proctor has discussed this with Craig Hudson. A site visit is planned.

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B59 Council bins vandalised in the Knowehead area: Done

B60 Purchase of glass for Northmuir Telephone box: Heather reported that, unfortunately, the cost of the telephone box replacement glass has increased to £247 + VAT since the last purchase. Ian Linn suggested contacting BT who probably have a lot of replacement telephone box glass in storage. George has a good source for glass and offered to investigate pricing and report back. Heather confirmed that 24 large and 48 small panes are needed.

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B61 Proposed bench in Square, re material to be used: Cllr Proctor's report was for another bench. He will investigate the material to be used for the bench in the Square and report back.

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7. “Investing in Communities Fund – 2023 to 2026”

- The discussion started without **Kate Munro** present, as she was running late.
- Information has been circulated to the Community Councillors prior to the meeting.
- The funds investment involves two organisations, The Food Hub and Sustainable Kirrie.
- Because neither the Food Hub or Sustainable Kirrie are registered charities, which is a requirement for the funding, Sustainable Kirrie has approached KCC to act as a facilitator.
- This would involve the funds being transferred to KCC and financial/administration records kept of the spend. The budget is £350,000 over three years.
- Heather highlighted this would involve the KCC Treasurer and Secretary with extra paperwork. Although KCC is always prepared to support the community, Heather stated that KCC are volunteers and she is not sure this falls within their remit.
- Irena, as Treasurer, said she was not prepared to handle such a sizeable amount, which could be quite complex.
- Graham pointed out that Kirrie Connections has a similar situation dealing with a funding of £400,000. The funding comes in and then straight out. Not a lot for KCC Treasurer or Secretary to handle except a report once a year.. Jeanette said this is contrary to what she has been advised by Rhonda McFarlane, Angus Council, who said any correspondence would come through KCC. Jeanette agreed with Irena that it is too onerous for KCC to manage.
- Discussion ensued. If there was a problem then KCC would have to solve it. There would be an Admin Fund. Heather said KCC would be looking for administrators at the Food Hub and Sustainable Kirrie. Suggestion that KCC do this one for year and then hand it back to Sustainable Kirrie, who by then would be a registered charity.
- **Kate Munro joined the meeting at this point.**
- Kate has discussed with the Food Hub to determine what will be done over the next three years. What the community needs, the common ground and their aspirations. Develop more posts that support more organisations. There is currently a lot of overlap.
- Cllr Bell stated that the Food Hub was set up over the pandemic but it has been realised it is still very much needed in Kirriemuir.

- Heather stated that Rhonda McFarlane, Angus Council, has advised that KCC would be handling all correspondence. Kate stated that part of their administration will help with this and the reason they are seeking KCC's help is because Sustainable Kirrie and the Food Hub are not constituted. The window for application is 31 May to 30 June. However, Graham reported that the window for application will close as soon as all of the applications are received.
- Kate has started to write the application. Graham advised he was at the launch. There are “five themes” and all of them must be answered, eg. Child poverty, etc. He is of the view that the Food Hub and Sustainable Kirrie tick all of the boxes.
- Regarding how many groups will be using the funds, Kate confirmed this to be the two groups mentioned but it will be shared.
- Graham reported that this will only take effect next year when the funds have been allocated. If there is hesitancy by KCC to get involved, effectively, in six months Sustainable Kirrie could be constituted and KCC would, therefore, transfer the funds over to them.
- Kate will have the draft finished in the coming week. Heather requested Kate to email KCC a copy of the draft as soon as possible. All agreed, more specific details of the two organisations are needed in order to make the right decision. Sustainable Kirrie agreeing to making early arrangements to become “independent” would be one of KCC's stipulations. All agreed.
- Discussion ensued on the Food Hub's grants. As Treasurer of the Food Bank, Irena gave brief details of the various grants and donations the Food Hub receives, which is currently very healthy.

Kate left the meeting.

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8. Outdoor Gym:

- Heather and Graham have carried out a site visit, discussing the type of equipment and the location for the outdoor gym.
- Since the bid the price of the equipment has increased to £10,303 excluding VAT, from £10,000, the original allocation fund.
- If agreeable, Angus Council has stepped in to help by suggesting KCC transfer the £10,303 to them, they will pay the invoice, including the VAT. The VAT will ultimately be claimed back by Angus Council. This will save KCC a considerable amount of money.
- Angus Council would take responsibility for maintenance, insurance, etc. but they would not replace any equipment that had been vandalised. Major repairs would be KCC's responsibility.
- Heather is pleased to report that the Rotary Club of Angus Glens has donated a cheque for £300 towards the excess cost of the gym equipment. *Many thanks to the Rotary Club and to Heather!*
- The gym equipment will be sited on the Hill, between the pic-nic tables and the small car park. Heather stated that, personally, she is in favour of proceeding with the gym equipment being installed on the Hill and called upon the Community Councillors for their views. All unanimously in favour to proceed.
- *Thanks to Angus Council* for their kind offer – all in favour to accept. Irena will transfer the £10,303 to Angus Council in due course.

9. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr George Meechan reported:

- There is not a lot to report as the last few weeks have been filled mostly with training for my new role.
- A decision on Angus Council Committee membership has not yet been finalised but will

be before the Angus Council Meeting on 26 May 2022.

- It has been a fairly slow start, however, I have received four enquiries from Kirriemuir + Dean residents, as follows: 1. Welfare issues. 2. Roads. 3. Services relating to children. 4. Housing issues. I fully expect this to increase dramatically as time passes.
- I am looking to arrange venues for surgeries soon and await business cards with my contact details to provide to constituents.

Updates for Community Council Meeting:

- 1. Ramp at Croft Terrace: I have received an update regarding the proposal for a ramp at Croft Terrace, linking to the existing ramp down to the Health Centre. Tayside Contracts was carrying out a site visit w/c 9 May to determine what works would be required.
- 2. Double Yellow lines at Croft Terrace: This has also progressed with a Statutory Notice being posted at both ends of Croft Terrace detailing the proposal to introduce a “No waiting at any time” restriction to the road.

Cllr Julie Bell reported:

- Great to be back!
- During the last month I volunteered throughout bonfest – such a superb event for the town. “Congratulations” to the organisers and it was great to see so many familiar faces throughout the weekend.
- Since the election I have been attending induction training for all councillors. It is great to do some revision and to meet the new councillors in advance of the statutory meeting of Angus Council, which takes place on Thursday, 26 May. This is when people are appointed to various committees and external bodies.
- I am currently working on a couple of exciting initiatives for Kirriemuir. An art project as part of Signs of Change and DD8 for Kirrie Hill during the summer, seeking permission from Parks; a fundraising campaign to add accessible play equipment, also at Kirrie Hill, for children with disabilities. I am doing this in conjunction with parents of children with disabilities and with Kirriemuir Regeneration Group. As there is a bit of an overlap with the Community Council, I hope that the Community Council can also support this. I am compiling a bid for the Co-operative Community Fund after an approach by Tracey Inglis, a Co-op pioneer. We will require other sources of funding, too, so please let me know of any that might help.
- Caseload continues, of course, and themes include housing allocation and repairs, anti-social neighbours and health and social care.
- I attended the Open meeting on 17 May about a potential Kirriemuir Development Trust. It was very interesting, indeed, and I remain happy to support whatever the community decides is the best way forward.
- On Monday I met with Graham Galloway, of Kirrie Connections, regarding ideas going into the new term, too.

Updates reported at the meeting:

- The 60 day period re the Den House expires on 7 June. I am awaiting further information.
- I have been approached by parents with disabled children for a disabled swing. I am arranging a site visit on 1 June to the Hill. I have been approached by Tracey Inglis to see if I have ideas for funding.
- Angus Council wanted to instal a wheelchair accessible roundabout but not a swing. I am working with Kirriemuir Regeneration Group to get both. KRG is facilitating. I will keep KCC posted. There is a big demand for such a swing, both in the town and for visitors to the town. There is not a lot on offer in the town for disabled children.

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reported:

- My report for May is somewhat short due to the fact that up until the 5 May election I have been out canvassing.
- I have attended some of the Council induction training when I have been able to do so.
- I have also carried out a number of Civic engagements prior to the election.
- I have continued to work on Ward matters for Kirriemuir + Dean and have attended Community Council meetings in Memus, Kirriemuir, Landward East, Glamis and Inverarity.
- I am still following up outstanding Agenda items, unfortunately, with not the greatest success. I have organised and attended a site meeting at the Dykies where the footpath has been damaged through a leylandii hedge route, severely damaging the surface of the path. I have initiated the repair to a step and the fitting of a handrail at the west end of the path, where someone recently fell. The damage to the surface of the path is a result of storm damage some time ago and it is felt that repair work will be ongoing for some time. Responsibility for the path lies with the Housing at Angus Council and the lead Officer has been fully briefed on this.

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

11. **Planning:** Minor planning application reported. The outcome of planning applications can be accessed via Angus Council's Planning Department website.

12. AOCB:

12.1. Frances raised the Public Notice regarding No Waiting signs at Golf Road. Cllr Proctor reported that has been ongoing due to the traffic issues at the cross roads, Shielhill Road, Golf Road and East Hill Road.

12.2. Heather highlighted the current vacancies on the Kirriemuir Community Council and invited Ian Lynn and Jim Stewart to be co-opted as Community Councillors. Both Ian and Jim accepted. Proposed by Heather and seconded by Jeanette. *Welcome to the Kirriemuir Community Council, Ian and Jim!* Still more vacancies and more Community Councillors need to be recruited.

12.3. Cllr Proctor highlighted the “Dykies” - the footpath at the Blue Shop leading towards Lindsay Street. The path suffered damage during the December storms and is currently in a dangerous state. There is a further hazard due to a leylandii hedge root heading towards the lamp post causing an uneven and unsafe surface. The steps are also badly damaged. An elderly lady recently had a serious fall at this site. Work is in hand to repair the steps and the pathway, paid for by Angus Council Housing Department.

12.4. Heather urged Community Councillors to please look at the draft proposal from Sustainable Kirrie, re 7. above, promptly.

13. Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 29 June, at 7 pm

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