



# Kirriemuir Community Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 27 April 2022 7 pm in Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre

**Present:** Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer), Roy Christie, Frances Havenga

**In attendance:** Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Julie Bell, Constable Scott Anderson (part time), Helen Reid of Angus Council (part time), **PUBLIC:** Ian Linn, Audrey Middleton

Heather opened the meeting by welcoming **Helen Reid of Angus Council**, who had come along to give a talk on, **“Place Based Investment Fund 2022 Launch,”** relating to the Participatory Budget (PB).

- Helen introduced herself as a Community Leader for Angus Council in Community Development, including Brechin and Montrose.
- Helen's role involves community asset transfers, community support, Participatory Budget, community engagement, which links in to the Participatory Budget.
- Audrey Michie is the Service Leader and Alison Smith is the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth.
- Angus Council was the first local authority to instigate the Participatory Budget in 2015.
- The purpose is for networking – groups coming together and working for their community, Angus-wide.
- Due to Covid the 2019/2020 was put back a year. A short life working group was formed and they invited members from Angus Community Councils to a meeting.
- Everything that was discussed had to go back to Committee. Helen said it didn't work out how the short life working group had planned, unfortunately. It did not follow the true PB way.
- PB is about people coming together. However, the original format caused some inequality, e.g. not everyone was online.
- Helen said they managed it in a short space of time and the lessons learned have been fed back.
- The Scottish Government is pressing for this to be implemented. Communities to identify their needs and taking part in the decision process. Suggestions will be submitted. It is then put to a vote, organised by the local authority.
- Angus Council want main-streaming. Helen said they are looking at Service Leaders coming together and discussing the budget and deciding what can be put out to PB. Service Leaders are not familiar with this, therefore, there is a lot of work to be done.
- From June there will be a meeting to decide what will be done with the funds.
- Funds are available for renewal of park equipment. Martin Park, Kirriemuir, is mentioned. A survey of children and their parents has been carried out to determine what equipment they would like to see in their parks. A specific list of equipment that could be made available has been drawn up. Helen reported a good response to the survey.
- The Scottish Government has made available an investment programme of £624,000 for projects within communities, over a four year period - **“Place Based Investment Fund 2022 Launch.”**
- The Investment Fund has to be about location – the “20 minute” rule – the “project” must be within a 20 minute walk for the community.
- There is a Town Centre fund which covers buildings around the town which need to be re-vitalised. “Revitalising your town.” Encouraging young people to continue living in their town.

- Helen reported that an Expression of Interest was submitted on 25 April. Helen encouraged everyone to submit any ideas which they think could help transform and improve their town. This covers green and brown areas. Planning Department cannot do this on their own and are looking to working with the communities. Funds are available.
- Linking into this, Helen reported that it is planned to compile “14 questions” for the public. This will cover views on their local transportation system, health care facilities, etc. etc. It is hoped the survey will result in identifying priorities.
- Cllr Bell said this all ties in with the Health & Social Care. Improving life expectancy, currently at a 10-12 year gap.
- Heather pointed out that it is not that long since the Sherrette was carried out and asked why Angus Council is asking the same questions. Cllr Bell said it is important to keep checking for change and maintaining up to date information. Helen reported a good profile in Kirriemuir, unlike some areas in Angus.
- Cllr Proctor highlighted CARS which took place in the town a few years ago. Heather didn't think a lot had happened after Sherrette and wasn't aware of an Expression of Interest taking place on 25 April. Helen advised that the Expression of Interest had gone out to all groups via Facebook. Kirrie Connections had also issued it. She said she would check the specific networks involved.
- Helen explained that although the closing date was 25 April, this is a four year programme and any ideas after that date are more than welcome. This is flexible. The funds have to be spent by March 2023. Everyone will be invited to submit an online form. All suggestions will be considered. Please submit ideas as soon as possible.
- Cllr Bell stated that once the Development Trust is formed then that has huge potential.
- Helen reported that they are in talks with the Lottery – Angus is missing out on Lottery funding.

Heather thanked Helen for taking the time to come along to KCC and giving a detailed talk on PB and the Investment Launch. Heather is of the view that lessons have not yet been learned but hopes this will change in the future so that a successful PB will be achieved.

*Helen left the meeting.*

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Graham Galloway, George Aitken, Cllr Angus McMillan Douglas</p> <p><b>2. Approval of Minutes of 30 March 2022: Correction:</b> Add Ian Linn's name to attendees. Otherwise a true and correct record. Proposed by Irena and seconded by Roy.</p> <p><b>3. Police Report:</b> Heather welcomed Constable Anderson to the meeting. KCC has missed the Police presence at their meetings and looked forward to seeing Constable Anderson at future meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable Anderson acknowledged that the last two years have been difficult and the Police has experienced staffing problems. Constable Gail Beattie is retiring soon and sends her regards to KCC. Constable Megan Wood is taking over from Gail.</li> <li>• Constable Anderson reviewed the Police Report. Speeding in the town remains a serious problem and is pertinent across Angus. Discussion ensued with various speeding incidents being highlighted by the Community Councillors.</li> <li>• Constable Anderson reported that double yellow lines have been de-criminalised. Therefore, this leaves the Police the only option but to move on the offending motorist with no action taken.</li> <li>• Heather raised the inappropriate parking issue (B56 – Matters Arising) at the Northmuir Shop and the request to extend the double yellow lines. Cllr Proctor has reported this issue. Constable Anderson has spoken to Lesley, the lollipop lady, at the crossing. The</li> </ul>	

Police are spending a lot of time monitoring these flash point areas for speeding offences. The Hill is regularly patrolled, also. Speed bumps were discussed.

- Constable Anderson stressed that all incidents should be reported immediately via 101. The Police mail boxes are not checked regularly so this could delay any action and 101 is the quickest route.

*Constable Anderson left the meeting.*

#### **4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report:**

##### **April Report.**

##### **Community Safety:**

8 x Home fire safety visits

4 x Operational Intelligence visits

##### **Incidents:**

3 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm)

3 x Smoke detector operating

2 x Special Service – Lockfast

2 x Fire (dwelling)

2 x Fire (building)

2 x Fire (open)

#### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

FPP fund £200, KCC funds £976.60, Defib fund £595.00, Grant £47.04, VAA fund £10,000.

Total £11,819.14. £50 of Grant funds spent in April. Irena reported that the share for KCC of the £10,000 between Community Councils in Angus was only £220. This is very disappointing, since the money was obviously not divided evenly between all 23 Community Councils.

#### **6. Matters Arising:**

**T Participatory Budget update:** Remove from Agenda

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**B15 Motor Home facilities in Kirrie update:** No further information.

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**B25 Common Good Fund update:** No further information.

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**B32 Poor access for wheelchairs update:** No further information.

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**B48 Pavement parking assessment update:** Covered in Police Report above.

**B49 Path running parallel with Slade Road update:** No further information.

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**B54 KCC offer to KDAP's two groups update:** Heather reported that the two groups have decided to go with KRG. There is a query regarding insurance which Irena will clarify with Andy Barnes and Jeanette.

**B55 Free period products promotion update:** No further information.

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**B56 Inappropriate parking at Northmuir Shop:** As discussed during the Police Report above.

**B57 Proposed ramp at steps near Prosen Road to School:** No further information. Cllr Proctor reported on the issue raised by Liz Kirkman at the March meeting regarding speeding on

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Brechin Road. He and Andrea Strachan had a site meeting at Brechin Road. A speeding box will be implemented. Cllr Proctor and Andrea Strachan also witnessed evidence of the inappropriate bins issue while on the site visit. A letter will be issued to the offending residents.

**B58 Invitation to Kat of “Life Improvement Plan.”** Attending the May meeting.

**B59 Council Bins vandalised in the Knowehead area:** Ian Linn stated that his complaint was not actioned “fast enough” and “has this anything to do with the forthcoming election?” In the absence of Cllr McMillan Douglas, Cllr Proctor reported that Cllr McMillan Douglas had actioned his complaint immediately with Graeme Daly, Angus Council. Subsequent to this, Cllr McMillan Douglas had also been in touch with Mr. Linn. Mr. Linn confirmed this. Cllr Proctor assured Mr. Linn that the forthcoming election will have had no bearing on the speed his complaint was processed. In fact, Cllr McMillan Douglas continues to investigate his issue.

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## **7. Councillors' Reports:**

### **Cllr Julie Bell reports:**

- As Marine Habitat and Little Champion, I took part in the Great Angus Beach Clean on 1 April with Ladyloan Primary School, Arbroath, who are the school champions for the same biodiversity remit.
- I have attended the Voluntary Action Angus Board Meeting: on Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (IJB) briefing: a briefing from Quality Meat Scotland about Scottish products: I met with our two Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament, Marcus Flucker and Hollie McIntosh, to discuss issues relating to young people. They are both incredibly engaged and insightful and our discussions have given me lots to consider.
- I have chaired the Audit Committee of the IJB and the full IJB itself, the last before the election.
- Case load has been significant, ranging from housing, anti-social neighbours, dementia support, speeding and parking issues.
- As this is the last Community Council meeting before the election, I would like to thank Community Councillors for working with me to support issues in the community. Either specific to groups or to individuals, and for developing positive relationships for the common good. It has been great to work with you!

### **Cllr Angus McMillan Douglas reports:**

- The last four weeks have been a period of reduced Council activity as Officers draw the 2017-2022 period to a close. Councillors are preparing for the 5 May elections and objectives for the next Council. My main Council activities have been:-
- Meeting with the Angus Council Chief Executive to review progress made during the outgoing Council, lessons to be learned and likely challenges and objectives for the upcoming Council. An important feature is likely to be the continuing squeeze by the Scottish Government on the funding of the Council and the resultant increasing pressure on providing effective management in order to protect services for citizens.
- Meeting with a number of key Officers to thank them for the close team-working over the last five years.
- Attended one and missed one meeting of Scotland Excel's Executive Committee to review progress over the last year. Also, to consider if Angus Council should make more use of Scotland Excel's Scotland-wide procurement activities.
- Attended a Business Gateway Board Meeting to review:-
  - 1) The Scottish Government's Economic Strategy. General view that more stretching and numerate objectives need to be introduced if Scotland is to catch up, economically, vis-a-vis with

the rest of the UK.

2) Scottish Enterprise's developing approach to business support and how this is co-ordinated with Business Gateway's activities.

- My final meeting of the Tay Cities' Deal Management Committee. Progress on a number of projects was reviewed. Progress is in line with objectives and timetables.
- Met with Cllr Salmond to review a number of Community Projects, e.g. resilience for community halls, improved toilet facilities, etc.
- Following up on a number of requests that arose from the Kirriemuir Community Council's March meeting.

**Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:**

- I have been dealing with effecting repairs to the pathway at the “Dykies”
- Housing and other issues.
- Met with the CEO Angus Council to discuss end of Council brief.
- Attended TACTRAN on teams where a number of transport strategies were discussed. I continue to lobby for a better public transport system for rural areas.
- Took part in actual Angus Alive meeting at Brechin Campus.
- Attended an Actual meeting of Voluntary Action Angus at the Cross, Forfar.
- Took part in an Actual meeting regarding Montrose Air Station Museum.
- I officiated at the following Civic events: a) 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in Kirriemuir, b) Diamond Wedding Anniversary in Montrose, c) Citizenship ceremony Glamis Castle, d) Anzac Day ceremony, Arbroath Western Cemetery, e) opened Carnoustie Country Golf Tournament.
- Pursued a report regarding Traffic Wardens in Kirriemuir.

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

9. **Planning:** A minor planning application was reported.

**10. AOCB**

**10.1. Jeanette** reported that an official opening is planned for the Marywell Telephone Box on 7 May at 2.30 pm. Followed by the Artist's talk at Kirrie Connections. Jeanette will organised a promotional photo shoot prior to the 7 May with The Courier. *(Photo shoot to promote the official opening has been arranged for Monday, 2 May, at 11 am. Community Councillors invited to attend).*

**10.2. Irena** has had no success in contacting Douglas Stott with regard to replacing the glass in the Northmuir Telephone Box. The Defibrillator has not been damaged but the perspex has been damaged which has melted and distorted the window, so it is not possible to see inside the Box. Heather will investigate buying the glass online. All agreed.

10.3. **Audrey Middleton**, as a member of the Parent Teacher Council, asked if KCC had any plans for the forthcoming Jubilee in June. Heather had no information other than a bonfire could be planned. Heather suggested contacting KALBA. Cllr Proctor suggested contacting Jackie Semple. Cllr Proctor reported the main Angus Jubilee event is taking place in Montrose. It was confirmed permission is needed for bonfires in the town and also for events at Martin Park. Ian Linn said he was organising a street party near his home.

**10.4. Audrey Middleton** is investigating having a bench made. She visited the Kirrie Mens Shed for help but there are now only two members. Heather reported that Tina, from the Longer Table, sought the help of a chap in Dundee when she wanted a wooden bench made for outside of

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the shop, near the post box. However, Angus Council would not allow the bench because of the “inappropriate material being used.” Cllr Proctor offered to investigate this with Cllr McMillan Douglas. Heather to give Cllr Proctor details. Irena suggested fundraising for a Jubilee Bench. Costs of a bench were discussed.

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**10.5. Audrey Middleton** asked if permission was needed to look around the cemetery. Cllr Proctor confirmed that no permission is needed.

**10.6. Ian Linn** highlighted the book swap Telephone Box. It is water logged. He offered to build a plinth for the box and put a box outside to take some of the books.. Because the Telephone Box is being used as a dumping ground for all types of books, etc., Jeanette declined his generous offer as it would probably make the situation much worse.

**10.7. Cllr Proctor** highlighted the “Dykies,” the path in the Southmuir leading from the Blue Shop to Lindsay Street, which has been reported in poor condition. An elderly lady has recently fallen there due to the unacceptable condition of the path. Cllr Proctor is looking into the situation and hoping a hand-rail can be installed.

**10.8. Cllr Proctor** has received a complaint regarding a Traffic Warden inappropriately parking his vehicle. This has been reported.

Heather thanked Ian Linn and Audrey Middleton for attending the meeting and raising their points.

**11. Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 25 May, 7 pm in Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre**

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