



# Kirriemuir Community Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 30 March 2022 7 pm at Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre

**Present:** Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer), George Atiken, Roy Christie, Graham Galloway, George Meecham (via Zoom)

**In attendance:** Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Angus MacMillan Douglas.  
Members of the Public: Cerys Mitchell, Ann Pole (Planters Group), Liz Kirkman

Heather opened the March meeting by welcoming everyone to the first “face to face” meeting for a while.

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<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Frances Havenga, Cllr Julie Bell</p> <p><b>2. Approval of Minutes: 28 January 2022:</b> Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Irena and seconded by GeorgeA. <b>23 February: Correction: AOCB 10.4.</b> should read: “Are shelves removable from the phone box at Knowehead so that the books which have fallen down the back of the shelves can be removed?” Otherwise agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by GeorgeA and seconded by Graham.</p> <p><b>3. Police Report:</b> Circulated and copy attached.</p> <p><b>4. Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Services Report</b></p> <p><b>Community Safety:</b> 12 x Home fire safety visits 3 x Operational Intelligence visits</p> <p><b>Incidents:</b> 3 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm) 1 x Smoke Detector Operating 1 x Special Service 2 x RTC 2 x Lockfast 2 x Fire (dwelling) 1 x Fire in open</p> <p><b>Spring - Key Messages</b></p> <p>We want to promote public safety throughout spring and the Easter holiday period. We want to encourage people to join Scotland’s fight against fire and, in doing so, reduce the level of risk associated with the spring and Easter period.</p> <p>The following are the key messages we will be sending out in all our communications. When offering prevention and protection advice locally, the same messages should be used to ensure our campaign is consistent, therefore maximising its impact.</p> <p><b>We want the public to know:</b></p>	

*We need people to join Scotland's fight against fire and help us protect our communities.*

*Deliberate fire-setting is an offence; don't accept it – report it.*

*SFRS see an increase in the amount of outdoor fires over the Spring season. These take fire-fighters away from other incidents and could put a risk to life, property and can have a detrimental financial impact on the economy.*

*SFRS will work together with partner agencies during the period to reduce preventable fires and keep people safe – but we need the public's help to achieve these goals.*

*Parents and carers have a responsibility to know what their children are doing and to keep them safe from fire.*

*SFRS, working in conjunction with rural communities, businesses and landowners will support the use of 'Fire Plans' to prevent major fire emergencies involving heath, moorland and forestry. These plans will also detail how to respond in case of an emergency.*

*Many wildfires are started deliberately or are due to careless, reckless or irresponsible behaviour. If you suspect someone of acting suspiciously, recklessly or irresponsibly in the countryside call Scotland Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or call Police Scotland on 101.*

*Information and advice is readily available about preventing countryside fires, such as the Muirburn Code, which applies to the controlled burning of heather within the permitted season period.*

*Landowners should not burn outwith the permitted season and ensure suitable 'Fire Plans' are in place during land management operations.*

*Communities, tourists and visitors should be aware of the heightened risk of fire at this time of year and people should act safely and responsibly and follow the countryside code.*

*People should not carelessly dispose of smoking materials in rural areas.*

*As fly tipping is a major problem, operational information and local knowledge should be used to proactively identify and report fly tipping hotspots/locations. Where staff or the public identify fly tipping or large piles of refuse they should be encouraged to report this via the Dumb Dumpers website [www.dumbdumpers.org](http://www.dumbdumpers.org) or the stop line on 08452 30 40 90.*

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Bank as at 30 March 2022 £11,389.14, plus £10.00 cash, Total £11,529.13, £10,000 of which is the VAA grant. Grant funds spent in March £129.99. Detailed Treasurer's Report circulated. Heather has bought pads for the defibrillator at a cost of £72.

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

**T Participatory Budget update:** No update. Cllr Proctor reiterated that Audrey Miche, Angus Council, is now responsible for the PB and plans to address the criticisms raised this year. Cllr MacMillan Douglas said he is aware that KCC has been very much involved in the PB, at every stage, and he is encouraging all Community Councils to embark on the same involvement in the future.

**B15 Motor Homes facilities in Kirrie update:** No update.

**B25 Common Good Fund update:** Heather reported that Gordon Grewar, Angus Council, has suggested dates for a public meeting. However, these dates fall into the pre-election period. Heather will advise Gordon Grewar to delay the public meeting until after the election.

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<p><b>B32 Poor access for wheelchairs update:</b> Cllr Proctor is pursuing this, however, he has been told the delay is due to a shortage of manpower.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>B48 Pavement parking assessment update:</b> Cllr Proctor reported that a case study is in progress. There is a “no parking on pavements” ruling, however, due to narrow streets in some of the Angus towns, pavement parking may have to be considered for emergency services access. It was reported that pavement parking continues at Visocchi's and on Bellies Brae. Cllr Proctor will talk again to the Wardens.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>B49 Path running parallel with Slade Road update:</b> Cllr Proctor did not have an update. Heather highlighted the email she had sent to Cllr Proctor regarding information on proposed upgrading of paths in the area. Perhaps, the Slade Gardens path could be considered. Jeanette will re-send the email sent to Cllr Proctor.</p>	<p><b>JR</b></p>
<p><b>B50 Resignation of Community Councillor:</b> Following the February meeting, Community Councillor Brenda McIntosh, has sent a letter to KCC tendering her resignation. The letter has been forwarded to the necessary department of Angus Council.</p>	
<p><b>B51 Snow clearing issue at end of Beechwood Place:</b> Cllr Proctor confirmed that Roads Department has been advised of the issue. Can GeorgeA let Cllr Proctor know if this happens again.</p>	<p><b>GA</b></p>
<p><b>B53 Proposed plaque for Marywell phone box:</b> All of the other phone boxes have plaques, therefore, it was proposed to include the Marywell phone box. Painting the box was also discussed. As landlords of the phone boxes, it was agreed that KCC should organise a plaque and painting for the Marywell phone box. The cost of the paint is approx. £78 and the plaque cost was minimal.</p>	
<p>KCC funds were discussed. Irena advised that the Zoom payment of £280 is sitting in the grant total. She has therefore, moved this one-off sum into the KCC funds otherwise it could technically affect the grant next year.</p>	
<p>Can Jeanette advise the lady using the phone box that it will be painted and a plaque erected. Jeanette advised that the lady has locked the phone box.</p>	<p><b>JR</b></p>
<p><b>B54 Dissolving of Kirriemuir + Dean Area Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disappointment expressed that KDAP is no longer in existence. Heather reported that at the last KDAP meeting, when the dissolution was announced, she offered, on behalf of KCC, that the three groups could come under the KCC umbrella.</li> <li>• Lynn Hally, Angus Council, confirms there is no reason why the three groups can't join up with KCC as sub-groups.</li> <li>• One person from each of the groups would have to join KCC.</li> <li>• The finances of the three Groups would be kept separate.</li> <li>• Irena reported that Kirriemuir Regeneration Group has also invited two of the groups, Planters and Christmas Lights, to join up with KRG in a similar format to that offered by KCC. Ann is attending the KCC meeting as a representative of the Planters Group and to report back to the Group the options. Irene Robertson, Planters Group, has been in talks with KRG on the same matter.</li> <li>• Graham explained that no one was prepared to stay on as Officers of KDAP, thus the dissolution.</li> <li>• Heather said she looked forward to hearing the outcome of KCC's offer.</li> </ul>	

**B55 Free period products – document circulated:** Lynn Hally has advised KCC that £200 is being made available to each of the Community Councils. This is to help promote free period products being made available to staff by their employers, This money is also to help enhance your Community Council (encourage people to join) and a case study may be requested by Angus Council. Heather will investigate promotion material/ideas.

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Added to this, Irena advised that there is a sum of £10,000 available which will be distributed between 23 Community Councils in Angus. KCC will, therefore, receive approx £434. Including the £200, this will give a total of £634 for the promotion. This has not yet been received.

**7. Councillors' Reports:**  
**Cllr Julie Bell reported:**

**The Den House**

I've continued to follow-up with our Legal Dept, which has done a huge amount of work on this – it's very complex. I'm pleased to let you know that our application and supporting evidence is ready to be submitted to the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrance (QLTR) w/c March 28.

The purpose of the application is to notify the QLTR of our Application to Registers of Scotland that no owner of the land could be identified. There is then a prescribed period of 60 days required by Registers of Scotland for submitting the application to them. So matters are certainly heading in the right direction.

I helped launch the online Angus Women's Centre on International Women's Day (March 8) which brings together existing services in one place to make them more accessible for women, particularly those experiencing domestic abuse and sexual crimes. The website was co-created with women in Angus and the physical space is being developed in The Cross, the Voluntary Action Angus base, with a view to creating hubs across Angus, where appropriate. Whilst this is being supported by Angus Council through the Community Planning Partnership, the steering group is led by the Third Sector.

I have attended Scrutiny and Audit Committee on March 1, where for the first time, the Angus Violence Against Women Partnership presented its Annual Report – very worrying rise in incidents during 2020-21, with ongoing rises expected.

On March 3, I attended the Council Consultative Committee (union meeting); Special Children and Learning; Special Council – Budget-setting; Angus Council on March 10 I continue to be involved with Signs of Change, the street art project in Kirrie; I attended: the official opening of Kirrie Connections in their new premises on March 14, along with Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Mental Health, Well-being and Social Care; the annual long service and achievement awards for the Council; full Council on March 24 for a big planning decision; and the Council's get-together for retiring councillors last week (Friday 25<sup>th</sup>).

Caseload continues to be busy from across the ward and other areas, specifically relating to my role on the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated joint Board) and fostering/kinship care.

**Cllr Ronnie Proctor reported:**

I have dealt with a couple of housing issues within the ward and one outside the ward as a Veteran's champion.

I have also dealt with complaints regarding road repairs and mud on the roads.

I chaired a special Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> March and Special Council meeting to deal with two agenda items and two major planning determinations on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Attended Angus Council Special Children and learning meeting and later Angus Education Trust.

I attended the Angus Council Climate Change Member Officer Group.

Attended TACTRAN meeting and also member of selection board for new non Council Board Director.

Attended Angus Alive Directors Board Meeting,

Two Veterans Meetings in Aberdeen (Virtual).

I attended and took part in Angus Council Achievement Awards. I attended the following Civic events :-

Two Diamond weddings in Arbroath.

Planted a tree in tree in Kirriemuir as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Canopy.

Attended reception in Forfar ice rink to honour the Ladies GB Gold Medal winning team member Hailey Duff.

Took part in Inverarity, Newtyle, Kirriemuir Landward East and Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council meetings.

**Cllr Angus MacMillan Douglas reported:**

- Main issue discussed has been Angus Council taking forward of the Health & Social Care Partnership. Tayside Health Board and Angus Council Community Partnership sets the strategy for health care. The actual activities are carried out by NHS Tayside and Angus Council. Funding is a problem.
- Two main planning reports over the last few weeks. Major one was in Carnoustie. Both turned down.
- I am a member of the Business Gateway Board, as a member of CBI. We have spent a lot of time considering the Scottish Government's business strategy. As a Business Gateway Board we think they should do better and determine where Scotland needs to improve to generate more income and more jobs. Scotland has lagged behind for many years and if we do not get more jobs this will result in less money in the economy.
- Tay Cities Deal. We now have some of the developments coming through.

Crown Commission has taken a lot of land around Montrose Harbour for renewable s. We have made good progress over five years. £300m of direct UK and Scottish investment. This will make a huge difference.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I was delighted to join Cllr Proctor at a celebration event in Forfar for Hailey Duff, a member of the Curling team Gold Medal winners. Well done the Curling Team.</li> </ul> <p>8. <b>Correspondence:</b> Circulated throughout the month.</p> <p>9. <b>Planning:</b> No report</p> <p><b>10. AOCB</b></p> <p><b>10.1. Irena</b> reported that there is £40,000 available for upgrading public toilets in Angus. This project will be completed by March 2023. It is hoped some of the funds will be allocated to upgrade Kirriemuir's Den toilets and the toilet on the Hill. Cllr Proctor and Cllr MacMillan Douglas offered their assistance.</p> <p><b>10.2. Roy</b> reported that the Lollipop Lady, Lesley, who covers the School crossing at the Northmuir Shop, Shielhill Road, has very serious concerns for the children's safety in that area. Motorists constantly park on double yellow lines outside of the shop, which is very close to the children's crossing. Lesley asked one motorist to move his car from the double yellow lines but was met with abuse. Cllr Proctor will investigate this with Tayside Contracts, who are responsible for the patrol of the crossings. It was suggested this should also be reported to the Police. Jeanette will contact the Police.</p> <p><b>10.3. Jeanette</b> highlighted the steps (Prosen Road to the School) where the Lollipop Lady stands and reported the pavements were not cleaned. Could a ramp be installed? Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.</p> <p><b>10.3. Heather</b> has received information about litter bins. She has received a booklet from a lady from Angus Council, Kat, who is carrying out a "Life Improvement Plan" from January 2022 to December 2024. A public engagement of proposals to improve mental health and well-being. All agreed to invite Kat to attend KCC's April meeting to give a presentation. Jeanette will arrange.</p> <p><b>10.4. Liz Kirkman (Public)</b> highlighted the inappropriate speeding on Brechin Road, given the speed limit of 20 mph is actually painted on the road. Liz lives in Browns Lane and access to the Lane is a major problem due to inappropriate parking across the entry to the Lane. Fast becoming a dangerous situation. Having contacted Angus Council, Liz reported their response was they do not plan to do anything. Cllr Proctor offered to speak to Craig Hudson, Road Safety Officer, Angus Council, to arrange a site visit to test the area.</p> <p><b>10.5. Ian Linn (Public)</b> reported that the Council Bins in the Knowehead area are constantly being overturned on to the grass verge opposite AutoSales.. These bins are on concrete slabs and very heavy. Ian has reported this to Angus Council but has not received a response. AutoSales has footage on their CCTV camera. Cllr MacMillan Douglas apologised for no reply from Angus Council and offered to investigate this with the relevant Council Department.</p> <p><b>10.6. Cllr Proctor</b> congratulated Kirrie Connections on another successful event for their recent Official Opening. Cllr Proctor reported that they are lobbying very seriously after the recent storm damage and Angus Council has received a substantial grant. There were 16 awards, 9 of which were in Kirriemuir + Dean, to help with Village Halls. Angus Council supported the rural areas very well during this period and part of the grant will go towards providing generators in some Village Halls.</p> <p><b>10.7. Heather</b> said KCC should be promoting what they do in the town and try to recruit Community Councillors. Heather welcomes ideas, e.g. a KCC table at the Co-op. Organise</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>JR</p> <p>RP</p> <p>JR</p> <p>RP</p> <p>AMD</p>
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something in May.

**10.7. Graham** submitted his apologies for the April meeting.

**11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 27 April, 7 pm in Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre.**