



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 29 June 2022

7 pm at Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), George Aitken, Roy Christie, Graham Galloway, Frances Havenga, Ian Lynn, Jim Stewart

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr George Meechan, Public: Audrey Middleton

	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies: Irena Krasinska Lobban, Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Julie Bell</p> <p>2. Approval of 25 May 2022 Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Jeanette and seconded by Ian</p> <p>3. Police Report: Circulated. Ian advised of a spate of burglaries in Dundee and throughout Angus and warned everyone to be vigilant.</p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report:</p> <p>June Report</p> <p>Community Safety:</p> <p>5 x Home Fire Safety visits 1 x Operational Intelligence visit 2 x People Who Help Us – School/Nursery talks 2 x British Heart Foundation CPR awareness session</p> <p>Incidents:</p> <p>6 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm) 2 x Smoke Detector Operating 1 x Building Fire 1 x Special Service Call 1 x RTC 1 x Flooding Investigation</p> <p>“Summer Safety” - See attachment</p> <p>5. Treasurer's Report: Circulated As at 25 June, FPP Fund £200: KCC Funds £850.46: Defib Fund £595.50: Grant - £2.96: VAA Fund £10,300.00: Total £11,943.00 Grant Fund spent June £50.00 Graham explained that the -£2.96 was an accidental payment he had made.</p> <p>6. Matters Arising:</p> <p>B25 Development Trust: Heather reported Huntly has offered advice and a meeting has been arranged in Huntly on 13 July at noon. Anyone interested in attending can they please advise Gordon Grewar.</p> <p>B32 Poor access for wheelchairs update: Cllr Proctor and Andrew Barnes carried out a site</p>	

<p>meeting during the month, regarding dropped kerbs and wheelchair access. Council Officer Jim Cameron is due to make a further site visit with Cllr Proctor.</p>	RP
<p>B49 Path running parallel with Slade Road update: No update. There are no signs up at each side of the path. Heather reported that there is no intention of making this a path despite it being dangerous during wet weather.</p>	
<p>B55 Free period products promotion: Heather reported a lack of response from the school. It was thought the school would take this up as a project, producing posters, etc. to encourage employers to stock products for their staff. £200 has been received from Angus Council for the promotion. Graham suggested approaching DD8. Heather asked for suggestions.</p>	ALL
<p>B57 Proposed ramp at steps near Prosen Road to school: Cllr Proctor advised that Andrew Barnes has advised that the siting of a ramp adjacent to the steps would require substantial engineering works. This would be expensive and result in an unsafe ramp with the potential for wheelers to overshoot into the road when descending.</p>	
<p>Off Agenda.</p>	
<p>B60 Purchase of glass for Northmuir Telephone Box: Cllr Meechan reported that he had investigated a glass supplier in Dundee. Unfortunately, they could not supply the thin glass and the costs was prohibitive. The cost to purchase online is £312. As a <u>personal</u> gesture, not related to his role as an Angus Councillor, Cllr Meechan offered a donation of £100 towards the cost of the glass. <i>Many thanks, George.</i> Ian also offered a donation of £100. <i>Many thanks, Ian.</i> All agreed to purchase the glass online and pay the balance of £112 out of the KCC funds.</p>	HK
<p>B61 Proposed bench in Square, re material to be used: Cllr Proctor had advised that a suitable, potential location for a bench was agreed in front of the former Ogilvy Arms Hotel and to the west of the lit road sign column. This was previously discussed in 2020. It is suggested to make contact with Kevin Robertson, Manager, Environmental Services, regarding the possibilities for inclusion in a donation scheme which the Community Council may be able to access. Otherwise, formal consent from the Roads authority would be required under section 59 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. Jeanette has the requisite application form to be completed, which involves a fee. The bench is required to be of a composite material. Recycled composite is available.</p>	
<p>Heather reported that KCC is not taking ownership of the bench and will update Tina of the above at the Longer Table.</p>	
<p>Off Agenda.</p>	
<p>B62 “Investing in Communities Fund”</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather reported that the majority of Community Councillors were not happy to get involved in this projects, therefore, KCC took the decision not to take this forward. The groups have been informed of this decision. However, KCC is available should the groups wish to discuss this decision further. • Graham wished his comments to be Minuted. “I think it is a shame that we did not have a conversation about this decision. The town has, therefore, lost a great opportunity. I was in favour of this and offered my personal support to take it forward.” • Ian thought it had been left too late. Graham responded, “It is usual for these types of funds to appear quickly but this one would not have been coming in until 2023. You did not have to commit to something within a week. I repeat, I think it is a shame we have missed out and not taken up this opportunity.” • Heather agreed with Graham, however, she stated it was a KCC decision. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audrey Middleton (Public) queried why this opportunity was not communicated to the community for their comments. Jeanette explained that the Groups' had approached the Kirriemuir Community Council to take this forward, therefore, it was a decision for KCC. 	
<p>B63 Outdoor Gym: No response to date from Angus Council. Ongoing.</p>	<p>HK</p>
<p>B64 Use of video to promote the Community Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather reported that Lynn Hally has requested Community Councils to promote their work in the community via a video. Ideas for the video: Defibrillator, gym equipment, etc., plus many more KCC success stories could be included. The aim of the video is to get recognition for the work Community Councils across Angus do for their local communities. Also, as a recruitment tool. Suggestions: Distributing leaflets, posters in shop fronts, suggestion boxes, a promotion event at Live in the Den on 13 August with a manned gazebo. Ian offered a gazebo. Jim volunteered to man the gazebo on 13 August and Cllr Meechan has tables available for the gazebo. Cllr Meechan also offered to help. Jeanette offered to compile and print some leaflets. Graham suggested running a tombola at Live in the Den. Agreed a good idea and which would be an attraction to the gazebo. Majority of meeting kindly offered tombola prizes. Heather circulated the plaque for the telephone box at this point. This will be given to Deirdre. 	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7. Councillors' Reports:</p>	
<p>Cllr Julie Bell reports:</p>	
<p>I've attended Communities Committee as a sub for on June 7; Children and Learning on June 13; Policy and Resources on June 21; a meeting with the Tayside Mental Health Oversight Group (appointed by the Scottish Government) and Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board on June 22 (as the new vice chair, I also took part in the pre-agenda meeting with the chair and chief officer on June 8); Voluntary Action Angus AGM and Board meeting on June 23; Scrutiny and Audit Committee also on June 23.</p> <p>On Friday last week, I met with Scottish Water and the community around Lintrathen and Backwater – whilst these issues date back mainly to the lifting of the first lockdown, they have not disappeared and these are issues for Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council, I felt you'd like to be aware that I've asked officers to look at a blitz weekend of activity there to manage issues over 'party' campers and damage to the environment as it's an issue across Angus.</p> <p>This week, I meet informally with the chair and board members of NHS Tayside as the new Angus elected member representative and we have full Council on June 30, just before recess, when formal meetings take a break until August.</p> <p>In addition, I've met with Parks and their landscape architect around the installation of inclusive play equipment at Kirrie Hill and have received the OK to progress with fundraising plans via Kirriemuir Regeneration Group for these items, which Angus council will install.</p> <p>As a Bonfest volunteer, I was invited to the volunteer party on June 18, thanks to the Bonfest/DD8 team for all they do.</p> <p>I've been working with Kirriemuir food Hub to support women within the Glenisla and Glen Clova Projects with placements and linking them with VAA for creating a more</p>	

formal status.

On Monday June 20, I attended a play about dementia in Forfar by a company that's been working with Kirrie Connections – very poignant and I'm delighted to see the further roll-out of Meeting Centres across Angus.

Cllr Meechan reports:

I am now settling into my new role and happily most of the initial training sessions relating to the council have been completed.

Following the Council meeting on 26 May 2022 I have been appointed to the following committees/bodies:

Children and Learning Committee

Communities Committee

Angus Health and Social Care Integration Board (IJB)

Tayside Valuation Joint Board

Tayside Contracts Joint Committee

I have also been designated as Spokesperson for Welfare Rights, Poverty and Equalities.

I have attended several Community Council meetings which I have found informative.

I do not sit on any national bodies or committees and do not have any wish to do so. I see my role as a local Councillor for the people of Kirriemuir and Dean.

I have not been able to arrange any surgery venues yet but am working on this.

Updates

I visited the community garden St Mary's Field to see first-hand the work they are doing and to determine if there was any support I could provide as a local elected member. This visit was very informative, and I met some very dedicated volunteers.

I attended meetings of the following: Children and Learning Committee; Communities Committee; Tayside Contracts; Tayside Valuation Joint Board; Tayside Contracts; IJB and Full Council.

Constituent Issues

Issues from constituents are slowly increasing and include the following:

4. Welfare issues/benefits
5. Roads
6. Parks/open spaces
7. Neighbour issues
8. Housing issues

Cllr Proctor reports:

- I attended Children and Learning and Communities meetings but had to apologise for non-attendance at Scrutiny and Audit and Angus Alive due to my afflictions.
- I attended the Policy & Resources Committee as a sub for one of my colleagues who is on holiday.
- I attended Websters Prize Giving and was greatly impressed by the standards that have been maintained, despite the disruptions caused by Covid. This is a great credit to the parents, hard working teaching staff and, of course, the pupils who have remained focused throughout a most difficult period.
- The problems with the Dykies footpath have now been addressed and it was nice to receive "thank you" letters from residents who live nearby, for the speedy way the work has been carried out. Ian is also to be thanked for his input and help to residents. I have passed this on to the Council Officers concerned.

- I also carried out a site visit with Andy Barnes regarding the site for the bench which was mentioned at the May Community Council, the possible wheelchair access for pupils and wheelchair users from Tannage Brae/Knowehead on to Prosen Road, and the requirement to further drop kerbs around Websters High School and Southmuir Primary School. The report on this meeting was forwarded to the Secretary some time ago.
- I have continued to address housing and other issues which have cropped up in the Ward.

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

9. **Planning:** Nothing to report.

10. AOCB

10.1. **George** highlighted the temporary barrier at Beechwood Place and Muirhead Place, which has been there for the past 4/5 years.

- He suggested concrete blocks would be a much tidier solution to the current barrier. “No through road” signs are needed on Glamis Road. There used to be a temporary sign, “Road Ahead Closed.”
- Beechwood Place is an adopted road but Muirhead Place is unadopted. Discussion ensued on unadopted roads.
- Graham suggested putting the amendments into Google Maps. If enough people did this then it would solve the problem.
- Cllr Meechan offered to investigate.

GM

10.2. **George** referred to the Angus Council's email declining the suggestion of a Motorhomes facility in the town. George is of the view that such a facility would bring revenue into the town. Motorhomes are self contained. Cllr Meechan responded that he understands from Angus Council that there would be implications for such a facility, e.g. insurance, water, etc. Cllr Proctor has the relevant information on this matter.

10.3. **Jim** highlighted the bench in the Den which is in bad repair.

10.4. **Jim** asked why the Millennium Globe in Cumberland Close is not working. There is a pump problem. In 2019 Angus Council said they would repair the pump if KCC took ownership of the Globe. There were too many cost implications, therefore, KCC declined to take ownership. Discussion ensued. Cllr Meechan offered to investigate the current situation with Alison Smith.

GM

10.5. **Audrey Middleton (Member of the Public):** Audrey highlighted that the Library opening hours have reduced from 40 hours a week to 18 hours. Covid is being given as the reason. Audrey has emailed Angus Council, Access Office, Angus Alive, on numerous occasions to discuss the situation but is unable to get through to them. It was agreed around the table that trying to make contact with the Access Office is currently impossible.

Audrey raised the issues surrounding the Kirriemuir swimming pool – cost of entry, access to the pool, etc. etc. People are now having to travel out of the town for accessible swimming facilities. Audrey highlighted the football pitch, paid for by the Kirriemuir community but, unfortunately, the community can't get to use it. Discussion ensued. Ian criticised Angus Council for failing the children of the town in this respect, given “get active” is, nationally, heavily promoted for children. The points Audrey raises, it was agreed, have been an issue for some years. Heather suggested inviting Angus Alive to a KCC meeting to discuss these points. All agreed. Jeanette will arrange.

JR

Audrey advised that a Menopausal Support Group has been set up in Kirriemuir. It is proving to be a very positive group. Approx 55 people have attended the last two meetings. Meeting are held in the Pavilion Cafe on the first Monday of each month and the second Tuesday of each month.

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

4.7.22