



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 26 July 2023 7 pm in Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer), Frances Havenga, Audrey Middleton, Eric Mitchell, Cerys Mitchell

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Ronnie Proctor

	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies: George Aitken, Ron Lobban, Cllr George Meechan, Officer Judi Young</p> <p>2. Approval of 28 June 2023 Minutes: Amendments made. Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cathy and seconded by Jeanette</p> <p>3. Police Report: No report received. <i>(Received on 27 July)</i></p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report:</p> <p>July 2023: Community Safety: 9 x Home Fire Safety visits 3 x Operational Intelligence visits Multi Agency Open Day</p> <p>Incidents: 4 x Fire Alarm/Smoke Detector Operating 2 x Fire 1 x Secondary fire 1 Special Service Call</p> <p>Summer Tap (Thematic Action Plan) 2023: During the summer we often see a rise in the number of deliberate fires across Scotland. These include refuse and wheelie bin fires, fires in stairwells or derelict buildings, as well as grass and countryside fires, made worse by hot and dry conditions. In the summer of 2022 firefighters attended more than 4,800 needless fires, the equivalent of 50 deliberate fires per day. This type of behaviour has a huge impact on our crews and can divert them away from genuine emergencies where lives may be at risk.</p> <p>5. Treasurer's Report: FPP Fund £92.20: KCC Fund £547.71: Defib Fund £595.50: Grant £665.28: VAA Fund £300.00: Total £2200.69 In Bank at 21.7.23: £2190.69 Cash £10.00 Total: £2230.67</p> <p>6. Matters Arising:</p> <p>B25 Development Trust update: Grant applied for in April. Email received last week advising</p>	

<p>some applications have not been submitted on time, therefore, deadline has been extended. This will delay the final decision.</p>	<p>HK</p>
<p>B82 Hooks rhones problem: Planning Officer's response to Cllr Proctor remains that this is the responsibility of the owner. Kids are still getting into Hooks. Reports of vermin at the property. This is fast becoming a Health & Safety issue. Cllr Proctor will investigate further.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>B95 Proposed Police speed checks update: No further information.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>B99 Proposed double yellow lines at Knowehead: No further information.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A1 Speed reduction signs on Tannage Brae request: It was reported that Tannage Brae was recently closed for three weeks due to work on the sewer. The sewer work is completed but the road is covered in markings “to be repaired.” Could Angus Council not have organised the road repairs to be carried out at the same time as the sewer work thus avoiding closing the road again? Concern was expressed about access to the Health Centre. Cllr Proctor will investigate.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A3 Hedges issues: Update: <i>Prosen Road hedge has since been cut back.</i> Jeanette reported that she has asked Pete Morton to attend a KCC meeting and, hopefully, this will happen in August. It was reported that shrubs at the Dykies need attention. Members of the public have contacted another Angus Councillor regarding this issue but it still remains not done. Jeanette confirmed this, contrary to an email she had received advising the work “has been completed.” Other hedge issues were raised, including the left hand side pavement down Bellies Brae, overhanging hedges near Wilkies. Also, a hedge issue opposite St. Andrews Church. Cllr Proctor will investigate.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A8 Overflowing bins near Airlie Arms update: Cllr Proctor reported that all offending bins will be removed on 27 July.</p>	
<p>A13 Sustainable Kirrie planning request to KCC, update: No response to KCC's email. Off Agenda.</p>	
<p>A15 Disabled Space at McLarens: Cllr Proctor reported that this request will be discussed at the next Road Safety meeting.(Proposed site: outside of McLarens or the Longer Table)</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A16 Much needed bins along Beechwood Place: Positive feed back reported. Bin on grass verge at Beechwood Place and also a bin at Davison Park. Jeanette will email Richie Strachan with location details.</p>	<p>JR</p>
<p>7. Kirriemuir Closures: a) Recycling Centre: It was agreed that there are still questions to be answered on the closure of the Recycling Centre. KCC will proceed in stating their case. b) Museum Closure update: Irena reported that KRG is the lead group to take up the running of the Museum. Funding has been granted for a Feasibility Study and Business Plan. The Study and Plan will not be completed until end of November/early December. Further details may not be known until January 2024, therefore, Irena suggested taking this item off the Agenda until then. Cllr Proctor attended the 19 July meeting as a Director of Angus Alive and a Director of Kirriemuir Heritage Trust.</p>	<p>Agenda item</p>

8. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Julie Bell reports:

Council is currently in summer recess so there have been no formal meetings and I have taken some time out, although I have managed to join in a number of local activities.

Since my last report, I was delighted to invite a number of people from NHS Tayside to visit Kirrie Connections with me on Friday June 30. The Scottish Government's new dementia strategy was published at the end of May and Graham Galloway, of Kirrie Connections, has been very involved at a national level in developing this. The non-executive directors of NHS Tayside, Sam Riddell and Beth Hamilton, were joined by Jillian Galloway, Deputy Chief Officer of Angus Heath and Social Care Partnership, and all found it very informative. Graham's presentation about KC and meeting centres was followed by a chat with members and carers. Later that day, I took part in an Over 50s information day at Kirriemuir Bowling Club, hosted by Dave Doogan MP – I was there both as a local councillor and representing Kirriemuir Food Hub. Lots of networking between services.

On Friday July 7, I attended a theatre production by people in our learning disabilities services across all of Angus – superb event as it is every year, at Websters' Theatre, Arbroath.

On Saturday July 8, I volunteered at the NHS 75th birthday Parkrun which had a great Kirrie attendance. Well done to those involved and a special thanks to Rhona Guild who was the Parkrun director for this special event.

The same night, I helped out at DD8 Music's Bon's Big Birthday Bash at the town hall – fantastic event.

On Thursday July 13, I attended the AGM of Voluntary Action Angus.

Last Friday Sustainable Kirriemuir ran a Pollinators' Picnic at Kirrie Hill. Despite a torrential shower in the early afternoon it was a fantastic day. Great to see so many families joining in and exploring nature, making things and joining in Bookbug activities. Murton Farm, Buglife, Bookbug, bug hunts, refreshments and nature crafts all on offer.

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:

July has been very quiet as there have been no Committee meetings due to the summer recess. I have however attended a Directors meeting of Angus Alive on teams at the beginning of the month.

The problem at Milne's Land has been resolved at long last however if there is a re occurrence, I would be grateful to know about it at the onset.

I have had no update on the matters regarding the litter Bins at Beechwood, Checks on Speeding , Proposed Double Yellow Lines at Knowehead, Speed Reduction Signs on Tannage Brae and the suggestion of a Disabled Bay beside McLaren 's Baker's shop. This may be due to many of the officers being on summer leave. I will continue to monitor this.

I attended Community Engagement meeting regarding the Town House Museum as an observer only and declared an interest as I am a Director of Angus Alive and also KHT and therefore did not speak during the meeting.

I have currently been supporting a member of the public regarding speeding, parking and other traffic related issues in the Brechin Road/ Brown's Lane as reported previously.

Cllr George Meechan: No report received.

Cathy's proposal that Councillors' Reports could be more structured: Jeanette has asked the elected Members if, in future, they could be more specific in their monthly Councillors Reports . In particular, reporting more information/details of the various meetings they attend, when it is of

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relevance and importance to the Kirriemuir community.

9. **Correspondence:** A complaint from Mr. William Reid, member of the public, was brought to the 31 May 2023 meeting, regarding a parking issue involving J.D. Wilkie employees. KCC passed on this complaint to J.D. Wilkie. KCC has subsequently received an apology from J.D. Wilkie and they request KCC to please pass on their apology to Mr. Reid. Jeanette has advised Mr. Reid. Employees have been instructed to use the J.D. Wilkie car park.

10. **Planning:** Minor planning application reported.

11. AOCB

11.1. Milnes Land complaint: Cllr Meechan reported at last month's meeting that he had been assured by Housing Department that this repair had been completed. Subsequent to that meeting, Jeanette was approached by the irate tenant involved who stated the issued had not been repaired and threatened to go to the Press. Jeanette immediately emailed Ian Kennedy, Angus Council, direct. Jeanette reported she has been advised that the issue has now, eventually, been repaired.

11.2. Jeanette emailed a photograph to Cllr Proctor of a lorry taking up three to four spaces in the car park. Cllr Proctor has taken this up with Richie Strachan.

11.3. Cllr Proctor circulated a copy of the proposed programme for the upcoming War Memorial Centenary Rededication on Sunday, 27 August at 2 pm in the cemetery. Cllr Proctor asked KCC for approval to use the KCC logo in the programme. All agreed. Cllr Proctor reviewed the programme with the meeting and invited everyone from KCC to attend. Parking, refreshments, etc., will be available. Hoping for good weather and a good turn out.

11.4. Speed cameras at Glamis Road: Cllr Proctor will investigate.

11.5. Irena has collected the Coat of Arms banner from the Museum and it is now stored in the Pavilion attic.

12. Date of next meeting: 30 August, 7 pm in Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre

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