



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 30 August 2023 7 pm in Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer), George Aitken, Frances Havenga, Eric Mitchell, Cerys Mitchell, Cathy Stephenson

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

	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies: Audrey Middleton, Ron Lobban, Officer Judi Young, PC Anderson, Cllr Julie Bell</p> <p>2. Approval of July Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Irena and seconded by Cathy.</p> <p>3. Police Report: Received and circulated</p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report: August 2023: <u>Community Safety:</u> 5 x Home fire safety visits 2 x Operational Intelligence Visits 2 x Fire Safety in Home Talk <u>Incidents:</u> 7 x Fire Alarm/Smoke Detector Operating 2 x Fires 3 x Secondary Fires 1 x Special Service Call 1 x RTC Issue with youths in Marywell Woods setting small fires. Kirrie Fire Station crew has referred this to Angus Community Action Team to liaise with Angus Council Wardens and Police Scotland.</p> <p>5. Treasurer's Report: In bank at 30 August 2023: £2,090.69 plus £10.0 cash – Total £2200.69 FPP Fund £92.20, KCC Funds £547.71, Defib Fund £595.50, Grant £565.28, VAA Fund £300.00 Total: £2100.69 Update: Thanks to a member of the public for a £20 donation and a donation from Esk Glazing of £48.40 in payment for glass to repair the kiosk of £68.40. Thanks to KRG for purchasing the glass. Thanks to Esk Glazing's perspex donation for future repairs.</p> <p>6. Matters Arising:</p>	

<p>B25 Development Trust: Heather reported that from a requested grant figure of £10,000.00, £8,003.00 has now been received. Notice Boards will not be funded. Heather will investigate Notice Boards. Information on other grant sources has been received. Good news about the funding but Heather expressed disappointment at the delay in receiving the funds. It had been hoped to be up and running by Christmas. Now looking like May 2024, Bonfest season. Organising an App will be discussed at the next meeting, w/c 4 September.</p>	
<p>B82 Hooks' rhones problems: Cllr Proctor has not heard anything further about this issue. The issue between the owner, Mr. Cave, and Angus Council continues. It was reported at the meeting that a 10 year old boy had recently been seriously assaulted by youths in the Hooks building. Police are involved. All agreed the Hooks issue is now becoming a serious health and safety problem and urgently needs to be resolved.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>B95 Proposed Police speed checks update: No further update.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>B99 Proposed double yellow lines at Knowehead: No update.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A1 Tannage Brae: Co-ordination of repair work: Regarding the markings on the road, Cllr Proctor reports that he is advised that there is no further work planned for Tannage Brae.</p>	
<p>A3 Hedge issues: Bellies Brae & opposite St. Andrews Church: Hedges have been cut.</p>	
<p>Jeanette reported that Pete Morton is unable to attend a KCC meeting to discuss hedge issues due to a staff shortage in his department. However, he has advised that his department will include “Hedge issues” in their Roads Programme, along with fouling of the roads (soil/dirt, etc). Hopefully, this will reduce the constant emails to Pete Morton. Jeanette reported that when Pete Morton passes on hedge complaints to Gregg Prophet, Gregg visits the property or leaves a note. Action by the property is taken much quicker via this route!</p>	
<p>Discussion ensued on the hedge problem. It appears the public may still be relied upon to report hedge issues around the town. Cllr Proctor said Angus Council is limited to what they can do when private properties are involved. There have been occasions when Angus Council has eventually had to cut a hedge, resulting in the owner being billed for the work.</p>	
<p>A15 Disabled space at McLarens: Cllr Proctor suggested that the old disabled bay is transferred over to McLarens. Heather asked that the “old disabled bay” remains where it is and a new disabled bay installed. Cllr Proctor will investigate.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A16 Location details for Beechwood Place bins: Jeanette reported the bins are not yet in place. Cllr Proctor will investigate.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>Heather highlighted the “gathering” of bins in the Square, in front of the “old” Ogilvy Bar. Some of these bins are private. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A17 Lorry taking up spaces in car park update: Cllr Proctor has spoken with Graeme Daily. The lorry driver claims his usual parking space in the town is always full, thus the reason for parking in the car park. Graeme Daily did not think this was a disciplinary issue. Cllr Proctor suggested the public monitor the situation in the car park.</p>	
<p>Cllr Proctor has spoken with Gavin Balfour regarding the path into the Health Centre. Investigations have highlighted water pipes. This is being further investigated.</p>	<p>RP</p>

A18 Speed cameras request at Glamis Road: Still under investigation.

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7. Closure of Recycling Centre update: KCC is planning to send a letter of appeal to Angus Council.

8. Angus Council's CC Complaints Procedure document:

- Office Bearers are required for the Complaints Procedure Panel. Heather and Eric agreed to join the Panel.
- Discussion ensued. It appears this Procedure document/Panel is to cover complaints against Community Councils.
- It was suggested KCC should determine how many complaints are received.

9. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Julie Bell reports:

First of all, some worrying news that another local outbreak of avian flu was registered on Thursday August 24th – whilst this centres around Forfar, the protection zones come over into Kirriemuir so please follow the rules if you and your flock, either commercial or domestic fall into the zones:

https://www.angus.gov.uk/noise_neighbours_pets_and_pests/animals_and_pests/bird_flu

<https://defra.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8cb1883eda5547c6b91b5d5e6aeba90d>

I've attended another DD8 event to contribute towards its ongoing sustainability – a smaller attendance this time but valuable engagement all round.

One of the ideas was to create a crowdfunder. If anyone wishes to donate, you can do so here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/back-dd8-music-and-bonfest> Cllr George Meechan and I met with Cllr Chris Beattie (Brechin and Edzell) to see what we could do to support any transition of local museums to community groups – an update paper on community engagement around various facilities is going to Policy and Resources tomorrow (Tuesday Aug 29).

Kirriemuir resident Scott McFarlane handed over his petition about changing the name of Cumberland Close to the council Leader, Cllr Beth Whiteside, George and myself on Aug 17 – this has to go to committee and, depending on its route through that, there's a formal consultation process to follow should any change at all be considered.

I participated in a lived experience event at Angus Carers Centre on Aug 21 – this brought together people who have used services and services from all over Angus aimed at exploring what works, what doesn't and how to improve. Very valuable, especially as I have had a few occasions to raise concerns about vulnerable people.

On Aug 22, I attended Scrutiny and Audit Committee:

https://www.angus.gov.uk/committees/scrutiny_and_audit_committee/scrutiny_and_audit_committee_22_august_2023

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm and will reconvene tomorrow:

https://www.angus.gov.uk/committees/scrutiny_and_audit_committee/scrutiny_and_audit_committee_29_august_2023

The following day, I chaired the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board:

https://www.angus.gov.uk/angus_health_and_social_care_integration_joint_board_23_august_2023

I attended a special meeting of Angus Council on Aug 24, regarding Carnoustie Golf Links, which is a council-owned asset:

https://www.angus.gov.uk/committees/angus_council_special/angus_council_special_24

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Links to the recordings/live streams are included in the above.

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:

The Council has now back to full working after the summer recess and the meetings of which I am a member have resumed. I attended the Tay Cities Deal Committee of which I am a member and although there is nothing that directly effects Kirriemuir the projects which are happening in Montrose may well have a spin off effect regarding work for people in Kirriemuir, but this may be a fairly protracted period. The Communities and Scrutiny an Audit Committees did not have Kirriemuir specific agenda items however I raised the concerns with the Commander of Tayside Division of Police Scotland as to concerns of the residents of the town. Speeding in and around the town and surrounding countryside. Being one of the topics concerned. I was briefed on matters regarding police on going operations which are security caveated.

Attended a showcase of volunteer organisations which del with matters which may affect some people in the town the information was both positive and encouraging, Treasury management and other meetings concerning the financial position of the Council were also attended and the future budget settings may well be affected.

I have continued to help local members of the community with housing, social issues including land ownership over the past four months. To date I have not had any feedback on the questions that I have asked on the Community Council's behalf with the exception of the parking of the Bin Lorry which the Strategic Director feels that as there is little other parking are for the vehicle, he will let the matter rest. I would be grateful for any feedback on future parking of the bin lorry in the Reform Street, Car Park.

I have confirmed that the Bellies Brae Bushes have been cut back.

I would like to thank all the Community Councillors who braved the elements and attended the Centenary of the unveiling of the Unveiling of the War Memorial on Sunday the 27th of August.

Cllr Meechan reports:

Council has now returned from recess and is getting back into full swing. It has been a busy period with a lot of meetings and constituent issues dealt with. Meetings attended have included the following:

Full Council

IJB Audit Committee Meeting

IJB Meeting

Capital Project Management Group

Communities Committee

Angus Licensing Board

Angus Civic Licensing Committee

Tayside Valuation Joint Board

Tayside Contracts Joint Committee

Angus Integrated Joint Board

Angus Integrated Joint Board Audit Committee

Should Community Council members wish more detail on the issues discussed at the above meetings they can watch recordings of the meetings on Angus Councils YouTube channel, where they can watch all of the discussion that took place and how I voted on items. Minutes of these meeting can also be found on the Angus Council website: www.angus.gov.uk

In addition, I have attended the following meetings/presentations:

- Attended Police Scotland Drop-in Session
- Attended Civic Licensing pre-agenda via Teams.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Angus Licensing Board pre-agenda meeting via Teams • Attended Glamis Community Council Meeting <p>Updates I gave my apologies from the last meeting therefore did not take on any actions from the meeting.</p> <p>Issues from constituents included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lighting • Roads • Speeding • Housing issues, repairs, dampness etc • Conducted numerous home visits to help deal with constituent’s issues. • Legal issues • Welfare benefit issues • Council tax issues <p>10. Correspondence: Circulated over the month.</p> <p>11. Planning: Minor application reported. Eric highlighted an issue brought to his attention regarding a member of the public wishing to complain about an extension near her home. She did not receive a letter of notification regarding the extension and the extension is in progress. It was reported that “permitted development” does not require prior notification to neighbours. Cllr Proctor suggested the house owner gets in touch with the Planning Officer.</p> <p>12. AOCB:</p> <p>12.1. Eric asked if someone has a disabled bay allocated outside of their home can any disabled member of the public also use this space. Discussion ensued. Whereas in the past this allocated bay would be for the exclusive use of the applicant/house owner, the ruling today is that any disabled person can use the bay. Cllr Proctor will confirm this.</p> <p>12.2. Eric: Potholes in Hill Rise, highlighted a few months ago by Eric, are scheduled to be done on 31 August.</p> <p>12.3 Heather highlighted the recent vandalism of the Defibrillator boxes. Concern was expressed by all of the Community Councillors regarding the serious increase in vandalism in the town, e.g. Defibrillator boxes, Angle Road issue, toilets in the Den, Northmuir Phone Box, assault of young boy in Hooks, blatant shop lifting in Co-op, aggression to Co-op staff, etc.etc. All agreed that the lack of Police presence in the town is a worrying cause for concern. KCC asked for the Police's comments on the situation and their reassurance that these incidents are seriously being addressed for the safety of the people of Kirriemuir.</p> <p>12.4. Jeanette highlighted the report of rats being sighted in Hooks. Cllr Proctor advised that this recent report is currently being investigated and is now a Health & Safety issue.</p> <p>12.5. Jeanette reported the American Caravan at Maryton has been empty for months. The owner was supposed to address a wall issue but this has not been done. Cllr Meechan will investigate regarding licensing.</p> <p>12.6. Eric reported three, unlicensed, scrambler motorcycles dangerously racing around the town recently, causing concern for pedestrians. This is a Police issue. Eric will email Police.</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>POLICE</p> <p>RP</p> <p>GM</p> <p>POLICE</p>
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<p>12.7. Eric reported a motorcycle, transporting illegal substances, regularly riding around the town. This is a Police issue. Eric will email Police.</p>	<p>POLICE</p>
<p>12.8. Eric highlighted a rock sticking out of the ground on the Auchindorie Hill road, left hand side, which is causing a danger to motorists. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>12.9. Eric is suggesting speed bumps at Hill Rise. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>12.10. Cathy queried why Angus Council find it necessary to carry out training sessions for “kindness,” as posted on Facebook, 23 August 2023.</p>	
<p>12.11 Irena reports pothole repairs have been completed on the Den road. Irena reported further vandalism to the Den toilets in the last few days. Installing CCTV in toilets as a deterrent, as suggested by the Police, is against the law.</p>	
<p>12.12. Jean has been asked to raise a seriously reduced delivery of Royal Mail around the town which is causing concern to residents. No longer a six day a week delivery service and reports of “mail piling up” in the Sorting Office causing some residents to have missed appointments. Staff shortages/lack of a Kirrie Sorting Office Manager has been given as the reason.</p>	
<p>13. Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 27 September, 7 pm in Kirrie Connections Meeting Centre.</p>	