



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 28 February 2024 7 pm in Kirriemuir Fire Station

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

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr George Meechan, SFRS Officer Judi Young (part time), Police Sergeant Vicki Crichton (part time)

Heather opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the February meeting. Thanks to Judi for arranging KCC's new meeting venue at the Fire Station.

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<p>1. Apologies: Audrey Middleton, Eric Mitchell, Cerys Mitchell</p> <p>2. Approval of 31 January 2024 Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Irena and seconded by Frances.</p> <p>3. Police Report: Circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeant Crichton reviewed the Police Report. • A26 Matters Arising, Sgt Crichton asked whether KCC preferred a local Police Officer to attend meetings or just a Police presence. Heather requested a local Police Officer which would be more helpful. PC Nick McKendrick, based in Brechin, attended January's meeting. Unfortunately, he was unable to offer any feed back or answer questions because he was unaware of any of the Police business relative to KCC . Sergeant Crichton will organise a local Officer in future. Off Agenda • B82 Matters Arising, Sgt Crichton reported Hooks is still being patrolled and an area the Police will monitor. Off Agenda • A23 Matters Arising: The Police has not received any reports on the scrambler motorcycles. Some intelligence has been received and this has been noted so the Police are aware of an issue. Off Agenda • A42 Matters Arising: The Police has spoken to the Lolly Pop lady at Northmuir School who says there are no major problems with speeding traffic. The traffic gun is not catching many drivers. The Police has visited many schools in the area and asking drivers to “slow down” around school premises. • Sgt Crichton reported very successful “Drop In” sessions at the Fire Station with the Police and SFRS present. The Police thanked SFRS for allowing them to use their premises. Sgt Crichton said community involvement is the aim of the Police. <p>Heather thanked Sgt Crichton for attending and she left the meeting.</p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report: February: <u>Community Safety:</u></p>	<p>Police</p> <p>Agenda item</p>

7 x Home Fire Safety visits
4 x Operational Intelligence visits
1 x Brew with Crew – Police – Bike safety marking

Incidents:

2 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm)
3 x Smoke detector operating
4 x Secondary Fire
1 x Fire – building
1 x Fire – dwelling
2 x Road Traffic Collision

We want the public to know:

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 number of outdoor fires over the Spring season. These take firefighters 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 Crime stoppers 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 out with 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 to their local authority.

Officer Young reviewed the SFRS Report and then left the meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report:

29 February 2024: FPP Fund £92.20 KCC Fund £547.71 Defib Fund £595.50 Grant
Minus £51.92 (Grant Fund spent to 29 February: £70.00) VAA Fund £300.00 Santa Fund
£37.06 **Total £1520.55**

Irena reported a further £50 cash to be added to the above total. £20 rent paid to Kirrie Connections. £300 in and out of account re Disabled Bridge in the Den.

6. Matters Arising:

Police:

B82 Hooks, A23 scrambler motorcycles, A26 Lack of Police presence, A42 Speeding at

<p>Shielhill Road See 3. Police Report above.</p>	
<p><u>Cllr Proctor:</u> B99 Proposed double yellow lines at Knowehead: Off Agenda</p>	
<p>A25 Suggested speed bumps at Hill Rise/Return of potholes: Site visit took place on 15 February. Cllr Proctor reported it will take a long time to get this work done and he has sent an updated email to Jeanette.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A33 Road linking Glamis Road to Forfar Road – 35 houses at Beechwood: Alan Hunter, Angus Council, has replied and this has been circulated to KCC. He answered the questions but not what KCC was wanting to hear. 35 houses will be built, however, the view is that affordable houses should be built alongside the 35 houses. This is not happening. Agreed, this should be monitored and stay on the Agenda.</p>	<p>Agenda item</p>
<p>A36 Invite Angus Council CEO to KCC meeting: Cllr Proctor suggested Heather sends the invitation to the CEO.</p>	<p>HK</p>
<p>A39 Bags of rubbish near the Airlie Arms: Rubbish has been uplifted. Tenants have received a letter of warning regarding future dumping of rubbish in this area.</p>	
<p>A40 Scaffolding left on Glengate Road: Done.</p>	
<p><u>Cllr Meechan:</u> A22 Maryton caravan: Cathy reported that the wall compliance has been sorted. Cathy advised that she doesn't understand how on Companies House website (which is in the public domain) is stating that the previous owner has charges on a number of pieces of land. Cathy suggested Angus Council should look at this. Cllr Meechan reported that he understands there used to be a caravan on the site and if the caravan is using the services then it has to be inspected. The caravan is currently occupied. Discussion ensued. Agreed to stay on the Agenda.</p>	<p>Agenda item</p>
<p><u>Heather Kelly:</u> B25 Development Trust update: Heather reported a Trust AGM will take place on 18 March, 7 pm in the Old Parish Church Hall. It is hoped residents of Kirriemuir will attend and join if they have an interest in expanding the reach of Kirriemuir Development Trust (KDT). The App will be launched on 26 April between 4 pm – 8 pm and it is hoped that local shops and businesses will arrange late night shopping that evening, together with a presence in the Old Parish Church Hall to participate and showcase the App.</p>	
<p>A34 Angus Pylon Action Group: SSE Consultations taking place next month in the region, including one at Reid Hall, Forfar, on 7 March. Cathy asked the elected member for confirmation of protocol on attendance at these Consultation meetings, to avoid anyone being put in a compromising position. Cllr Proctor confirmed no comments/opinions allowed at these meetings.</p>	<p>Agenda item</p>
<p>A41 Joint Forum for Community Councillors: Forfar Community Council will advise Heather dates of these meetings.</p>	<p>HK</p>
<p><u>General:</u> A27 Phone Boxes: Jeanette reports the books are still falling down the back.</p>	<p>EM</p>
<p>A29 Donations to Santa's letters' postage: Irena reports donations have been received. Off</p>	

Agenda

A35 Bus service disruption re Bank Street closure: Angus Council pavement repairs delayed until January 2025 due to the excessive complaints received about the disruption and inconvenience a four week closure of the street would cause. Thanks to Cathy for bringing to the Community Council's attention the serious bus service disruption this closure would have caused and being instrumental in Angus Council's decision to delay the repairs.

A37 Barbers Close litter issue: Done

A38 Public Consultation outcome re Cumberland Close: Information will be sent out nearer the time. In order for KCC to put forward an opinion, as a group, there would first of all have to be a consultation with the community. All agreed to go ahead with a community consultation and set a date once the date of the Public Consultation is known.

7. Councillors Reports:

Cllr Julie Bell reports:

- Caseload is very busy and features additional support needs; housing; health; roads issues mainly
- Supporting Kirrie Connections and the other Angus Dementia Meeting Centres around funding
- Supporting a separate local charity with its funding opportunities with the Tayside Health Foundation
- Volunteering with the Kirriemuir Food Hub
- Volunteering duties at the Sustainable Kirriemuir Tattie Day at the Town Hall.

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:

February has continued to be a reasonably busy month and I have dealt with the following which have affected citizens of Kirriemuir.:-

1.Housing. I have dealt with numerous issues regarding housing in the town two of which have been ongoing for some considerable time and are still work in progress, others are fairly new. There have also been other issues with which I have assisted constituents.

2.**Roads.** There have been a number of roads issues with which I have been dealing including speeding , Road Safety, potholes road maintenance and other roads matters. I organised a meeting with the Roads Safety Officer Andrea Strachan and members of the Community Council regarding items listed on the Agenda for Hill Rise and Sheilhill road. We await the outcome from that meeting.

3.**Meetings.** I attended various meetings where some of the matter involved Kirriemuir Constituents such as Angus Alive, Veterans Champions meeting Northeast where resettlement into local areas, Enrolment into local schools, Medical Practices, Housing and Dentists were all discussed, and I passed on comments from veterans families living in the area. Families, Education and Justice (Children and Learning old speak) where Fostering, caring and Adoption of Children was discussed along with payment for the same. I attended the first part of a Carbon Literacy Training Programme where Sustainable Kirriemuir was singled out and favourably commented on as an exemplar to others.

I will be attending pre budget and budget setting meetings including a special Family Education and Justice to assist in setting the budget on Thursday.

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4.**Flooding.** I am currently assisting a constituent who is suffering from flooding issues.

5.**Agenda Items. Agenda items against my name have been dealt with.**

Cllr George Meechan reports:

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It has been a busy period with budget planning and other meetings of the council. The following is a summary my recent activity.

I have attended the following meetings (not exhaustive):-

Angus Licensing Board and Civic Licencing Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)

- Corporate Equalities Group (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Civic Licensing Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Family Education and Justice Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Angus Council Charitable Trust (one item specific to Kirriemuir)
- Full Council (Special Planning) (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Tayside Contracts Joint Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- IJB Finance catch-up meeting (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)

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

Attended Police Scotland Drop-in Session

Attended the Angus Licensing Board pre-agenda meeting via Teams

Met with the local housing manager to discuss an issue (Kirriemuir specific)

My case load continues to be a mixed bag e.g. (All specific to Kirriemuir)

- Housing issues (allocations and repairs)
- Street Lighting
- Utilities
- Welfare Benefits
- Fuel issues
- Black mould in property

I have visited Kirriemuir constituents in their own homes over the past period to discuss their issues and dealt with numerous telephone calls and emails.

8. Correspondence:

Cathy highlighted a recent Traffic Notice issued for Lindsay Street. The date was wrong and also

the location. There is little point in issuing a Notice if both the location and date is incorrect. The correct date was 23 February.

Irena highlighted a very recent road closure at Horneycross to last for three days. Cathy reported that this was an “emergency” closure due to a householder without power and a Notice had appeared on Scottish Roads Online.

Heather reported that at last the traffic lights have been dismantled at Lindsay Street.

9. AOCB

9.1. George highlighted the damaged railings at Bellies Brae which have still not been repaired. Cllr Proctor will investigate.

9.2. Irena gave a brief KRG update on the future of the Museum and also the planned disabled bridge in the Den.

9.3. Cathy reported that Stagecoach has put out a survey which will affect Angus travelling to Ninewells. Perth & Kinross will be hard hit. This is the X7 service. Stagecoach has stated that the X7 links are not being used. Cathy reported this is because the X7 is unreliable. Regarding Ninewells doing a survey, Heather is unsure whether Ninewells is aware of the X7 situation. Cathy doesn't think Kirriemuir will be affected by the changes but other Angus towns will be affected. Cathy will keep KCC posted.

9.4. Frances queried where the recent “Kirrie Tattie Week” was advertised. It was confirmed this was organised by Sustainable Kirrie and advertised on Facebook.

9.5 . Cllr Proctor thanked Cathy for all of her information regarding the possible bus disruption due to the proposed Bank Street closure. Cllr Proctor advised of an Organ Recital by Stuart Fotheringham on 1 March, 7.30 pm at Inverarity Church.

9.6 . Cllr Meechan reported the Angus Council Budget will be announced on 29 February.

9.7 .Cathy reported that the Scottish Government has announced Active Travel funds are not being spent. George has been talking to Path Network regarding Active Travel and told him about the path at Slade Gardens to the bus shelter. Path Network said they would investigate. Cathy explained that Path network is planning to “widen pathways” around the town. This doesn't seem feasible given the width of the town's narrow roads. Cathy stated it is unrealistic to commute to Dundee, for example, with Active Travel because the route needs to be “joined up” to become more realistic.

10. Planning: Minor planning applications reported.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 27 March, 7 pm in Kirrie Fire Station

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