



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 26 February 2025 7 pm in Kirrie Fire Station

Present: Eric Mitchell (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), George Aitken, Jodi Buik, Frances Havenga, Audrey Ireland, Daniel Ireland, Audrey Middleton, Cathy Stephenson

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Officer Judi Young (SFRS) part time, PC Sam Drane and PC Jenna Conboy (part time), **PUBLIC:** Ion Profeano

Eric opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. A Complaints Procedure for Community Councillors document has been circulated. All Community Councillors present acknowledged they had read the document and agreed to its contents.

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<p>1. Apologies: Irena Krasinska Lobban, Cerys Mitchell</p> <p>2. Approval of 29 January Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Eric and seconded by Jodi.</p> <p>3. Police Report: Received and circulated. PC Conboy reviewed the report. Speeding issues continue to be monitored, e.g. Lindsay Street, Cortachy Road, Shielhill Road as hot spots. School parking issues were raised. The Police is aware and plan random dates for monitoring, as well as speaking to the schools. Maryton speeding issues were highlighted again. Some reaching 60/70 mph. PC Conboy will discuss with PC Anderson with regard to implementing “wires on the road surface” at Maryton. PC Conboy will feed back updates to KCC.</p> <p>PC Conboy and PC Drane left the meeting.</p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report: February 2025: Community Safety: 4 x Home Fire Safety visits 2 x Operational Intelligence visits 6 x CPR Engagement Sessions Incidents: 1 x Fire Alarm/Smoke Detector operating 4 x Fires 1 x Secondary fire 2 x Special Service Call 2 x RTC</p> <p>The Spring Season Thematic Action Plan (TAP) runs from 16 Feb – 31 May.</p>	

<p>Key Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce fire-related anti-social behaviour and the number of deliberate primary and secondary fires. • Reduce number of outdoor fires involving grass/heather/heathland • Reduce number of fires in derelict/unoccupied buildings • Reduce number of fires involving refuse/rubbish • Increased safety of commercial and public premises/UFAS • Increased Staycation awareness • Promote water safety • Promote Lithium-ion Battery Safety <p>Officer Young reviewed the SFRS report and left the meeting.</p> <p>5. Treasurer's Report: Current balance £1626.97 plus £20 cash. Eric is investigating the role of Treasurer.</p> <p>6. Matters Arising: Cllr Proctor: A60 More bins required in the Square and regular emptying: Further site visit carried out with Angus Council. Bin will be removed near Post Office. It appears the bin at the bus stop has been moved back again.</p> <p>A68 Calming measures at Maryton: Cllr Proctor reported that new speeding regulations are planned throughout Scotland which is delaying any decision on the Maryton issue, as well as other speeding issues in Angus. There are speeding issues throughout Angus. Jodi stated there are many calming measure options available. Last year a Questionnaire was circulated to the Maryton residents for their suggestions on calming measures. These suggestions were subsequently submitted by Jeanette to Craig Hudson, Angus Council.</p> <p>It was reported that Perth & Kinross has installed “electronic speeding signs” in most towns and villages in the county..</p> <p>A71 Light out at Manse Close: This has been repaired. Broken underground cable.</p> <p>General: A67 Bottle Bank update: Maryton awaiting Bottle Bank to be re-sited. No alternative sites have been secured, unfortunately. It was reported that this problem arose due to some residents disturbing people in the middle of the night by noisily disposing of bottles in the Bottle Bank. It was reported that a young man is offering to collect and dispose of bottles in Maryton for a small charge. Off Agenda.</p> <p>A72 Defibrillator: Eric reported that all the defibrillators are operational again, thanks to an amazing response from the community to a “Go Fund Me” campaign. The defibs have lasted five years and it appears the community is seeing the benefit of having them available in the town. The current “Go Fund Me” total is £3,700. Fundraising around the town is continuing, e.g. The Newton is organising a Quiz night on Sunday, 13 April, and some of the proceeds will go to the defib at the Newton. <i>Well done!</i></p> <p>In the longer term, Cathy stated there are certain “rules” KCC should look at with regard to the defib fund and possibly consider establishing a charity. Cathy will investigate with OSCR and report back.</p>	<p>EM</p> <p>RP</p> <p>CS</p>
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7. Councillors Reports:

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:

Roads and Housing. I have continued to report on matters regarding the condition and state of some roads in our area. Housing has also taken up quite a bit my time with long on going issues one of which has had a very successful outcome.

1. Meetings_ I met with Willie Gilfillan on the Square earlier in the month and hopefully the situation regarding the waste bins in that area have been addressed satisfactorily . I have attended a number of meetings regarding budget setting for f/y 25/26. An interesting meeting regarding AI (Artificial Intelligence) took place earlier in the month and it illustrated how much it affects us now and will continue to do so in the future. A presentation on “Planet Youth” was also given to Councillors it illustrated how the varying approaches are being made to help the young people in our community deal with the daily pressures which they encounter.

2. Light at Manse Lane_The inoperable light at the junction of Reform Street/ Manse Lane has now been repaired. The fault was caused by a damaged cable which since been repaired.

3. I am however in touch with Council officers regarding the replacement gas supply to nearby houses which could deemed as unsatisfactory.

4. I have dealt with other issues as and when they have occurred.

8. Planning:

a) J&D Wilkie's Planning Application update: No further update.

b) Delson update: The applicant has declared there will not be a road all the way through the site. Cathy reported that, at this stage, there is nothing else that KCC can do to change this decision – the site is well past the stage of any “change.” Discussion ensued at length. The general consensus is that the community has been misled by the change of the Plan and ultimately let down by this decision. The lack of a road will put further, serious pressure on Morrison Street traffic and the area.

Cathy expressed a word of caution to avoid provoking an already sensitive situation. Angus Council has not replied, however, they are not obliged to answer KCC's questions. KCC's original complaint was with regard to the noise level at the beginning of the site building work. The original Plan stated that once the “last” house was built then the road would be installed. The “last” house has not been built. Cathy stated that KCC has done everything they can do as a consultee. The property is in private ownership and not Angus Council ground.

How is the community made aware of these types of decisions? It was suggested posting KCC Minutes on to Facebook. Discussion ensued. Jeanette explained that she was unable to post the KCC Minutes due to the way the Facebook page was set up, which had been set up before she took up her role as Secretary. Community Planning upload the Minutes once they receive them from Jeanette. Jeanette stated she cannot give a timescale as to when the Minutes will be placed on the Angus Council website. The issue of the Minutes and Angus Council is long standing, both for Jeanette and her predecessors.

c) Angus Pylon Action Group:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSEN has received almost 2,000 objections. KCC's objection focused on traffic. This is now awaiting a decision. Cathy will monitor. • Cathy gave an overview of the current situation. SSEN intend building the pylons by the end of March. • Everyone is welcome at the consultations. Eric will attend the 12 March, 2-7 pm, consultation at Memus. • Cathy proposed individuals need to send emails, as many as possible. Also, it is necessary to reach people who don't have access to technology. • Pylons will be 55m high. Cathy stated that we can't just focus on the height of the pylons – visual is not going to be a strong complaint. Need to change tact. • There is a Hydrogen Plant involved in the Kinross area/route. • Cathy has documents she will circulate to anyone who is planning to attend a consultation. • Cllr Proctor expressed concern regarding the height of the pylons given the adverse weather conditions the region is experiencing lately. <p>11. AOCB:</p> <p>11.1. Ion Profeano (Public) enquired about the Hooks building. Cllr Proctor offered to discuss this with him after the meeting. At the request of Mr. Profeano, Eric gave a general over view of how Kirriemuir Community Council operates for the community. Mr. Profeano offered his services with regard to producing posters, advertising publicity, etc.</p> <p>11.2. Frances complained about the condition of Manse Close. Two large black bin bags have been left in the Close and a grey bin has been left there for a long time. Cllr Proctor will investigate</p> <p>11.3. Cathy reported that it looks like the Caravan Park at Maryton will be seeking Planning permission again. Cathy will contact Cllr Meechan about this.</p> <p>11.4. Eric expressed disappointment reading Angus Council has ran up a bill of £27m of sick days absences. . Eric agreed there are genuine cases of sick leave but £27m and sounds like abuse of the system. 50,000 sick days lost. The closure of Kirriemuir Recycling Centre was also highlighted. When the closure was announced by Angus Council it was reported they would be selling the site. To date, this has not transpired. Discussion ensued. All agreed that this is unsettling news.</p> <p>12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 26 March, 7 pm in Kirrie Fire Station.</p> <p><i>Thanks to Judi for the use of the Fire Station</i></p> <p>1.3.25</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>CS</p>
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