

**West Fife & Coastal Villages Community Council Forum  
Blairhall Community Centre  
Thursday 27 June 2013**

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion Points</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Present</b>	David Lord                      Carnock/Gowkhal John Duffy                      Torryburn/Newmills Jim Hensman                      Saline/Steelend Marie Crane                      Saline/Steelend John Bonnar                      Oakley/Comrie Sgt. Elaine Duncan	
<b>In attendance</b>	Hazel Jow                      Minutes	
<b>Apologies</b>	Lynn Hoey                      Fife Council John Crane                      Saline/Steelend Ann Macdonald                      Cairneyhill Alice Callaghan                      Fife Council	
<b>Police Report</b>	<p>2 wildlife warrants have been executed for hunting deer with dogs. The post mortem showed that the deer was pregnant with twins and had been killed by dog bites.</p> <p>The speeding strips at Blairhall have shown a mean speed of 23mph.</p> <p>There are several road traffic initiatives at the moment including disqualified drivers and delivery drivers working without business insurance.</p> <p>There is a new community officer in Oakley, Gill Wilson will join John Dougan, Kirsty Orrick and Mike Harvey.</p> <p>Sgt Duncan will be leaving at the end of July and Sgt Henderson will be coming back.</p> <p>The wildlife liaison officer will be attending the forthcoming Community Engagement meetings.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding plants being stolen from the villages. Unfortunately is very difficult to catch anyone doing this. ED went on to say that Community Speed Watch will happen once they have 8 volunteers to train. They will speak to interested parties at the Community Engagement Meetings.</p>	
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Proposed by JH and seconded by JB.	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	Ref First Responders, DL has not had a chance to contact them yet.	<b>DL</b>

<p><b>Elected Members Reports</b></p>	<p>There were no council officers/elected members present.</p>	
<p><b>Community Council Feedback</b></p>	<p><u>Oakley/Comrie</u> The Community Futures group are holding a fun day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August.  The Bothy Project will be visiting the community centre during the first weekend in August. This is an arts project which will take the form of a highland bothy. Young people will have the chance to take part in arts and crafts, story telling etc.  The Community Futures group is running a 5 week summer playscheme in the community centre.  A village clean up will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.  The one way system including double yellow lines in Wardlaw Way is now out for consultation, there are 14 days to object before this is implemented.  Kingdom Credit Union has visited the community council.  Dunfermline Credit Union is not so keen to come out to the villages. JD suggested that it would be a good idea for Kingdom CU to come out to talk to the forum. DL will invite them.</p> <p><u>Torryburn/Newmills</u> The play area has not started yet. They are hoping that it will be finished by August.  Ongoing problems with the section 75 (Craigflower woods). Fife Council is not administering this properly.</p> <p><u>Saline/Steelend</u> the community council has had an invitation to visit Victoria Hospital.  The calendar launch will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.  The Saline and Steelend Community Development Trust has circulated application forms for membership throughout the parish.  There has been an obnoxious smell in the village caused by farmers spreading lime sewage slurry.</p> <p><u>Carnock</u> The council attended a site meeting at the flooded field but unfortunately they advised that there was no money to do anything about it. Ian Jones did get a drainage team out to it. Members of the community trust committee have dug a drainage channel under guidance from the council.</p>	<p><b>DL</b></p>
<p><b>Planning Issues</b></p>	<p>A planning seminar will be held in August. This is open to only one person from each community council. DL asked if the forum thinks they should go to this as one voice. JD will look at the letter again. He feels the forum should always compare notes on potential common issues.  DL led a discussion on the report in the Dunfermline Press stating that the West Fife Villages has been zoned as a prime site for wind</p>	

<b>AOB</b>	<p>farms. JC would like to know whether the forum should have a policy with regard to the erection of wind turbines in the WFV area. DL is a paid up member of Spot Fife, this is personal to him and he does not attend as a forum or community council representative. JD commented that the forum has to be objective when it comes to applications but should support individual community councils' objections, perhaps with a standard objection letter. This would apply to planning applications in general. DL will draft a letter. Objections need to be valid.</p>	<b>DL</b>
	<p>JD suggested that another option would be to employ a planner on a consultancy level. The planner would be able to do the objection letters. Unfortunately this would cost money. Alternatively Planning Aid may be able to provide a planner. DL will contact Planning Aid. All community councils need to look at the new guidelines on wind turbines.</p>	<b>DL</b>
	<p>Blair House has also been mentioned in the Dunfermline Press. Administrators want to keep it open, the time is up in March and the bond cannot be implemented before then. JB attended the liaison meeting, there is one bidder for the site but they cannot disclose who this is. The liquidators will go to court to relinquish ownership. They asked what would happen to the bond if another developer started working at the site. Angus Dodds did not have an answer to this. DL asked JB to circulate the information from this meeting to all the community councils involved and the forum. Dougie Arneill took the minutes at the meeting. JB will ask him to send the minutes out. It is important that these are distributed.</p>	<b>JB</b>
	<p>DL led a discussion on coal bed methane. He has emailed councillors, MPs and MSPs to ask if they were aware of this drilling which is already happening in Falkirk. DL explained that this drilling generates carcinogenic pollution. In DL's opinion this is more dangerous than fracking. DL proposed that he put in an objection to this on behalf of the forum.</p>	<b>DL</b>
<p>MC is still having problems with the Blair House Trust. Colin Ortlepp has now left the company so letters etc are not being done. JB advised that the contact now is Adrian Kirk, he agreed that MC could send out cheques on behalf of the trust. MC went on to say that £636 was paid out of the trust's money to insure the members. She feels that it would be an idea to wind up the trust or suspend activity rather than pay this insurance for another year. MC has concerns regarding the long term viability of the trust and is awaiting more information from Adrian Kirk. She will leave this for another week and will contact DL if she requires support from the forum. The next trustees meeting is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August.</p>		
<p>A discussion was held regarding the date of the next meeting. MC</p>		

<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>advised that she and JC would not be able to attend on this date. DL will email out to members to ask if another date would suit better. It is important that people attend as this is the AGM. HJ advised that she will be stepping down as secretary and treasurer at this time.</p> <p>Unless otherwise notified, the next meeting will be held on <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013.</b></p> <p>Dates of future meetings:-  26<sup>th</sup> September 2013  31<sup>st</sup> October 2013  28<sup>th</sup> November 2013</p> <p><b><u>All meetings will be held at 7pm in Blairhall Community Centre</u></b></p>	<p><b>DL</b></p>
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