

West Fife & Coastal Villages Community Council Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2014 at 7pm in Blairhall New Community Centre

Present: Marie Crane, John Crane, John Duffy, David Wall, Sheila Carribine, John Bonnar, Jim Hensman, David A Lord.

Attending: PS Jillian Neill.

1.0 Apologies:, Ann Macdonald, Tim Collins, Cllr Alice Callaghan, Willie Hepburn, Cllr Willie Ferguson, Cllr Kate Stewart, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Muriel Colver.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to amendments. It was noted that previous minutes had not explicitly noted that Marie Crane had been appointed as vice chair of the forum.

3.0 Matters arising:

- Wind Turbines on Council owned land – Carried forward JD. JD advised that no new updates had been posted on the Council’s website.
- Changing the signatories on the bank account – DL advised that he now had the forms to change signatories. DL agreed to prepare accounts for 2013-2014 financial year.
- Treasurer - JD to contact all of the members of the forum and ask if someone was willing to take on the position of Treasurer.
- Appointing a new secretary – **ACTION:** JD to:
 - contact Lynne Hoey to confirm if funding which had been received from Fife Council could be reallocated to cover the costs of a secretary. DW suggested that each of the local Community Councils could be asked to make a small contribution to help cover the Forum running costs.
 - Disseminate a copy of an advert for the position to members for approval.
- Amending the Forum’s constitution – carried forward. **ACTION:** JD
- Making meetings better - **ACTION:** JD to send an email to members asking for their suggestions on ways to improve meetings.

4.0 Police report: PS Jillian Neill reported:

- She had presented a report to the ward meeting.
- She was preparing a ward report and update reports for each of the Community Councils.
- The new Policing Plan would soon be launched. The Plan would focus on the themes of road safety and anti-social behaviour.
- Policing priorities had not been agreed at the Blairhall/ Saline community engagement meeting.
- She was investigating road traffic problems caused by cars parking close to schools at the start and end of the school day.
- She was looking at initiating a community speed watch programme.

SC advised that she had contacted the Police in relation to the ongoing problem in Low Valleyfield with noisy pets and had been told by the call handler that this was private rather than a police matter.

ACTION: PS JN

PS JN confirmed that the non - emergency phone number for the Police was 101.

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JB reported concerns about mud on Station/ Inzievar Road **ACTION:** PS JN

JC expressed concerns about the amount of road space which the garage in Saline had now taken over. **ACTION** PS JN

5.0 Councillor Report: None. It was agreed that the Forum would ask Councillors who submitted apologies for meetings to submit an update report to the Forum. **ACTION:** Councillors to note.

6.0 Community Councils feedback:

Oakley & Comrie CC. JB advised that:

- A planning application for 34 houses at Blairwood Terrace had been refused due to insufficient parking space.
- The new astro turf was being laid at the Community Sports Hub.

Saline & Steelend CC. JC advised that:

- Representatives from the Forestry Commission were scheduled to attend the next Community Council meeting to give a presentation on the potential of constructing log cabins in Carnock Woods.
- There was no further update in relation to Blairhouse Opencast. The next liaison group meeting was scheduled to take place on 9 May.
- Another SesPlan consultation was currently open for comment.

Low Valleyfield CC. DW advised that:

- That they had received positive support from Police Scotland in relation to the ongoing problem with a residents noisy pets.
- The work on the fence along the railway line was near completion.

Torryburn & Newmills CC. JD advised that he had been unable to attend the last Community Council meeting.

Carnock & Gowkhall CC. DL advised that:

- DL informed that he had contacted the Council's Access Officer in relation to the Carnock – Gowkhall footpath. AI had suggested that there was a need to prioritise works and muster support for the project.
- The Community Council were also interested in being involved in the String of Pearls access project which was being co-ordinated by Valleyfield Heritage Project. **ACTION:** JD to disseminate information about the project.

7.0 Planning issues: It was noted that

- 600 objections have been lodged against the wind turbine application for Blairadam.

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- A decision on the public enquiry in relation to Coal Bed Methane Extraction at Airth had been deferred until the Scottish Government and local authorities had the appropriate planning guidance in place in relation to the matter.
- It was agreed that the Forum would defer making a decision on Comrie Mains until the views of Blairhall Community Council had been sought. **ACTION:** JD to contact MC.

8.0 AOB. DL advised that he intended to attend a conference on the new Community Empowerment Bill.

ACTION: DL to contact the Council and ask if someone could give a presentation on the subject to the Forum.

9.0 Date of next meeting: 29 May 2014 at 7pm in Blairhall New Community Centre.

AGENDA – 29 May 2014 at 7pm in Blairhall New Community Centre

- 1.0 Apologies
- 2.0 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- 3.0 Matters arising
- 4.0 Police Report
- 5.0 Councillor Report
- 6.0 Community Council Feedback
- 7.0 Planning Issues
- 8.0 AOB
- 9.0 Date of next meeting