

Torryburn & Newmills Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held in Crown, Newmills on January 13, 2020

Present: Alistair McIntosh (Chair), Susan Donald (Sec), Ian Parker, Liz Dunn, Janet White, Cllr Mino Manekshaw, John Duffy.

Apologies: Mary Emery-Barker (Treasurer), John Emery Barker, Cllr Bobby Clelland.

Minutes proposed by Ian Parker, seconded by Alistair McIntosh.

Chairman commented that had not seen Councillor Kate Stewart since Witches Public Meeting.

FINANCE : £1787.85

POLICE REPORT: Nothing to report over Xmas in area. Sandy Thompson has joined Kevin Chandler as Community Police Officer.

PLANNING – None.

COUNCILLOR REPORT: Mino M. had been to Ward 1 and 2 meeting. £50,000 of Scottish Power Legacy Fund out in April. SP want to see something enduring. Chair pointed out cash in Council account gaining interest. Bidding for local projects in April 2020 by WF Villages.

JOHN D asked who had negotiated this cash. MM said Fife Council, local members not involved.

LONGANNET LEGACY LETTER: Chairman sending it out shortly asking Council to reply to all the questions he had asked - since they had failed to.

WILDFOWL: John Duffy asked MM about people with guns on display shooting wildfowl. Liz D said people out shooting at 1615 and again at 2020. Chairman repeated what he had said at last meeting which is shooters cannot remove gun from bag until they are lower than High Tide and wondered if anyone could provide evidence with photos.

JOHN DUFFY Asked why we could not get by-laws on Torry Bay local nature reserve. MM said because costs money.

JD said it is the second largest local nature reserve in Fife and wants to know a) WHO is managing it b) Why can we not get by-laws c) WHERE is management plan d) WHO is responsible because it cannot be good for people shooting geese near schoolchildren going home.

Chairman said he would get in touch with shooting organisation. Cllr MM is going to wild fowling meeting on February 17 and can ask questions. John Duffy asked who is paying for the leaflet explaining shooting rules. Ian Parker thinks Fife Council run land to path and SNH run the rest. John Duffy said I think we are being short changed here - who is running this nature reserve.

WITCHES MEMORIAL: Chairman asked the council to approve funding for a couple of members of community council to go to the witches meeting on Saturday 23rd May in Dunfermline. Agreed.

Ian Parker said our storyboard should be put up ASAP as agreed by council. John Duffy said plan for Witches Trail from Kincardine to Valleyfield and Torryburn had

got a £20,000 grant, fully funded. Liz Dunn said it was absolutely shocking that money had not been found to repair the lavatories at the local primary school.

SCHOOL LAVATORIES: After three months still no meeting arranged by council with Councillor Mino M. John Duffy asked if he had made an official complaint. No. Liz D said no locks on girls' doors or for them to place sanitary items. ACTION: Susan D to write to Chief Exec of Fife Council.

BULLYING ON SCHOOL BUSES: Parents raised this issue with the Chairman, saying some children scared to go on bus, bottles thrown at one. There are cameras on buses, so Ian P said kid or parent need to talk to driver and get PX.

POTHoles: more on main road, outside Church, why not being repaired. MM said: 50% budget goes on education 20% social services, potholes down the list.

COUNCIL TENDERING: Chairman asked if true Fife Council tendering in house? MM Head of procurement of Fife Council certainly had to find the best value for the taxpayer. Labour said it would always insource.

AOB:

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE: John Duffy: it is the year of the coast we should have a local nature reserve meeting and try to get funding to clear the bricks on the beach, clear up the beaches make it an environment education for children, encourage tourism, are we happy to get involved? ACTION: Yes. Oh

DATE OF NEXT MEETING February 10, 2020.

AGENDA:

Apologies: Susan Donald

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Finance

Police Report: Torryburn - 3 calls to the police. 1 recorded crime for theft. Enquiry is currently ongoing in relation to this incident. Newmills - 5 calls to the police. 2 recorded crimes relating to threatening behaviour and wasting police time. Persons have been charged in relation to both incidents. Planning

Councillor Report

Lavatories in Torryburn Primary School,

Longannet Legacy Money

Local Nature Reserve

Development of National Planning Framework 4. (SD asked what NPF3 had been and what it had done in last five years)

Witch memorial

Lavatories in Torryburn Primary School,

LABELS for bins

Newmills Bridge potholes shocking, Hole in wall on Shore Road, Plinth on Shore Road, Bricks on beach.

VE Day 2020, no response from School.

Date of next meeting