

**CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS AND PATTIESMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE GELLET HALL ON 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

1. **Present:** Alex Hill, Geoff Cartwright, Lesley Scott, Callum MacInnes, Sue Hamilton, Martin Mulube
2. **In Attendance:** George Hipwell, Moira Adams, Jim and Margaret Leiper, Tom Leatherland, Beryl Leatherland, Craig Lindsay, Cllr Tony Orton, Cllr Sam Steele, Ian Dall and Louise Ewing (Participation and Engagement Network)
3. **Apologies:** Lorna Wilkie, Mandy Littlewood, Kat Tebbutt, Peter Curry, Cllr Verracchia.
4. **Welcome:** Martin Mulube was welcomed as a new member of the Community Council.
5. **Minutes of the meeting of May 30<sup>th</sup> 2017.** Proposed Geoff; Seconded Lesley.
6. **Matters Arising from meeting of May 30<sup>th</sup> 2017.**
  - a) Street name signs. Not yet appeared.
  - b) Sutlery. Solomon and Rakhee Patel have moved into the flat above the shop and are working with Janice and Jimmy on a daily basis. Solicitors are meeting this week. No date for handover yet. We'll put village collection into action – letter to every household with list of addresses where donations may be dropped, and information about the collecting cans in the shops and pubs. It is unlikely that the Post Office will survive in the long term. Janice finds that her costs as Post mistress are not covered by the salary she's paid.
  - c) Lyne Burn pollution. Nothing to report. Please ask people to report any pollution in the burn or on the beaches to Scottish Water and SEPA.
  - d) War Memorial proposed project. No update from Rob or Alastair
  - e) Giant Hogweed. Lorna says 'We are waiting on confirmation from Broomhall that they will meet with us to discuss the proposal to apply for funding (as they are the main landowner it is important that we fix a date that they can make before asking the other stakeholders).' George said he was unaware of this. Cllr Sam reports that Richard Smith of Fife Council is convening a meeting of interested parties about hogweed.
  - f) Charlestown Playpark. Area committee does not meet again until September! Councillors have a Ward meeting tomorrow, but there would need to be a funding application for them to consider. Secretary will enquire about the paperwork for such an application.
  - g) Access Forum event. Beryl reported that there is to be a significant reduction in the number of access officers when Alison Irvine retires next month.
  - h) Ash Lagoons. Beryl had attended the public meeting and had made notes. She said that both Angus Robertson and Mark Ruskell had submitted parliamentary questions about the recent ash clouds.
  - i) Fracking Consultation. Beryl was concerned that the Community Council response had been essentially an endorsement of the Scottish Environment Link response. She thought we should have written our own. Secretary will forward our emailed CC response to Beryl.
7. **NHS Participation and Engagement.**
  - a) Louise Ewing and Ian Dall were welcomed to the meeting. Louise is the Patient Relations Manager. Ian has been the voice of Carers on the 'Shadow Board' in the run-up to full integration of Health and Social Care – a highly complex operation. Information about what is happening can be found on Fife Direct under Health and Social Care. There is a recognition that it is vital to listen to the voice of patients, carers, service users and families, and special interest groups, (diabetes etc). It is they, along with professionals in Health and Social Care, who will help inform and shape services now and in the future. But these people all need to know that their views and their voices matter, and they need

to know where and how they can be heard. The next meeting of the Public Engagement Network is at Lynbank at 2pm on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and find out how they can be involved.

- b) Councillor Orton hoped it would be about best service, and not least cost. Louise said Yes, one change will be that Home Care staff will work more efficiently and effectively when they are supplied with Smart Phones which will record a real time log of their interaction with clients.
- c) Moira Adams emphasised that care of an aging population has the best outcome when that care is provided in people's own homes.
- d) Secretary said that communication with the 'public' needed to be sharp and punchy. The public would respond to 'hot topics' and would probably be more interested in participating if they knew that they didn't need to make a long-term commitment.
- e) 'Patient Opinion', the on line feedback service, is now called 'Care Opinion' and is an excellent place to leave feedback, positive and negative. Louise assured the meeting that feedback posted here is valued, analysed, and used to improve services.
- f) Louise and Ian were thanked for their time before they left the meeting.

#### **8. Police Matters.** No report.

There had been Facebook traffic about a blue transit van and three women, who were on the look-out for scrap metal. Some uncertainty about their 'bona fides'.

#### **9. Focus Group – youth offending.** Secretary had publicised this research project, but had been underwhelmed by the response. Thanks to those CC members who expressed a somewhat reluctant interest.

#### **10. Broomhall Estate.**

- a) Harvest time is approaching. Take care around the big machines you may encounter.
- b) Pheasant poults have been delivered. Please keep dogs under control on the Estate.
- c) Lots of hogweed has been sprayed.
- d) Work is being carried out on overhanging trees. Please let the Estate Office know if there are trees that concern you. Email Romy [rcn@drural.co.uk](mailto:rcn@drural.co.uk)
- e) Kathleen Brewster is now based in the Forfar office and will no longer be dealing with Broomhall affairs.
- f) There has been a 'change of use' planning application for Broomhall House, so that sections of it can be used for functions.
- g) Lesley said Floral Displays Group are still waiting to hear from the Estate office that it's OK to relocate the floral boat from Pierhead Cottage to the gravel patch in the grass below the War Memorial

#### **11. Planning.**

- a) Fife Council Planning will no longer publish planning applications in the different local newspapers. Instead, all Fife applications will be published once a week in The Courier.
- b) Pattiesmuir housing application goes to West Area Planning Committee on Thursday this week at 10.30am.
- c) Mobile Phone mast. No further contact from consultants. Beryl advised that changes to Planning legislation in Scotland come into force on July 31st, which will give permitted development status to the erection of some mobile phone masts.

#### **12. Treasurer's Report.**

No transactions since May report

#### **13. Secretary's Report.**

- a) Thanks Callum for setting up a Community Council Drop Box to share documents.
- b) Secretary expressed uncertainty about the Community Council Facebook page. Although she 'Follows' and 'Likes' she doesn't see posts that other people put up, so she can't respond. Alex will look at it.

#### **14. Councillors.**

- a) Cllr Steele had been contacted by a resident about the condition of the east boundary wall of the telephone exchange.

#### **15. AOCB**

- a) Floral Boat at North Loanhead still displaying 'Cub Centenary 2016'. Maybe Elizabeth Mackenzie is the person dealing with it.
- b) The Leipers, who have relatively recently moved into Red Row, wonder what their liability would be if there were an accident on the bit of cycle track / Core Path that is in their deeds. It was suggested they refer to the web site of Scottish National Heritage. Sarah Johnston, Fife Council Access Officer, is happy for them to phone her to discuss their concerns.
- c) Beryl asked the Secretary why she had not replied to an email in which she had posed a series of questions about the Community Council's response to the airport consultation. Secretary had sent a message back by word-of-mouth, suggesting it would be easier to talk through all the queries face to face. This had not suited Beryl. Beryl had with her printed copies of the questions. Secretary took one away and undertook to provide brief responses.
- d) Craig Lindsay reported that work on tracing the stories of the men named on the War memorial is continuing, with the eventual intention to publish on a web site or in booklet form.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017. 7.30pm. Gellat Hall, Limekilns.