

**CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS AND PATTIESMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GELLET HALL, LIMEKILNS ON 28th NOVEMBER 2017**

1. **Present:** Sue Hamilton, Callum MacInnes, Lesley Scott, Alistair Campbell, Martin Mulube, Rob Thompson, Mandy Littlewood.
2. **In Attendance:** Tom Leatherland, Fiona Thompson, Cllr Orton, Cllr Steele, Cllr Verrecchia, George Hipwell,
3. **Apologies:** Alex Hill, Peter Curry, Lorna Wilkie, Geoff Cartwright, Liz Hutchins, Doreen Kempell
4. **Minutes of the meeting of October 31st 2017.** Proposed Mandy, Seconded Martin
5. **Matters Arising from meeting of October 31st 2017.**
 - a) Fence in Limekilns Park. Gap in fence has been filled with a gate.
 - b) Post Office Services. Secretary had been forwarded a letter from the Post Office to Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP explaining the Post Office's perspective on the closure of Charlestown Post Office. She will put it in the Drop Box
 - c) Bins not collected. Recent failing in blue bin collection at Sandilands and at The Cairns. Secretary would enquire whether the issue is parked cars, and whether there is a flyer that can be delivered to householders.
 - d) Dropped kerbs at The Cairns. These were very swiftly installed. Thanks to all involved.
 - e) Airport Noise Forum. Tom Leatherland reported on the most recent meeting. Members are concerned that they are not being supplied with noise information in the same way as are similar groups at Gatwick and Birmingham. Members are writing new Terms of Reference and propose that the title of the group should include the words 'independent' and 'community'. Any actions that are proposed or taken will require agreement of all community representatives.
 - f) Merryhill Bridge parapet. Network Rail refusing to modify the height of the parapet.
 - g) Festive Season Buses on 26th Dec and 2nd January. Lorna had made a request. Secretary could find no information on the Stagecoach web site. Lesley reiterated that there have not been buses on these dates for many years.
 - h) Path over the Bell Hills. The major works that are ongoing to widen the path from Douglas Bank through to Easter Gellet are because it is part of the route for the new Fife Pilgrim Way. Thank you pilgrims!
 - i) Charlestown Playpark. Martin had met with Clair Lovett. She and Alistair Mutch (Locality Manager) are going to prepare a business plan to address the needs of all playparks across West Fife. (Charlestown is currently deemed to be 12th in line for attention!). A Charlestown project could be included either as £10,000 for replacing the swings, or £50,000 to do a bigger project. Both would require an element of matched funding to be raised. Members voted for the smaller project, with a view that something bigger might be considered at a future date following full consultation with parents, children, and local residents. (Fife Environment Trust currently has funds available.)
 - j) Red Row sign. Mike Cameron has reinstalled it.
 - k) Secretary updated the list of 'What the Community Council is doing / has done', circulated it to members and placed it in the Drop Box.
6. **Police.** No report from the police and no issues raised by residents
7. **War memorial.**

- a) Thanks to all who supported Rob and Alistair in laying drains and moving and laying gravel.
- b) Invoice for £396 (including VAT) handed to Treasurer.
- c) Drainage has yet to be tested by heavy rainfall.
- d) West Fife Rotary have offered to provide funding for the completion of the work.
- e) Discussions are ongoing with the Lime Centre with a view to fixing the coping stones on the wall surrounding the site.

8. Broomhall Estate.

- a) Continue to chase Galliford Try/ CTIL for Tele mast update but no correspondence to date. Cllrs Orton and Steele have also made contact to no apparent avail.
- b) Paperwork for Limekilns Heritage Trust still ongoing.

9. Community Engagement: Community Action Plan.

- a) Martin presented an initial draft of his 'Community Action Plan' bringing together existing survey responses, and proposals for engaging with all local groups across a number of themes.
- b) A working group would be required to take this forward with a view to a wider public consultation and engagement across the community later in 2018.

10. Treasurer's Report.

- a) New signatory mandates are being arranged.
- b) Cheques signed for War memorial (£396), Secretary's expenses (£75) and Church hall rental (£32), APRS (£30)

11. Secretary's Paper on Planning History and Associated organisations

She has written an account of the Community Council's involvement in various major planning issues and the history of our membership of different organisations, and the reasons for the separate Residents for Responsible Development bank account. It is in the Drop Box. Members felt that decisions about subscribing to other organisations be left until more work had been done on an action plan.

12. Secretary's Report.

- a) Fife Access Forum. Meeting agreed to nominate Beryl Leatherland to serve as community representative on the Forum.
- b) Community Council Research workshop last Thursday attended by Treasurer and Secretary. This is one of a number of workshops held in anticipation of a major survey of Community Councils and what they do.
- c) Zero waste litter prevention initiative. Secretary had been contacted by someone from 'Zero Waste Scotland' seeking to get organisations to comit to a litter action plan. Secretary will place the material in the Drop Box.
- d) Secretary receives regular correspondence from Fife health services' 'Participatory and Engagement Network'. A recent one had asked for views on a new leaflet called 'Where to go for Help and Advice'. She had suggested they start again!
- e) Fife Health and Social Care Partnership new web site is to tell us how everying is working. Go to www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org
- f) People are invited to attend 'Community Led Support' workshops to look at a new model of delivering care. Rob Thompson volunteered to attend one.
- g) Reporter from the Courier had contacted the Secretary about the proposal to establish a service bus hub in High Valleyfield to better serve the West Fife Villages. It seemed she was also on the lookout for matters of community controversy!
- h) Secretary had reported to Amey that the eastbound variable sign does not appear to be working.

13. Councillors.

- a) High School Catchment Areas. Cllr Steele confirmed that for the current p7 cohort, they are still Woodmill catchment. The re-zoning to Dunfermline High, if it goes ahead would have an implementation date of August 2019.
- b) There is currently funding available from the Fife Environment Trust - please see www.fifedirect.org.uk/fet. Cllr Steele is ascertaining the criteria for applications.
- c) Nurdles. Jo McFarlane has been invited to the Scottish Parliament on the 13th December as part of the #CleanBeachesScotland event, held in conjunction with the Marine Conservation Society. She will be taking a huge jar of nurdles gathered on Limekilns beach plus info and photos for a presentation to raise awareness of this important issue. Limekilns beach is very contaminated, most likely due to its proximity to Grangemouth. We can usually collect approximately 850 per hr! The depth these lentil-sized pieces of plastic are embedded into the bank and the huge amounts over a small stretch of beach, show the extent of the problem.
- d) IJB/Health and Social Care Partnership Board. Cllr Steele spoke about the attempts of the board to implement higher charges at the last meeting as part of their financial recovery plan, including the £15 flat rate travel charge for people accessing services such as day care, as well as increases in Meals on Wheels charges. These would come out of the council budget and were therefore referred back to Council and the Finance and Performance Committee.
- e) Cllr Orton asked if it might be useful to invite key officers such as Ian Jones and John McQueen to a meeting about unresolved local issues, as had been arranged in Rosyth. No, not a need here. We seem to be successful in following up issues ourselves.

14. AOCB

- a) Secretary had received notice of the Fife Allotment Review. This relates to allotments on sites owned by Fife Council.
- b) Secretary had been asked if there might be a pedestrian crossing on the Prom to allow access to shops and cafes from the Pier car park. Meeting thought that residents would be unlikely to want Belisha beacons flashing all night. Furthermore, for site line reasons, such a crossing would need to be some distance away from the pier entrance, thus making it less likely to be used.
- c) Rob Thompson will contact Inner Forth Landscape Initiative people about what is happening with the stone markers for Limekilns Pier.
- d) Huge amount of seaweed on the beaches is likely to be seasonal, rather than related to the gabion work at Capernaum Pier.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th January 2018. 7.30pm. Gellet Hall.