

**CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS AND PATTIESMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE GELLET HALL ON 30th MAY 2017**

1. **Present:** Alex Hill, Lorna Wilkie, Lesley Scott, Kat Tebbutt, Callum MacInnes, Sue Hamilton, Rob Thompson,
2. **In Attendance:** Alastair Campbell, Jo McFarlane, Moira Adams (resident and member of Fife Health Board), Clair Lovett (Fife Council), Cllr Tony Orton, Cllr Sam Steele
3. **Apologies:** Geoff Cartwright, Mandy Littlewood, Peter Curry, Tommy Cuthbert, George Hipwell Cllr Verracchia
4. **Minutes of the meeting of April 25th 2017.** Proposed Alex; Seconded Lesley.
5. **Matters Arising from meeting of April 25th 2017.**
 - a) Street name signs. Sheila Hutton had organised a sign for Pan Knowe. Fife Council have agreed to signs for Church Place and Halketts Hall.
 - b) Sutlery. Ongoing.
 - c) Lyne Burn pollution. At last, Ian Lawson from Scottish Water has taken the full walk along the burn and clean up has taken place.
 - d) War Memorial proposed project. Alastair Campbell is on the case. Application for funding is unlikely to be necessary at this stage.
 - e) Green burial site. Sadly, Neil Lyndon has been unable to secure agreements with the various parties to progress the project at Douglas Bank.
 - f) 3P Campaign – Jo McFarlane thanked the CC for the funding, which will cover the purchase of stickers. The campaign was launched this morning at the school. Mandy and Sue attended on behalf of the Community Council. Informative presentations to the older children were made by Scottish Water and the Marine Conservation Society. Jo then explained that the campaign was to aim to make all households in the area take the 3P pledge, (to flush nothing down the loo except Pee Poo and toilet Paper). To assist with the publicity, the children were challenged to enter a competition to design a poster for the campaign.
 - g) Giant Hogweed. Many thanks to Broomall Estate who have done lots of spraying. The people who had come forward and who work for the Forestry Commission have identified the Woodland Grant Scheme as a source of funding for an eradication project. This would involve co-operation of all local landowners, who would be asked to pay for the chemicals. Volunteers would be trained and protective equipment funded. It is proposed that this would be an ongoing project starting in April 2018.
 - h) Mobile Phone mast. The agents for O2 are reconsidering other suitable sites that they had identified within the villages.
 - i) Resurfacing works at the Roundalls had been completed, though white lines still to be reinstated.
 - j) Charlestown Pharmacy is again fully staffed, so no more unexpected closures.
6. **Police Matters**

No report. Cllr Orton had been briefed about local policing by Sergeant Hood.
7. **Charlestown playpark.**
 - a) Clair Lovett from Fife Council was in attendance. Local Area committee not yet ready to consider funding allocations. Councillors Orton and Steele said they would ensure that they would emphasise the need for funding of replacement swings. There was a general view that it is really only the missing swings which detract from the play experience
 - b) Clair said that part of her job is to help community groups to access funding for play equipment. If it was felt that a more comprehensive upgrade was required, she would liaise with Deborah who would canvass opinion among toddler parents as to what would be desirable. Clair said that a community project works well when there is a dedicated group who work as a sub-committee of the Community Council. Councillor Steele observed that Fife has a commitment to ensure that any new equipment is 'inclusive'.

8. Treasurer's Report.

No change since the AGM report!

9. Fracking Consultation ends tomorrow.

Meeting agreed that Secretary should send a letter objecting to all on shore exploitation of oil and gas, and endorsing Scottish Environment Link's comprehensively argued objection.

10. Parking Consultation ends at the end of June

All those present agree that parking on pavements should never be such as to restrict passage of wheel chairs and push chairs, or their access to dropped kerbs. However, we have to recognize that, without parking on pavements in Limekilns, there are places where normal traffic could not pass. Secretary will circulate a draft response to that effect.

11. Secretary's Report

- a) Secretary has received a commitment from Transport Scotland that the kerbs at the junction will be repainted.
- b) Secretary receives umpteen communications from Fife Health and Social Care 'Partnership and Engagement Network', but has given up on circulating them further because she doesn't believe the format is right for attracting the participation which they obviously hope for. Moira would speak to the appropriate people.

12. Councillors.

- a) Councillors Orton and Steele formally introduced themselves and said that they intended to attend all our Community Council meetings.
- b) Tony Orton had received a briefing from Stirling Developments.
- c) The meeting agreed that we should retain links with West Fife Villages CC Forum, for the purpose of dealing with pan-area issues. Rob alluded to a future devolved budget to community councils to provide local services.
- d) The Councillors explained to the meeting about the PKD festival on 15th July. This is a charity event, but the organisers are offering a free stall each for Community Councils to promote what they do. Although it was suggested that we could promote our Gala, on second thoughts it was deemed to be not such a good idea, since everything at our Gala is free for villagers as the result of local fund raising. We're not really trying to attract crowds from elsewhere.

13. AOCB

- a) River Festival. All set to sail on 10th and 11th June. Still looking for more entrants to the Raft Race.
- b) We should look for cross-publicity opportunities with Rosyth CC now we are in the same Ward.
- c) Ash lagoons. Rob had attended the very well-attended meeting of residents concerned at the recent drying out and blowing about of ash. Those attending had been angered and frustrated by the apparently casual and unhelpful responses of personnel from Scottish Power, SEPA, and NHS Fife. Moira will follow up with Margaret Hannah from NHS Fife.
- d) Tony Orton observed that there seems to be a minor problem with the taps in the loos at Charlestown. Alex will speak to Duncan Brown. Secretary has name of Fife Council person who is currently head of public loos.
- e) Fife Access Forum public information meeting. Fife House, 13th June 7 – 9pm

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 27th June 2017. 7.30pm. Gellet Hall, Limekilns.