

**CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS AND PATTIESMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT PATTIESMUIR, ON 25th SEPTEMBER 2018**

1. **Present:** Sue Hamilton, Callum MacInnes, Peter Curry, Martin Mulube, Rob Thompson, Alex Hill, Lesley Scott, Liz Hutchings
2. **In Attendance:** Fiona Philp, Don Briggs, Andrew Aldous, Jim Leiper, Craig Lindsay, Fiona Thompson, Malcolm Hamilton, Martin John Callanan, (and from 9pm, Andrew Mitchell, Stephen Ching)
3. **Apologies:** Geoff Cartwright, Mandy Littlewood, Lorna Wilkie, Jo McFarlane, Cllr Steele, Cllr Verrecchia, Tom Leatherland,
4. **Minutes of the meeting of August 28th 2018.** Approval of the minutes was Proposed by Peter, Seconded by Rob
5. **Matters Arising from meeting of August 28th 2018**
 - a) Charlestown Playpark. New swings are being installed 'as we speak'. Hurrah! The inclusive basket swing at Limekilns has been replaced with a brand new one.
 - b) Variable signs A985. Peter had observed that the west-bound sign had been illuminated at 2am, when there was no traffic moving other than his own vehicle. Secretary will ask Amey for details of the rationale behind the upgraded system.
 - c) War memorial path works. More stone has been delivered to the site. Rob will recruit a squad
 - d) Inner Forth Landscape Initiative. The installation of 'totems', 'beacons' and granite setts has yet to begin.
 - e) Airport Noise Forum. Tom Leatherland reports that there is still a lot of obfuscation in communication by Edinburgh Airport Ltd with the Noise Forum, which represents the voice of communities.
6. **Police.** Police have written to say that, rather than providing reports for each Community Council, they are planning to send out a generic letter each month for the whole West Fife Police Area.
7. **Record of a decision taken outwith the meeting cycle – CLP Nature Group**
 - a) Jo and the Group are organising a 'Plastics Awareness Week' from 20th – 27th October. Funding for the various elements of this venture is being applied for. This includes printing costs and the hire of the film 'Plastic Ocean' to be shown in Limekilns Church at 7.15pm on 24th October. Because of the timing of funding awards and the deadline for booking the film, Community Council members agreed, in an email exchange, to make a grant of £150 to the Nature Group and make a bridging loan of £450 to cover the timing gap for the funding of other costs.
 - b) Jo has sent her apologies for tonight's meeting, but thanks the Community Council for this support.
 - c) There will be a leaflet drop of flyers for all village households
 - d) During the recent beach clean, a huge amount of plastics of all shapes and sizes were found on our beaches. We had a seal on Red Row this week, an amazing reminder that there's wildlife out there now that needs us to take action.
 - e) Jo is not blowing her own trumpet, but we understand that she has been nominated in the Business Category for the Nature of Scotland Awards. Congratulations, Jo.
8. **Community Council Elections.**
 - a) Ten valid nominations were received.
 - b) An election will not be necessary

- c) The 'elected' members are Andrew Aldous, Martin John Callanan, Geoff Cartwright, Sue Hamilton, Mandy Littlewood, Callum MacInnes, Martin Mulube, Fiona Philp, Rob Thompson, Lesley Scott. Congratulations all. The inaugural meeting will be on 30th October.

9. Broomhall Estate.

- a) Charlie Reid Thomas has departed for 'pastures new' (teaching). Lorna Stewart is now working with George and Gillian. Lorna and Gillian will both be in the Broomhall (Brickworks) office on Mondays and Fridays and George will be there on Mondays.
- b) Fly-tipping. No culprits identified thus far. Cameras and signs installed at various locations.
- c) Red Row. The eroded cement parapet has yet to be repaired. Gillian will inspect.
- d) A regular inspection of the state of the sea wall was agreed to be a good idea.
- e) Pile of stones at Soapworks has been supplied for community labour to fill potholes.
- f) Potholes at Red Row. Responsibility has to be shared with frontagers.
- g) Cross Row potholes are such that pedestrians find difficulty in navigating a path between them.
Gillian noted.
- h) Trees at Double Row. Tree Officer at Fife Council has been contacted about planned work on the trees. Road access will be restricted for several days. Residents will be informed.

10. Feedback on Complaint received.

- a) Martin gave a lengthy report on his investigation into the various elements of the complaint received. There was discussion of a number of points raised.
- b) A resume of the written report will be published when wording has been agreed.

11. Treasurer's Report.

- a) Cheques for Nature Conservation Group as specified in item 7(a) above.
- b) Cheque for APRS membership.

12. Secretary's Report.

- a) Scam mail. Letter from Royal Mail asking us to look out for suspect mailings received by vulnerable individuals.
- b) Beacon Ceremony MOD Caledonia 11th. The organisers of this event have invited four members of the Community Council to attend. Please let the Secretary know if you want to go.
- c) Adopt a Street. This scheme has been withdrawn following negative publicity. Sam Burton does a regular litter pick between Charlestown and Merryhill. She would be delighted to share it with someone. Maybe the school could adopt Limekilns Park?

13. Fife Council Education Committee Catchment Area

- a) At its meeting on 18th September, the Education Committee voted on the proposals for new catchment areas.
- b) Councillors were thanked for supporting the cause of Limekilns pupils, despite other pressures in the Ward.
- c) Limekilns will be rezoned to Dunfermline High.
- d) If siblings wish to stay together they will have to appeal through the normal placing process.
- e) Buses will be provided for all pupils, whether they are at Woodmill or Dunfermline High.

14. Scout Hall redevelopment proposal

- a) Andrew Mitchell and Stephen Ching presented well-developed proposals for a substantial extension to the Scout premises to incorporate an RYA-approved Sailing Centre.

- b) They were congratulated on their ambition and their presentation, and their inclusion of young group members in developing the project
- c) A number of questions were raised concerning vehicle access and parking. There is much work ahead.

15. AOCB

- a) Beautiful Fife Awards. Well done the villages and the Floral Display Group in achieving renewed success. Both villages retained their Gold Awards this year. Limekilns was awarded the Best Small Village Award

Date of Next Meeting: (Inaugural Meeting of the new Community Council.) Tues 30th October 2018 7.30pm: Gellet Hall.