

**CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS AND PATTIESMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE GELLET HALL, FOLLOWING THE INAUGURAL  
MEETING ON 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

1. **Present:** Sue Hamilton, Callum MacInnes, Martin Mulube, Rob Thompson, Lesley Scott, Fiona Philp, Geoff Cartwright, Mandy Littlewood, Martin John Callanan, Andrew Aldous,(from 8.30)
2. **In Attendance:** Cllrs Orton, Steele, and Verrecchia, Alex Hill, Gillian Ferguson and Lorna Stewart (both Broomhall Estate) Don Briggs, Paul Byford, Tom Leatherland, Craig Lindsay, (and from 9pm Malcolm Hamilton, Karen Grant,
3. **Apologies:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2018.** Approval of the minutes was Proposed by Lesley, Seconded by Rob
5. **Matters Arising from meeting of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**
  - a) Charlestown Playpark. New swings are brilliant. Secretary has thanked everyone involved.
  - b) War memorial path works. Rob will rally a squad this week.
  - c) Complaint process. Martin had sent a response to the complainant and Fife Council.
  - d) Airport Noise Forum. Just yesterday, the Civil Aviation authority had refused to approve the Airport's proposed new flight paths. Late last evening, there was an adjournment debate on Edinburgh's flight path proposals in the House of Commons.
6. **Police.** Police have yet to produce their first monthly letter. Councillors are also frustrated by the lack of contact.
7. **Record of a decision taken outwith the meeting cycle.**
  - a) 81<sup>st</sup> Fife Scout group are organising a 'Battle's Over' Beacon Event at Limekilns Pier on November 11<sup>th</sup>. (This is part of the nationwide beacon event to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice). Babcock apprentices have fabricated the beacon basket which needs to sit atop a massive wooden pole.
  - b) In e-mail exchanges, there was agreement that the Community Council would award a grant for the beacon as a community asset of up to 50% of the cost of the pole up to a maximum of £150, in line with existing policy and awards. The pole does not need planning permission as long as it is not in place for more than 28 days. Gillian thought the Estate could offer storage space when it is not in use.
  - c) Andrew Mitchell is co-ordinating the proceedings, which start with a gathering in the church at 5.45pm, when there will be a number of presentations involving the school and youth organisations. Proceed to The Pier. Last Post at 6.55pm, followed by the lighting of the beacon. Scouts will carry out a Risk Assessment
8. **Broomhall Estate..**
  - a) Red Row. The eroded cement parapet has yet to be repaired. Gillian will inspect.
  - b) Cross Row potholes will be looked at. MJC said residents had taken interim action to ensure the safety of elderly neighbours.
  - c) Pattiesmuir unmade road is a continuing issue
  - d) Trees at Double Row. Appropriate permission still being sought from Fife Council.
  - e) The plywood 'door' in the wall opposite The Wellheads is disintegrating and is becoming very unsightly.
  - f) Driven grouse shoots have started and will be happening on most Fridays until the end of January. Walked up shoots may be happening on other days.
  - g) The Community Council is invited to visit the new Estate Office at the Brickworks. Office is open until 5pm Monday and Friday.

## **9. Inner Forth Landscape Initiative legacy**

- a) IFLI is now called Inner Forth Futures
- b) The various design features have been installed on the Pier. There is some concern that the quality of the final installations is not of a sufficient standard and undermines the concept. Comments made included: 'What is it?' 'Is it finished?' It's 'awful'. 'The information insets have blown away'. 'You can't read the writing on the slabs'. 'The slabs constitute a trip hazard'. 'Are the upright things not in the way of activities on the grass area?' How does the grass get mown?'
- c) The memorial benches have all been reset with granite setts in front of each.
- d) Secretary has been in regular contact with Sue Walker of IFF to address all the shortcomings.
- e) There is a spare Fife Council 'Enviropol' bench looking for a new home. CC members had agreed that it would be good to have a bench at Charlestown Harbour. Gillian reported that the Estate did not think this a good idea (apparently because the harbour is a listed structure).
- f) There needs to be serious consideration as to the plans for the ground in front of the restored kilns in Charlestown. Proper landscaping and maintenance is essential.

## **10. CLP Conservation Group**

- a) Full report appended to these minutes
- b) Plastic Ocean film showing was a real success with 90 people attending.
- c) Thanks to Community Council for £150 donation and £450 loan towards this event. Awaiting the outcome of two grant applications to repay this.
- d) Excellent turn-out to Sunday's beach clean. Encouraging to have the help of two high school pupils.

## **11. Treasurer's Report.**

- a) No movement of funds to report.
- b) Need to pay rent to College.

## **12. Secretary's Report.**

- a) Main Street. Those who live and work in the Main Street are concerned about traffic ignoring the one-way system. Secretary has been in touch with Scott Blyth (Traffic Management) to enquire if there could be additional signage. The matter was discussed at some length and it was observed that there is already clear and signage at both ends, and that additional signage is unlikely to add anything which a driver would take note of if they weren't observing what is currently there. It was observed that the 'No entry' sign on the carriageway is often partly concealed by parked cars. Rob Thompson volunteered to speak to Lesley at the Kilns and to Bill McKissock to ask them to monitor the extent of the problem.
- b) The family of Sylvia McLaren wish a new location for the plaque in their mother's memory, which was attached to the old noticeboard at the Church.

## **13. Councillors**

- a) Councillors Sam Steele, Andrew Verrecchia, and Tony Orton introduced themselves as the elected Councillors for Rosyth Ward.
- b) There will be a reduced brown bin collection between December and February.
- c) There is still discussion as to whether an Out of Hours services will be retained at Queen Margaret.

## **14. AOCB**

- a) A Dementia support group is starting in the Gellat Hall on alternate Thursdays.
- b) The Church is encouraging people to participate in the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' project to support the Food Bank during November.
- c) A Pitliver resident asks for help with her Broadband issue. Not for us to take it on.
- d) Remembrance Wreath. Andrew is collecting the CC wreath from the poppy factory. We need a volunteer to lay the wreath at the War memorial.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tues 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 7.30pm: Gellat Hall.

CLP Nature Conservation Group Update October 2018 –

Huge thanks to the Community Council for their donation of 150 to the CLP Nature Conservation Group as well as the loan of 450 to cover the costs of the event, promotion and literature as follows:

293.89 for screening licences  
250 for literature – Top 10 list, ID sheet, Film posters, CLP Newsletter promoting events  
50 donation to the church for helping set up the event, the screen, technology, sound, drinks  
(6.11 left over).

1. The film evening was a success with just under 90 people watching the film (including policymakers), meet our stallholders and hear our speakers and receive a Top 10 list of ideas to move away from single use plastic.
2. The event was delivered in partnership with Plastic Free Dunfermline (James Daw).
3. The majority of attendees and volunteers were from the villages of Charlestown, Limekilns and Pattiesmuir.
4. The total fundraising from ticket sales and cake donations = 289.05.
5. Therefore we currently owe Community Council 154.84 which we will fundraise to return in the new year. Awaiting 2 grants totalling 600 also applied for by our treasurer Martin Mulube.

**Result of film?**

1. All households, where possible, in Charlestown, Limekilns, Pattiesmuir (and Pitlever) are now aware of the CLP Nature Conservation Group, Plastic Free Dunfermline and contact details. They were made aware of the film event, the state of our local beaches and litter and the beach clean on Sunday. They were also given an ID sheet for all the wildlife we find on the beaches here. (Please note if someone has not received one to let us know).
2. Many of the volunteers (34 including leaders) at the beach clean this Sunday had seen the film. Clearly motivated, they cleared about half a tonne of mainly plastic related items from 2 beaches. It was tough work and everyone was very shocked by the amount. Looked amazing afterwards though!
3. Many people who have attended the film have emailed to say they are making changes to their daily lives regarding plastic as a result of the film and have joined the Plastic Free Dunfermline Facebook page and CLP Nature Conservation Group page to get ideas and find out how they can take action.
4. Limekilns Primary and Nursery school staff attended and are looking at single use plastics in the school with the children over the next few weeks and will be showing the condensed version of the film to classes under our screening licence. They have also registered as a Plastic Free School under Surfers Against Sewage.

On 13<sup>th</sup> December Fife Council are meeting for a full council meeting where 3 motions will be proposed by David Barratt from the Environment Committee. This is regarding Fife Council's commitment to eliminating single use plastics across its' own operations. If Fife Council pass these motions - and we ask cross party support for this -, then CLP has the opportunity to become the first community in Scotland to achieve SAS Plastic Free Community Status. If this were to happen, we would need to work with more businesses across the villages and the wider community to show we are truly working, as a whole community, to eliminate single use plastics. This would begin in the New Year before we can announce this and the press descend to check our credentials. We would ask Community Council to show a voice of support for the initiative in any press announcements that may come and also to promote what we are doing on the Community Council Facebook page when the time comes.