

CHARLESTOWN, LIMKEKILNS AND PATTIESMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
26TH NOVEMBER 202. 7pm. GELLET HALL

1. Welcome and Introductions

Geoff Cartwright, Sue Hamilton, Peter Hutchings, Cllr Brian Goodall, Lesley Scott, Jo McFarlane, Cllr Andy Jackson
Alex Lodge, Lesanne Drummond, Malcolm Hamilton, Tom and Beryl Leatherland, Craig Lindsay, Claire Hurst, Ina Drummond, Carol Williams

2. Apologies

Mandy Littlewood, Paul Byford, Moira Adams, David Blyth

3. Approval of previous meetings minutes. Geoff Cartwright and Tom Leatherland

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting/On going points of discussion

- a. Still waiting to hear about the double yellow lines at Prom between carpark and the bus stop. Brian will find out who is covering it.
- b. The Police report that parking of vehicles at the junction of Sandilands is not illegal. A suggestion of double yellow lines might be a possibility or making the road system into a one way.
- c. Toilet Signage: Pier car park sign is up. Still waiting to hear what options might be. The cycle track pole could be an option.
- d. Harbour: The barriers and rubbish are still there. Jo will approach the situation from the environmental route and will contact Tess direct.

5. Correspondence: none to report

6. Broomhall: no report

7. Community Police Report

Assorted crimes, 57 road traffic incidents, 72 concern for person, Incidents of Note:

1. Offensive Weapon: Arrest made in Oakley for threatening behaviour and possession of an offensive weapon.
2. Road Traffic: 25 charges issued, including speeding, driving without a license, no insurance, and drink driving.
3. Housebreaking: Two non-dwelling break-ins reported in Saline; residents advised to enhance property security.
2. Calls to Police (23 Oct - 22 Nov):
 1. Total: 300 calls
 2. Breakdown: 64 rep57 anti-social behaviour.
3. Ongoing Issues:
 1. Off-Road Bikes/Quads: Persistent problem in Oakley, Low Valleyfield, and nearby ash lagoons. High-visibility patrols ongoing.
 2. Anti-Social Behavior ("Chap Door Run"): Youth disturbances in High Valleyfield, Newmills, and Culross. Police engaging with residents for reassurance.

8. Councillors:

1. The street lamp in Charles Way is being replaced.
2. The leaves on the streets in Charlestown were dealt with speedily.
3. With the lack of Winter Fuel payments people are advised to apply for Pension credit. There is an online benefit checker. Or contact Citizen Rights Fife (0345 1400 095 (general advice) or 0345 1400 094 (Money advice) www.cabfife.org.uk. People asked to be aware of anyone they know who are not on line and need help and advice to access this service.

9: Treasurers Report: None

10. Planning Matters:

- a. Fife Council have asked Stirling Developments for extra time (currently until 20th December) They have concerns over a) the settings of existing houses and farm buildings. B) surface flooding risks- particularly in view of Climate change.
- b. The Planning application for potentially 10 Saltpans on the Ballast Bank was discussed with the proposer Robert Wright, whose family live in Charlestown, explaining the development and answering questions from local residents and the floor in general.

11. Community Projects and Events:

- a. War memorial - Reconvene in the New Year. At the next meeting in January to have more concrete information as to the way forward with the project.
- b. We should also acknowledge all people of notoriety who are associated with this area. i.e. Robert Louis Stevenson. Craig Lindsay was thanked for his work with the ongoing projects.

12. Environmental Issues and up-dates/ CLP Nature Group

- a. Stirling Developments - Jo is having a meeting with them in the New Year.
- b. Film 'Why not Scotland': Thanks for all those who turned up and made donations.
- c. Nature of Scotland Award: Thank you to all who voted for us.
- d. Thanks to Jo McFarlane for her dedicated work.
- e. UPDATE: CLP NATURE ACTION WON THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE AWARD AT THE NATURE OF SCOTLAND AWARDS ON 28th NOVEMBER
CONGRATULATIONS!

13. Any Other business

- a. Reports of night-time drone flying over the Waulkmill area. Incidents to be reported to the Police. (Dialling 101 for the Police is free.
- b. Malcolm Hamilton spoke of the possibility of twinning Charlestown, Limekilns and Pattiesmuir with a town of similar environmental and social aspects in rural France. The name is Gensac in the Dordogne. Twinning with another town opens up possibilities for folk but especially the younger generation. Also business opportunities, sports etc. Gives folk the opportunity to visit the community and also on exchange programme. Still to contact the school. Community Council members responded positively and a note will be put in the next Village Link to invite interest. Thanks to Malcolm for his presentation.
- c. Notice Board: Lesley suggested that another Notice Board might be erected at the top of the Village near to the school / Bus Stop, as many folk would perhaps not venture down as far as the boards that are already situated in Limekilns and Charlestown.
- d. Alex Lodge will be helping with the village web site, including the Community Council, Agendas Village Link, Scouts, Pier.

- e. Airport Consultation: Edinburgh airport action plan is open until the end of January. Perhaps get someone to come from the airport to do a talk at the Community Council meeting. The airport does not want to turn airlines away. We do not measure the noise levels here, but Dalgety Bay has done so this year. Thanks to Tom Leatherland for his work regarding the airport.

As a Community Council we have done well this year. We will run another survey in the New Year. Thanks to all those who have given time this year.

**Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 28th January 2025 7 p.m Queens Hall
Charlestown**

Note: Community members are encouraged to participate and share their views during the Public Participation section. Please submit any topics to the Community Council secretary