

CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS & PATTISMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

7 PM TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2025

Present: Geoff Cartwright, Sue Hamilton, Lesley Scott, Jane Kilgour, Peter Hutchings, Alex Lodge, Lesley Laird, Tess Gibson, Malcolm Hamilton, Tom Leatherland, Cllr Brian Goodall, Cllr Andy Jackson. Karen Grant

2. **Apologies:** Jo McFarlane, Paul Byford, Mandy Littlewood, Moira Adams, Craig Lindsay.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved:** Geoff Cartwright and Tom Leatherland

4. **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

- a. Playpark: Peter Wilson's report: An application made to the Coastal Communities Fund was not successful as we didn't meet their criteria. We are to be presented with a donation by Dunfermline Round Table (amount unknown) at their Big Charity Giveaway Event on Thursday 27th. Other fundraising events lined up are; Scarecrow Competition on the 25th to 27th April (REGISTER NOW). Baby and Toddler Group Coffee Morning on the 8th April. Pub Quiz organised by the Mens Group, in the Bruce Arms on the 19th April. Tickets from the Bruce. £5 per head.
- b. Toilet Signage: Signs are ordered. Will get sign beside the bus stop on the Promenade realigned so that is facing the right way.
- c. Charlestown Green: One Way Signs are ready and Fife County Council Parks team are waiting for slot. Potholes: Cllr Goodall hopes he has secured £7,000 surplus from another project. He is asking that works being done on North Row be extended to South Row.
- d. Third noticeboard? Cllr Goodall suggests that the Men's Shed in Rosyth may be able to help. Sue will follow up with Bruce Lumsden.
- e. Twinning Update: Malcolm Hamilton reported. We are awaiting a formal approach from Gensac twinning association. Ongoing consultation continuing within Limekilns, and collecting good ideas from villagers. Good conversation with GP surgery. Have formed a Twinning Team with a WhatsApp group. Have obtained a dedicated email address - limekilnsinfo@gmail.com. We will produce a draft constitution, aims and objectives. Share tasks and roles based on group skills. Need someone to be a fundraiser. The limekilns.org website will be published in April. The Website will provide information about twinning as well as general village information. We will determine timing and sequence of correspondence with Gensac. Produce an initial budget and sources of funds and make a draft calendar of activities. We will write to our elected representatives. Aberdour and Kirkcaldy apparently both have long-standing twinning arrangements. Malcolm will contact the relevant Community Councils.
- f. War Memorial: Brian Goodall will chase up from email that he sent today to see if it is possible to get the War Memorial repaired before the VE Day 80th celebrations in May.

g. **Village Link:** Someone has expressed an interest in helping with its production. Sue will follow up

h. **Double Yellow Lines:** The proposal for double yellow lines at Carpark entrance in Limekilns is going to committee in April and will be a 6 month process with consultation. Double yellow lines at the Old Orchard junction. Cllr Goodall advises that the Community Council submit a formal response to Fife Council's Lesley Craig, and invite her to a site meeting.

5. A Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils was suddenly announced yesterday. It could be reassessing boundaries with reference to new developments like Kingswood. The timeline for submitting ideas for changes in The Scheme is the 24th March to 16th May 2025.

6. Community Council Web Site update: Geoff has submitted a photo and information to Alex Lodge to upload onto the website to let folk know about the Community Council, what we do and who is involved. Asks for us all to submit info.

7. Charlestown Harbour Report from Lesley Laird.

a. Arranging a meeting for the 25th April with all relevant bodies. Invitation should go out now. MSP's plus Graham Downie. Notice and meeting with Agenda.

b. Have produced a map of the harbour numbering boats 1-54, 12 of them sunk, with others at risk of sinking. David Blythe compiling a list of owners. The meeting would have all players in one place and we could find out what support available to help manage the problem. Community Council to issue the invites for 25th.

Short, long term and medium actions. Tess Gibson is producing reports on a template drafted by Lesley. Brian has, so far, had no response from the East and Marine Coast Guard Glasgow. Tess is grateful to Community Council for all the help given. Lesley Laird and Tess to have a meeting to discuss where we are. Someone from the Forth Cruising Club will take Lesley into the harbour to discuss points.

8. Broomhall Estate:

a. Tess informed us of the estate core paths being closed the beginning of September 5-7th for RAF event.

b. Cycle track and main road works. Altogether badly managed by BEAR. Tess obtaining mapping data from BEAR Scotland. Overlapping data and then lawyers to be involved.

9. Village Telephone Boxes: We have received a letter concerning villages telephone boxes, with some being removed. The Limekilns one is adopted so will not be removed. If we don't find another use for it, the Charlestown one will be permanently locked and left in place. We will follow up on a suggestion to install a defibrillator.

10. Village History: Craig Lindsay held meeting to discuss village history. Suggestion of a substantial plaque like the one beside the lime kilns. To have QR code for folk to obtain further information. To be erected either on the west side of the memorial or at Pier by camper van parking bays. There is currently nowhere for

visitors to obtain information about the area. The Historical Society will drive things forward.

11. **Treasurers Report:** All good. Use of left over money will go to the information panel

12. **Planning:** Kingswood. Fife Council made another extension of time request until April 25th. Now the 10th extension. Still not in touch with Stirling Developments since bio diversity discussions.

13. **CLP Nature Action:** CLP is now a charity. The website will be launched next month. All research (eg Beach Clean statistics invertebrates monitoring, river monitoring) is recorded nationally.

14.. **Police Report** - none

15. **Councillor Report:** Cllr Coodall's is appended below. Andy Jackson taking up issues that come up.

16. **A0CB:**

a. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust are considering the possibility of taking over the maintenance of Charlestown toilets. For years, someone locally has been paid by Fife Council to oversee the maintenance. That has worked well.

b. Secretary has helped two people with securing memorial benches on the pier.

c. There was an accident at the Limekilns junction this morning involving several cars.

Date of Next Meeting: 29th April 2025

Addendum: Councillor Brian Goodall's Report

The items in this report are in addition to my work undertaken on behalf of individual local residents. That casework is covered by data protection legislation and in most cases can't be shared with others.

- Rosyth Ward Meeting. At this meeting with the Council's Area Manager, I raised my concern about some local capital projects that were removed from the Council's 10 year capital plan at the budget setting meeting and the increase that there's been in illegal dumping, locally and across Fife. The other topics I put on the agenda included the SG Networks roadworks on the A985 and the re-erection of the Charlestown and Limekilns War Memorial.
- Shorewatch. One of the charities I volunteer with is Whale and Dolphin Conservation WDC, through their Shorewatch initiative, and on Sunday the 2nd of March there was a fantastic turnout for the Social Shorewatch at the Kinghorn Shorewatch site, with about 30 folk there. <https://uk.whales.org/whales-dolphins/how-we-help/shorewatch-citizen-science-scotland/>
- Buglife River Monitoring
I participated in a 3 hour online training session covering the theory behind the process of freshwater river monitoring. Later in the spring I hope to undertake the practical training

session that will then allow me to volunteering with CLP Nature Action's Freshwater Charlestown to monitor the health of the Lynn Burn and other local waterways.

- Orzel Memorial Project. If you don't know the story of the Polish WWII Submarine, the ORP Orzel, check out this video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGXPeYLyw2w>
The Polish submarine, the Orzel, which is Polish for Eagle, escaped the German invasion in 1939 and made it to Rosyth in the most heroic fashion. Winston Churchill described it as "the greatest adventure story to come out of the war". Our plan is now progressing to develop a memorial in Rosyth to commemorate the Orzel and her crew with construction to start towards the end of this year, subject to planning permission.
- Crombie Residents Association AGM. The Association does amazing work for the village and it was great to hear some of their plans for the year to come.
- Restoration Forth Project - Seagrass Seed Planting. On the 17th of March, we planted the last of this season's seagrass seeds at Burntisland. Seagrasses are the world's only marine flowering plants, and they are "ecosystem engineers" as they create lush habitats that host a huge variety of fish species, small invertebrates, burrowing anemones, urchins and bivalve molluscs. Aside from creating biodiversity hotspots, seagrass meadows also efficiently absorb large amounts of carbon.
- New Council Housing. I've been working to try to get the new Council housing development in Crombie back on track, and to have it reinstated in the Fife Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan. On the 18th of March I received confirmation that the development will be reconsidered by the Council's New Build team at their next meeting.
- Full Council (Special Meeting). On the 20th of March I attended a special meeting of the full Fife Council that was called to agree to launch a Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Fife.
- New High School Topping out Ceremony. I was able to join a tour of what's already been constructed on the site and you can see some of the photos I took of the new school building on my Facebook page via this link: <https://m.facebook.com/story.php>
- Beach Cleans. On Sunday the 23rd of March CLP Nature Action held beach cleans on six of the local beaches in Charlestown and Limekilns, with 60 volunteers turning out to help. I led on the beach clean at Limekilns Pier Beach and we had a great group of volunteers out helping there, including 12 members of the Edinburgh & Fife Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. This group do loads of volunteering all year round but also make an additional effort to help in the community during their holy month of fasting, Ramadan. Thanks so much to everyone who was out that weekend, all over Scotland, doing their bit for Keep Scotland Beautiful's Spring Clean Event.

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(Covering Rosyth, Pattiesmuir, Limekilns, Charlestown, Pitliver, Waulkmill and Crombie.)