

CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS AND PATTIESMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

7 pm 29th OCTOBER 2024 QUEENS HALL

1. **Present:** Geoff Cartwright, Sue Hamilton, Paul Byford, Moira Adams, Jane Kilgour, David Blyth, Tom Leatherland, Jo McFarlane, Cllr Brian Goodall, Irene Ferguson, Carol Williams
2. **Apologies:** Lex Dunko, Peter Hutchings, Cllr Andy Jackson, Tess Gibson, Cllr Andrew Verrecchia, Lesley Scott, Mandy Littlewood,
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Paul Byford, Tom Leatherland
4. **Matters Arising From Previous Minutes/on going points**
 - a. Double yellow lines. Same as last report. The Council have a lot of orders to work up with the whole of Fife to cover. David B would liaise with Cllr Goodall.
 - b. Toilet Signage. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust have delivered two new signs with details about the toilet at the Pier Car Park in Limekilns and Fife Council are exploring the options for improved signage at the toilets and from elsewhere in Charlestown. Sign post by Jo McFarlane's house would be a good option.
 - c. Kilns. The grass has been cut but there is still vegetation growing out of the walls.
 - d. Charlestown harbour. Working with another surveyor regarding blocking off the harbour. Also working with another harbour with similar problems. The big boat has disintegrated. It is crucial to the look of the village that the works are carried out.
 - e. Broadband. Rosie has heard from her contact who is pushing this project at a higher level and a decision should have been made last Thursday. Not heard back yet and will hopefully find out either way soon.
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. Letter received from Fife Council about the next phase of their Fife Plan work. Flood resilience meeting on 6th November. Jo to attend.
 - b. Tom and Sue have noticed submarine dismantling consultation by SEPA with a closing date on 31st Oct. Sue has secured an extension for our response.
- 6 **Broomhall:**
 - a. Laurel Bushes have all been cut back. Thanks. All well now!
 - b. The Estate has launched the sale of The Signal House and associated cottage.
7. **Police Report:** None
8. **Councillor Report:** See Appendix
9. **Treasurers Report:** Only expenditure was the wreath for Remembrance Sunday which Geoff will lay.
10. **Planning** - none
11. **Community Projects and Events**
 - a. War memorial: Craig Lindsey putting project on hold until the New Year.
 - b. Playpark: The PlayPark Group met last week and were delighted to receive news that Lord Elgin has pledged £10,000 towards the Playpark - a significant boost to the effort. As importantly we have also received £400 from the Village Voices Choir as a result of their recent concert. Many thanks to them. The Playpark Group also agreed a series of new fundraising approaches, and these will become evident in the coming weeks. Grant applications continue to be submitted. Disappointingly recent applications to the Co-op Community Fund and to the People's Postcode Lottery have been unsuccessful.

12. Environmental Issues and Updates/ CLP Nature Action

- a. Charity registration in process.
- b. New Limekilns School Community Garden Warden in post a few hours a week to maintain and develop the garden for the school and community.
- c. Next beach clean Sunday 9th November 11-12 on Limekilns Red Row, Limekilns Panknowe (before sailing club), Limekilns Main Beach, Charlestown Ballast Bank, Iron Mill Bay East Beach. Meet beach clean leaders on beach, all equipment provided. Collecting data for Marine Conservation Society and our work.
- d. Saturday 23rd November Film Night at Limekilns Church with CLP Nature Action - Why Not Scotland? 6-9pm, environmental stallholders to browse. Tickets can be purchased via clpnatureaction@gmail.com.
- e. Thank you to everyone in the community who voted for CLP Nature Action in Nature of Scotland Awards Community Initiative Category for which we were shortlisted. Find out at a ceremony in Edinburgh on 28th November if successful, wish us luck!
- f. CLP Nature Action in partnership with CLP Community Council has commented with objection on the current Biodiversity Enhancement Action Plan (BEAP) for the Kingswood Development. Under new legislation (NPF4) the BEAP should show the development being better for nature after development than it was before, not just mitigating. We look forward to continuing to work with Stirling Developments to make the BEAP the best it can be.
- g. Thank you to the Tess and the estate team for supporting with our hedge cutting in the school community garden when we were not able to. So appreciated.
- h. Needing more beach clean leaders to assist with cleans and more people to get involved in conservation side.

13. Public Participation

- a. Moira raised again the need for a cycleway on the south side of the A985, between Limekilns junction and Hilton Road, particularly in view of the ongoing construction of the new High School at Rosyth. A cycle journey to Rosyth currently involves two hazardous crossings of this busy road. crossing a busy road. Sue referred to previous correspondence.
- b. Sink hole appeared in the woods opposite The Cairns. Check that Broomhall Estate have been informed.
- c. A Community Council Newsletter has been suggested, Sue's contact list needs to be rationalized via Mail Chimp.
- d. Airport Noise. Passenger numbers back to pre-covid levels and night take-offs at highest ever. French investors Vinci now have a majority stake in Edinburgh Airport. Public consultation on the airport's 'Noise Action Plan' (updated every 5 years) is expected to open on 11th November.
- e. There is also to be a public consultation on the airport's 'Airspace Change Proposals' which are intended to change the current standard departure routes to enable greater throughput of flights. This consultation will open early next year. Tom will keep us updated.
- f. A vote of thanks to West Fife Woodlands and a squad of villagers for their work around the War Memorial ready for the Remembrance Day Service. Also to Mark Blackman from Fife Council for his team's work.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 26th November 2024

Appendix

Councillor's Report - Brian Goodall. 29th October 2024

Meeting with Traffic Management Lead Consultant

Met Lead Consultant for Traffic Management with the Council's Transportation Service. Still work to be started on some issues but new staffing arrangements in the service should hopefully speed things up a bit now

Signage for public toilets in Charlestown.

Fife Coast & Countryside Trust have delivered two new signs with details about the toilets at the Pier Car Park in Limekilns and Fife Council are exploring the options for improved signage at the toilets and from elsewhere.

Charlestown Green Site Visit

The issue of damage to the edges of the green. I met on site with a senior manager from the Council's Grounds Maintenance Service and the officer from the Transportation Service with responsibility for the Private Roads Budget.

They've agreed to work up costings for a project to address the issue by digging out and reinforcing the edge of the green and reinstating the edge of the road and the kerbing. It's likely that this may need to be done in phases with the stretch along North Row being done first as it's clearly the section with the most damage. They'd also look to renew the "No Parking on The Green" signs as part of this work. I also undertook to consult with villagers, the Community Council and Broomhall Estate about the possibility of instigating a one way system around The Green, with vehicles only entering via North Row and exiting via South Row.

As the roads round The Green are not adopted, any such one way system would be purely advisory and not enforceable, and so I'd only suggest it goes ahead if the idea has strong community support. Broomhall have no objections, and the feedback I've received from local residents has been overwhelmingly in favour, so if the Community Council agrees I'll take the idea forward with the relevant Council services.

New High School Naming Consultation

The young people in the catchment schools will be consulted early in the next term, with their views forming part of a report to the Council's Area Committee in December. Then there should be a wider consultation on name options, the results of which will be reported to the Area Committee in February 2025, when the final choice can be made.

Great Scottish Run 10K for Rosyth Men's Shed

I ran my first ever 10 kilometre race, at the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow, and delighted myself by coming in just 15 seconds behind the target time I'd set for myself. I was running to raise funds for the great local charity, Rosyth Men's Shed. I've raised almost £900, but it would be great to get that total up to £1000 before the appeal closes.

You can still make a donation via my fundraising page using this link.

<https://ajbellgreatscottishrun2024.enthuse.com/pf/brian-goodall-06e51>

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