

CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS AND PATTISMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting Tuesday 24th September 2024

Present:

1. Mandy Littlewood, Sue Hamilton, Paul Byford, Peter Hutchings, Jane Kilgour, Lesley Scott, Tom Leatherland, Tess Gibson, Broomhall, Cllr Brian Goodall, Mrs Carol Williams PHS

2. Apologies:

Lex Dunko, Cllr Andrew Verrecchia, Cllr Andy Jackson, Moira Adams, Peter Wilson, Beryl Leatherland, David Blyth, Craig Lindsay

3. Approval of previous minutes

Paul Byford and Tom Leatherland

4. Matters Arising

- a. Rusting street sign on Promenade not to be replaced. A replacement one for Upper Wellheads is on order. Post Office still not dealing with Their rusty pole.
- b. Still no replacement lamppost in Charles Way.
- c. Double yellow lines at Prom between car park exit and bus stop, still to be addressed.
- d. Signage for Public Toilets desperately needed. At the Sutlery / Limekilns Pier Car park?
- c. Broadband voucher scheme. Scottish Government pulling its belt in so not sure as to when anything will happen. Rosie cannot put us in touch with Open Reach
- d. Free Port: Pamela Stephenson, lead officer for Fife Council Economy. Fife Council met a week ago and stressed that Community Councils will be the first port of call. Information on their web site. Will be a long on going process.

6. Broomhall

- a. Forth Ports were involved with the oil spill from boats in West Harbour. The contractors are happy with progress. Briggs to remove oil from the remaining boats. The harbour is a listed structure so would need planning approval for any structure to block the entrance and minimise pollution risk. Paul seems to have moved out of the area. There is a large fishing boat for sale for £1.
- b. Herres fencing is ugly and needs removing. Rubbish will be cleared up.
- c. Grass cutting around The Kilns, there is no formalised routine and the CC asked if their could be for the future.
- d. Road side hedging really dangerous on the Dunfermline Road. There is no resolution at the moment as the farmers have had a late harvest due to weather conditions.
- e. The Laurel bush in the Queens Hall carpark has been cut at the side, but the top has not been cut, so the light is still obscured.
- f. 'Stewarts Quarter' at Sainsburys - issues with the burn. Brian Goodall trying to get in touch with them. Peter shared contact details from the web.
- g. A985 cycle path - BEAR Scotland have sent plans to Tess, waiting for mapping data.
- h. Stirling Development site: Nature Networks. Consultation with estate. Farming subsidies coming to an end which will be replaced by Biodiversity subsidies.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Police Report:

PC's Cooper and Wishart have been patrolling the West Fife Villages with regard to road safety and are planning to visit primary schools in the area. Speeding is an issue which has been raised by numerous members of the public in various villages.

After a Covid induced pause, police are in the process of re-starting Community Speed Watch Initiatives. Efforts are being made to try and speed up the vetting process to allow Speedwatch members to be trained and deployed.

10. Councillor Report: Brian Goodall: See Appendix

11. Treasurer Report

Only expenditure is Hall hire.

12. Planning

Easter Cottage garage conversion becoming a house. No objections so far.

Fife Local Development Plan. 'Gate check' has sent it back to the planners for more work

13. Secretary Role

- a) Lex, Sue, Jane, and Alex Lodge had met to discuss succession in the secretarial role.
- b) Jane is content to continue to take Minutes.
- c) Lex and Alex had discussed the web site.
- d) Alex volunteered to attend the next CC meeting and give a presentation on managing the CC minutes etc via Google Docs.

14. Community Projects

- a) War Memorial - Craig Lindsay was hoping to attend the meeting tonight but unavailable. Has contacted Alex Lodge and Moira Adams and there is ongoing work with the Lime Centre.
- b) Playpark - Fundraising continues.

15. CLP Nature Action

- a) Successful beach clean last Sunday. People grasping the importance of being involved in the research aspect. (487 wet wipes collected from the two beaches and more cotton bud sticks. More uncovered due to erosion on the coast. Harbour beach not cleaned for safety reasons.
- b) Jo McFarlane is this evening at the Scottish Parliament as CLP Nature Action has been shortlisted in the Nature of Scotland Awards 2024 for their Community Initiative!

16. Public Participation

- a) The Floral Display group gave a tour of our villages to two Fife Council officials who were pleased with our work and happy with our plans for more fruit trees to be planted. Plum trees might be popular.
- b) It was noted of the sad passing last weekend of Sharon Ollis, a well-kent face in our villages and a teacher at the school.

17. Any other Business

- a) Tom Leatherland informed us of a meeting held on 17th September on Edinburgh Airport Noise action plan. Ongoing noise abatement issues, relating to current flight routes.

Date of next meeting: 29th October 7pm in the Queens Hall

Appendix

Councillor's Report - Brian Goodall

Fife Housing Partnership

Attended a meeting of the Fife Housing Partnership which brings together all the key players in Housing from all over Fife. The meeting looked at the current Fife Housing Strategy the draft new Empty Homes Strategy for Fife and we also heard feedback from the recent Housing Emergency Summit.

Stakeholders Open Day Cireco Park Recycling Plant (Lochhead Coup)

I attended an open day at the recycling plant, at Lochhead near Wellwood, run by Cireco on behalf of Fife Council. It was a real eye opener seeing how waste from our green bins is sorted ready to be recycled and how garden and food waste from our brown bins is used to make gas that's used to generate electricity for the national grid and hot water for the local district heating scheme. This process also produces compost that can be used by local farmers.

I'm now hoping to arrange for a visit to this site for interested local residents, particularly for members of CLP Nature Action, as they have done so much to address the issues of single use plastics and recycling.

Drone footage of New High School Site in Rosyth

The footage shows very clearly the scale of the site and how much work has already been done. You can have a look yourself using this link. <https://vimeo.com/1003531366>

Dalgety Bay Recycling Centre

Meeting regarding the issues at Dalgety Bay Recycling Centre and the booking system that's been introduced there. The meeting agreed that a working group should now be set up to look into this situation with the aim of ending the need for the booking system as quickly as possible.

Carnegie Dunfermline Trust

In the evening on the 29th of August I attended a Board meeting of Carnegie Dunfermline Trust and was happy to support a number of funding applications from local organisations.

Swimming pools

During my attendance at the SNP national conference, it was great to meet Olympic Swimmer Hannah Miley at a meeting with the Scottish Government's Sports Minister and representatives from Scottish Swimming. I raised my concern about there being no swimming pool planned for the new high school being built in Rosyth but I also highlighted the award winning learn to swim programme being delivered in Fife by Fife Sport & Leisure Trust.

Outwith Festival 2024

This year's Outwith Festival in Dunfermline and west Fife ran from the 3rd to the 8th of September and there were some fantastic events this year. I particularly enjoyed seeing Big Country at PJ Malloy's, and watching Local Hero on the big screen at the Carnegie Hall. It was also great to see the festival expand out into Rosyth with Vintage Bus Tours of Dunfermline and the Port of Rosyth.

Meeting with Fife Council's Head of Housing

At a meeting with the Head of Housing. We discussed some of the actions being proposed to address the current affordable housing emergency. I expressed my concern about the underspend in the affordable housing budget in Fife over the last financial year and the low numbers of homes being bought to become council houses, despite there being £50K per house subsidy available from the Scottish Government to do more of this.

The Scottish Mile

On Sunday the 15th of September I participated in The Scottish Mile run at Gypsy Brae in Edinburgh. This was part of my training as I work towards completing my first 10K run in October.

CLP Nature Action Beach Clean

On Sunday the 22nd of September I led the beach clean at Limekilns Pier Beach. There was a great turnout of volunteers with 11 adults, 6 kids and 1 dog. Beach Cleans also took place at the other beaches in Limekilns and Charlestown coordinated by CLP Nature Action. In total there were 61 volunteers helping, 47 Adults and 14 Children.

Fife Coast & Countryside Trust Board meeting and AGM

It's been a good year for the Trust with a number of projects being completed, including the improvements to the Car Park at Limekilns Pier and numerous tree planting projects, like the one delivered in partnership with EATS Rosyth in Rosyth Public Park.

<https://fifecoastandcountrysidetrust.co.uk>

10K Run for Rosyth Men's Shed

I'll be running my first ever 10K on the 6th of October in Glasgow at the Great Scottish Run.

I'll be running in aid of Rosyth Men's Shed,

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

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