

CLP Community Council Meeting Minutes 30/01/2024

1. **Present:** Geoff Cartwright, Mandy Littlewood, Sue Hamilton, Lex Dunko, Paul Byford, Peter Hutchings, Lesley Scott, Moira Adams, David Blyth, Cllrs Goodall and Jackson, Tess Gibson, Peter Wilson, Mike Coughlan. Carol and?? Cobham, Eric Axford.

2. **Apologies:** Jane Kilgour, Jo McFarlane, Cllr Andrew Verrecchia

3. **Minutes:** of last meeting approved after Peter proposed and, Lex seconded.

4. **Matters arising:**

- New notice board installed
- Generic email address. If one final effort to contact Katie fails, we will create new one.
- CC use of Apple pages vs Word - resolved but likely these things will come up.
- Affiliation to other organisations: Planning Democracy and APRS (being paid this week)
- Mandy chaired. Sue had been in email correspondence with Premier Homes. They wished us to address their complaint against Geoff Cartwright. Our response accepted that their complaint was partially upheld and we apologized. They replied that they are not content and are escalating their complaint to Fife Council.

5. **Broomhall Estate Updates:**

- Fife Dev Plan – In response to a question, Tess said the Estate has no plans to input to current plan, but if anything occurs, it'll be raised for our attention.
- Kilns upkeep – Tess is making contact with Tom Parnell of HES.
- There have again been requests for a safer footpath from Limekilns junction to the Estate entrance. Might there be the potential to “close the loop” within the Estate. Tess thought it unlikely.
- The Estate has no information on a plot of land being sold in Pattiesmuir.
- Broken gate post at Turning Circle – Fixed within 24 hours. Thanks Tessa!
- End gabion - still pending.

6. **Interim Secretary's Report:**

- Checking if everyone is OK for their email addresses to be open for CC email correspondence purposes. All content.
- Geoff to follow up on some kind of federation of community councils which might be formed.
- Comment from Geoff on Interim Secretary transitioning from Sue to Lex. Major thanks to Sue for considerable efforts in ensuring a CC remains in situ. Would like Sue to stay with the CC in dealing with the Kingswood housing development.

7. **Treasurers Report:**

- Grant - coming through in Feb £605.80
- After costs of Memorial Wreath and Hall Hire we have around £400 surplus - must be spent before end of March. Ideas on how to spend to be brought to next meeting.
- Query on grant form from Fife Council on who is co-opted to the CC.

8. **Community Survey:**

There were only 60 responses (of our 2000 population!) – 54 online and 6 paper surveys.

- Parking issues were mentioned by the largest group (28) at almost half of respondents. Key 'hotspots' identified were the Promenade and around the school.
- Poor roads, pavements and potholes were raised by 22 respondents.
- Environmental improvements – e.g. beach cleans, better signage, recycling was mentioned by 16 respondents.
- Other issues raised by at least 10 people were – planning issues, the need for the Community Council to focus on local issues, attract more new members and communicate better. Traffic

speed and road safety were also a concern, with 8 people mentioning the junction with the A985 specifically.

- Suggestion on double yellow lines to make safer exit from Limekilns Pier car park. Need Fife Council involvement. Brian Goodall would contact Ian Jones. Alistair Drummond may be able to help. Also good for Robbie Blyth from FCCT to be involved. David Blyth volunteered to co-ordinate the follow-up. (It was observed that, historically, the Community Council had always resisted the introduction of double yellow lines in the villages.)
- Sue gave details for reporting potholes on line: [fife.gov.uk/All Services/Roads/Report Road or Pavement fault/](https://fife.gov.uk/All%20Services/Roads/Report%20Road%20or%20Pavement%20fault/)first map to find if it's been reported/next map will allow you to mark exactly where it is and give further details.

9. Communication with the villages:

- Review how we communicate and the channels in which we do so. Lex/Sue/Jane to chat
- WhatsApp/Website/Facebook
- Physical media

10. Police Report (copied/pasted from official Police report to Comm. Council)

Charlestown

- 3 calls to the police.
- 1 recorded crime. Relating to an Attempted Opening a Lockfast Place (Motor Vehicle) with Intent to Steal - Enquiries are ongoing into this offence.

Limekilns

- 4 calls to the police.
- 0 recorded crimes.

Pattiesmuir

- 1 call to the police.
- 0 recorded crimes.

11. Limekilns Play Park Refurbishment – Report by Peter Wilson

Planning group had met 3 times. Fife Council giving £55-£70K. Public consultation took place where wish-list was presented in November. Have an idea of general equipment they'd like to see. Will largely retain the profile of fence, pathway, seating (there will be some need to do some repairs/tidying up). Play park of our size has been designated a "town" category meaning the amount required is around £200k. Tomorrow's meeting will have an agenda point on fundraising. and get a sense from a provider/contractor on what is possible. Tendering will be run by Fife Council.

12. Planning Sub-group:

- 'Broomhall' Development now called 'Kingswood' – not a local name. Planning Permission in Principle was approved on December 20th. The developer claims that the *'recent updates regarding climate change in NPF4 should be monitored throughout the duration of the development. Kingswood should follow the evolving local living spatial principles of the NPF4 as well as the wider national spatial strategy.'* No mention of the significant environment & nature policies in NPF4 though. Revised build phasing was approved by FC Dec 2023, meaning that build-out will start from Limekilns Road rather than Grange Road. More impact for us. Review of the Transport Assessment circulated by Sue. Report addresses potential traffic implications on the A985 / Limekilns Road junction due to the Phase 1 development. New application 21 Dec 24 – (23/03589/ARC) which submits loads of documents and is seeking sign off of a number of planning conditions. We will register to submit comment. Timelines will be limited – The guidance document says *'Following a formal request, a minimum 14 day consultation period is initiated, beginning on the date of issue of the application details'*.
- Fife Development Plan. Comment on the 'Survey Analysis' submitted to Fife Planning. General thoughts were that survey and analysis were shallow, provided little added value and did not

reflect issues / policies arising from NPF4. We suggested ways by which more useful survey data might be obtained and offered our ongoing support for the Fife LDP

- Peter had attended 4 webinars by APRS & Planning Democracy;
- Pattiesmuir Development. Mandy chaired.
A new document with revised road and drain drawings had been posted on the portal. An assessment highlighted a number of issues and potential risks for the latest road design and for the established properties in the village. Despite there being no formal consultation, the CC made a lengthy submission to Fife Council. The response received is under consideration by the Planning sub-group. Head of Planning Pam Ewen has been in touch and we can go back to her on these points.
- Other Planning Related Comments:
We will invite Stirling Developments to come and talk to us at a CC meeting. A well chaired public meeting could be very good for the community and the development.
Approach Head of Planning to ask her to join us at a CC meeting.
Geoff and Peter have been invited by Planning Democracy to a Parliamentary event on Feb 20th

13. Nature Group

- Apologies from Jo

14. Councillor Report: Brian Goodall

- Purchased a cut-out police officer for the villages. Needs managing.
- Hole in the wall at Merryhill Bridge. Owner of the wall believed to be Network Rail.
- Bus shelter at Charlestown Surgery - repaired!
- Parking at the Cairns - work should be starting next month to put in proper parking bays.
- Charlestown Green potholes - Brian to request this is prioritised by area manager
- Damaged Nature Group sign still to be repaired.
- Fife Council is aware of the large Tree across the path at Limekilns Park.
- Fife Council Playpark group has Charlestown playpark on its agenda for maintenance and improvement.
- Request for speed limit review between Waulkmill and Pattiesmuir
- Fife Council cabinet committee - green free port - issue raised about community benefit. Babcock have permission for a solar farm.
- Fife Council will host the national center for building standards.
- Surgeries will be only once a month at the Gellat Hall.
- **Councillor Andy** Jackson - mainly covers Rosyth, but does a surgery on the first Thursday at Limekilns church.

15. AOCB

- Voter ID booklet - for a Westminster election, you now need photo ID. Not necessary for Scottish/local election.
- Vehicles Turning Signs seem to be working more often. May need more sun/bigger solar panels to charge the batteries.
- Cycle path - down steep hill the path is exceptionally bumpy - reported to Robbie Blyth.
- Village Link - Mandy submits Community Council news for publication.

16. Date of Next Meeting. February 27th 2024