

**MINUTES OF NEWPORT, WORMIT AND FORGAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN SMALL BLYTH HALL ON JUNE 23rd 2025**

1. PRESENT: Andy Gillies AG (Vice Chair), Stephen Rottger SR, Trudy Cunningham TC, Renee Hepburn RH, Ian Wilson IW, Caroline Penny CP (Treasurer)

APOLOGIES: Rick Dunkerley RD (Chair). Kate Legg KL, Liz Coote LC. Cllr Louise Kennedy-Dalby LKD

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Jonny Tepp JT, Cynthia Robb (minutes)

2. VISITORS: Jim Doig (Probus) and Trevor Kay (Rotary)

3. POLICE REPORT

No report submitted

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 26th May

Trudy Cunningham proposed, Ian Wilson seconded

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- **ROAD SAFETY AND PROPOSED BUILD OUTS**

- Maps of proposed buildouts were circulated
- Renee H dissatisfied with certain aspects of the proposals
- Cllr Tepp noted that a risk assessment had been carried out by Fife Council Roads Dept and conclusions reached re best options for speed reduction
- RD and Cllr Tepp had met with Fife Council Roads Dept and it was suggested to have a "table" in Tay Street. This is a wide flat-topped option which will have no impact on parking
- A suggested mirror had been rejected
- Discussion of impact on traffic ensued. Use of build outs questioned, possible extreme slowing of traffic resulting in frustration
- Stephen Rottger suggested build outs could be temporary which could be altered or removed.
- Effectiveness of present speed pillows debated.
- Public concern re traffic speed is evident

BUS STOP AT FORGAN ROUNDABOUT

- Plans for amendments have been submitted
- Company in general delighted at outcome
- Stephen R remarked that there are no plans for a double white line at junction
- Cllr Tepp reported that despite discussion the rule book said "no"

GLASS RECYCLE BINS

- Concerns had been expressed that the new glass bins were too high and difficult for shorter or older people to easily access. No further development

6. TOPICAL ISSUES

WEBSITE

Ian reported that Fife Direct have had our application accepted to establish a website for the Community Council.

Ian is struggling to build a site on his own. Visitor Jim Doig has offered help with this and has exchanged contact details.

ACTION - I.W

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Ian W reported no response re the resolution of the Play area at Drumoig

7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Tepp's report included details of plans for build outs plus the developments and plans for Forgan roundabout bus stops.

Short let properties in future will go to the Planning Committee. This will make it more difficult for owner to process but will not stop short term leases. There must be grounds for a refusal . There are 12 known Air B&Bs in area which is not an issue. A fresh mechanism for applying is to be set up. There has been slow progress about school parking issues There is a stand off between Education and Roads .

Cllr Tepp will attempt to have a meeting with all concerned at executive level **ACTION - Cllr Tepp**

8.PLANNING MATTERS

Andy G reported no issues of concern with recent application and nothing further regarding the status of Wormit Farmhouse despite requests to the developers.

ACTION - AG

9.SECRETARY'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Tepp reported on meeting of Taybridgehead Forum .Kirsty Freeman is the new Area Manager Stephen R expressed his feeling that communication is an issue and contact information could be made available. **ACTION Cllr T**

10. TREASURERS REPORT

Caroline P reported that expenditure was as usual .Account standing at £4595 .

When questioned regarding the addition of Drumoig into the CC area and the resultant increase in population, CP stated there would be no revision of the grant from Fife Council until the next census.

11.AOCB

Trevor Kay announced that North East Fife Rotary would like to be more involved in the community and they have funds which they are seeking to allocate to significant projects locally. He suggested a possible project which would include a financial and practical commitment Recent endeavours had included contributing towards painting the Rio, Support to Taybridgehead Foodbank, Food vouchers through Scot Mid,

He emphasised the Rotary wish for Big Ideas

Trudy C suggested a Community Fridge.

It is understood that the Foodbank's reserves are reducing in. Possible continued involvement there.

Trudy C suggested summer activities for local children

Another suggestion was renewal of Xmas tree lights

Committee members to consult community and come back with ideas. **ACTION - CC MEMBERS**

Jim Doig enquired about the progress of the SUS TRANS Project at the Nature trail

Cllt Tepp responded that Fife Council are currently seeking contractors to undertake the first phase which will be Flass Road to Waterstone Crook. There is no time scale at present.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 25th August 2025