

# NEWPORT, WORMIT AND FORGAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

**1. PRESENT:** Rick Dunkerley (Chair), Kate Legg, Stephen Rottger, Ian Wilson, Liz Coote, Trudy Cunningham, Andy Gillies (Vice-Chair)

**APOLOGIES:** Renee Hepburn. Caroline Penny, John Colvin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Jonny Tepp, Cllr Louise Kennedy Dalby

**2. VISITOR:** Peter Mulderry

**3. The POLICE REPORT** was circulated to Council by Cllr Tepp

Information included...Body worn video cameras to be rolled out to/all police areas, some road safety INFO, and an initiative around control of dogs.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Some minor adjustments of spelling had to be addressed and EV information altered.

Minutes proposed by SR and seconded by TC

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- NEWPORT PRIMARY SAFETY: Newport P7 pupils will produce posters which will be ready for new term. Speed limits and kerb parking will be implemented at this time.
- PROPOSED ROAD BUILD OUTS – Tay Street, West Road and Kilmany Road : Cllr Tepp and Rick D to have conversation with Nigel Hampton, Lead Officer of Roads Dept. In addition a request will be made for a discussion on site of the positioning of the build outs planned. Stephen R suggested asking for temporary fixtures to be implemented in order to test the efficiency of the plan and avoid unnecessary costs pending later adjustments  
**ACTION – Cllr Tepp**
- FORGAN ROUNDABOUT: No movement yet re adjustments to the capacity and visibility of the bus stop area. Cllr LKD remarked on the overgrown greenery which impacts on visibility. She will put in a request for cropping.
- DRUMOIG COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH: Residents still would like some form of face to face meeting around why they cannot operate as trained on the main road(A914).  
**ACTION – Cllr LK-D and IW**

**6. TOPICAL ISSUES - COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**CLLR TEPP** circulated his report

- Follow up on speeding in area. Police involved
- Potholes. Council will always judge which ones require permanent repairs.
- Update on park furniture
- Local Development plan is in the early stages of development and on completion is set for 10 to 20 years ahead.
- Poor parking on Boat Brae impacting on residents.
- Fly tipping at recycling points an issue.
- EV ducting at Persimmon site is still absent. Planning application re submitted.
- Vaping at Madras College amongst pupils is a growing concern. Regular toilet monitoring is in place according to rector.

#### **Cllr LKD**

- reported that reaction to Forgan Roundabout issue is slow but cropping of vegetation to be requested, RD and LKD to meet and discuss. **ACTION – RD and Cllr LK-D**
- There will be a costing exercise into reflective bollards at Forgan Roundabout.
- Parents concerned about lack of seatbelts in school buses. There is no law requiring them but the death of a child in the South has highlighted the issue.
- The fly tipping issue at the recycling points and overflowing bins relates in part to height challenged people who cannot access top of bins.
- Waterstone Crook membership has increased in number
- Efforts are being made to increase uptake of CAFÉING. Wormit will continue to provide free lunches during the summer holidays. Leuchars runs an after-school club also. Parents are expected to transport children to the facilities.

#### **7. PLANNING MATTERS:**

SR reported that in the last 4 weeks ,3 applications had been submitted all minor. The Fourth was an application to demolish the farm cottages at Newton in order to enable the building of new accommodation...possibly for employees.

AG reported that the planning objections to the Sauna are now available to view online.

SR. Suggested that there should be some recourse through an insurance claim for the destruction of the bus stop on the High Street. Cllr Tepp to enquire. **ACTION – Cllr Tepp**

#### **8.SECRETARY's REPORT:**

No further issues to report.

#### **9.TREASURERS REPORT:** Not available

#### **10.AOCB**

- Visitor PM enquired about the grass verge at the top of Castle Brae which has been supporting wildflowers but has recently been strimmed removing all the wild plants. Cllr Tepp was surprised that this might have been an error by the groundsmen but will enquire.
- No information from AG on the beach access restriction issue. Cllr Tepp could not obtain any further communication with owner.
- IW was asked about any further development to Kirkwood Play Area at Drumoig. No further information on that.
- TC asked about the Farmhouse and any further developments. No information forthcoming
- SR suggested that there should be recourse through an insurance claim for the destruction on the bus stop on High Street. **ACTION – Cllr Tepp**
- John Colvin has been accepted as a member of the Community Council.

#### **11.NEXT MEETING:**

**AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE at 7.15 in the Upper Hall in Blyth Hall Entry will be via the library from Scott Street.**

**The usual monthly business meeting will follow**