Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Old North Inn, Inchmore on Tuesday the 20th of December 2016

Chairperson

Cameron Kemp

Present

Karen Young, Alistair MacNeil, Fred Geddes, Cllr Jean Davis, Emma Knox, Cameron Kemp, Judith Rumbold and Chris Heaton-Armstrong. Charlene Stewart attended as a member of the public.

Apologies

None received.

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 15th November 2016

The minutes were proposed for approval by Alistair MacNeil and seconded by Karen Young.

Matters Arising

SSE. Karen and Cameron met with representatives of SSE (Lesley Dow, Steve Bodie and Greig Taylor) on Thursday the 15th of December 2016. It was agreed that Karen and Cameron would draft a letter to be sent from the CC to SSE requesting further clarification of the corridor for the proposed works, and seeking such mitigation measures as we felt appropriate. The works are currently proposed for 2021-2025. Councillor Davis was pleased to note that SSE appeared to be engaging with the CC, even listening, and she felt that this was a result of the ongoing "Beauly Buzz" problems.

Police Report

None received. Ms Stewart raised the perennial matter of excessive traffic speed along the main road through Inchmore, again citing numerous examples of dangerous manoeuvres and foolish speeding, some of which she has recorded on video. Ms Stewart has been coming to the meetings of the CC for at least three years to raise the same issue, but there has been no improvement in the situation at all. It was suggested that photos of offending vehicles be sent to the transport managers of the firms involved, the Traffic Commissioners, and even the Press. It was also suggested that the flashing speed sign be moved down from the Kirkhill road.approach, and the timing of the pedestrian crossing lights changed.

Wardlaw Drainage Scheme

It was noted that this had not yet commenced.

CAB

It was noted that smart meters are to be installed throughout the area by 2020.

Inclusive Scotland

An e-mail was received from John Beaton inviting comments. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Review of Polling Stations

A short discussion was held on this subject, and it was agreed that the present position was perfectly satisfactory, and that the proposed change from the Village Hall to the Primary School was only for financial reasons.

Barriers to Community Engagement in the Planning Process

An email was received from Highland Council. This is to be discussed at our next meeting.

Planning Issues

No issues raised.

Community Council Secretary

Emma Knox has kindly offered to take on this role, provided that the CC engage a paid Minute Secretary to help.

AOCB

Ship to Ship Oil Transfer Application by Cromarty Firth Port Authority

A short discussion was held on this, and Emma Knox has offered to canvas local opinion on social media.

A9 Dualing

A letter was received regarding public exhibitions on this subject.

NHS Highland

A letter was received intimating proposed boundary changes for Kingsmills Medical Practice.

Anonymous Letter

An anonymous letter was received regarding flags in the village. It was felt that we should neither discuss nor respond to such correspondence.

Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 7th February 2017, and 6 weekly thereafter.