

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Annual General Meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 21st June 2022

Community Councillors Present:

Fred Geddes, Cameron Kemp, Alison Mackintosh, Judith Rumbold, Lindsey Stout, Karen Young.

In attendance:

Councillors Chris Ballance, Helen Crawford and Emma Knox attended. Kay Horne attended, representing A.C.T.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre.

1. Apologies	Actions
Apologies were received from Councillor Emma Knox and Community Councillor Ally MacNeil.	
The Community Councillors were pleased to welcome the newly elected Councillors to the meeting.	
2. Minutes of Last Meeting; Minute of Meeting of 26 th April 2022	
The minutes of the last meeting were circulated online. There were no corrections. The minutes were read, checked for accuracy and were proposed for acceptance by Alison Mackintosh, seconded by Judith Rumbold.	
3. Matters Arising	+
Minutes of Meeting of 26 th April 2022	
Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council agreed that they were in support of continued maintenance work in the Millennium Garden.	
4. Police Report	
A report from Police Scotland was not received.	
An email was received from a concerned resident about broken glass set into the wall at the stone stile leading into the grounds of Wardlaw House and set at ground level inside the wall (photos were provided). The glass is dangerous to children, adults and animals and is on a low wall adjacent to the road and close to Wardlaw Mausoleum, a busy attraction. The KBCC advise the objector and any other objectors to contact the police directly.	
Wardlaw House has been in the media regarding perceived lack of support for the planning application for the change of use discussed in previous minutes. Fred Geddes commented that we, as a Community Council, have been sympathetic to the planning application for Wardlaw House.	
https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us	



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7. Planning Issues

None.

Residents should be aware that Cabrich is not in our Community Council area, although it is in Aird Community Trust's area and although we may be copied into objections we cannot have a view.

8. Any Other Business

Lindsey Stout mentioned dog fouling and litter in the local area. Cameron asked about new dog fouling notices. Cllr Helen Crawford said that she would ask the dog wardens to put the area on their route and to put up signs. Karen Young said that there was a need to educate everybody. Cllr Helen Crawford asked Lindsey Stout to give locations for dog fouling signs, near the areas most fouled. There were some old but faded signs in the village which needed to be renewed.

Dumb dumping of garden waste and tyres was discussed. This was both at the entrance to the Crane Yard and at the Newton Burn. Karen Young said that this was particularly a problem on farmland because once the waste is off the Council's verge; the Council will not remove it from farm tracks.

Karen Young said that if it was made easier to use the recycling centre, this would prevent the increase in fly tipping. Fred Geddes agreed with her that private individuals' pickups were being turned away. Cllr Helen Crawford said that the Council was under extreme pressure to deal with it (the waste). Cllr Chris Ballance commented that our Council Tax only pays for domestic waste, not business waste.

Fred Geddes asked about the Inverness recycling building – what function is it serving? Cllr Chris Ballance replied that it is a Waste Transfer Station. Recycling is separated and prepared for onward shipping; non-recyclate is sent to a site in Dunbar, West Lothian.

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Treasurer's Report Frederick Geddes

A Treasurer's report was circulated by email after the Annual General Meeting, on 22nd July 2022 and is appended in image form.

Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council Chairman's Report

Since our last AGM in 2021 we have had regular meetings to discuss a range of topics and consultations. Due to the Covid pandemic meetings were continued on Zoom however we were able to meet in person again at the AGM.

Planning has featured most of all and we have been contacted by members of the community where matters of concern have arisen in relation to applications. The Community Council has managed to represent these views in communications to the Highland Council.

As issues have been raised it has been helpful to have the Highland Councillors at our meetings to take up matters on our behalf. The two-way exchange of information has always been helpful. The Community Council is always available to be contacted at any time. We also work with the other community organisations to promote and assist in projects which benefit all, particularly the Aird Community Trust. I'd like to thank fellow Community Councillors for their contribution to meetings, to Lindsey for her minute taking and Facebook entries, and to Fred for keeping the finances in order. Cameron Kemp 21 June 2022. Appointment of Office Bearers Councillor Emma Knox chaired the meeting after dissolution of the offices. Karen Young nominated Cameron Kemp to continue as Chairperson, seconded by Judith Rumbold. Cameron accepted the nomination. Cameron took back the role of Chair to continue the meeting. Role of Vice Chairperson: Alison Mackintosh volunteered, proposed by Cameron Kemp and seconded by Karen Young. Role of Secretary: Lindsey Stout volunteered to continue in this role, proposed by Judith Rumbold and seconded by Karen Young. Role of Treasurer: Cameron Kemp proposed Frederick Geddes to continue in this role in his absence, seconded by Judith Rumbold. The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th August 2022 Meetings, 2022: 27th September 15th November Please contact us on kandbcommunitycouncil@gmail.com if you would like to attend a meeting.