

**Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council**

**Minute of Meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Community Councillors Present:**

Judith Rumbold, Lindsey Stout, Karen Young.

**In attendance:**

Councillor Emma Knox.

The meeting was held online, on Zoom.

<b>1. Apologies</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<p>Apologies from the Chair, Cameron Kemp. Lindsey Stout to chair the meeting, acting as Vice Chair and also to act as Secretary. Apologies were also received from Councillor Margaret Davidson, Councillor David Fraser and Community Councillors Fred Geddes, Alison Mackintosh and Alastair MacNeil.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting; Minutes of Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were circulated online. Feedback on corrections to previous minutes is included in Any Other Business. The minutes were read, checked for accuracy and proposed for acceptance by Karen Young, seconded by Judith Rumbold.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b></p> <p><b>5. Aird Community Trust (A.C.T.)</b></p> <p>Lindsey Stout mentioned the Gritting Group, Aird Community Trust and hoped that more volunteers could be found for the centre of the village, particularly the pavement up from Newton Park to the bus stop and the area near Groam Crescent, which are often very slippery in the Winter and which are well used areas, particularly in the early morning.</p> <p>Aird Community on Facebook  <a href="http://www.airdcommunity.com/">http://www.airdcommunity.com/</a></p>	
<p><b>4. Police Report</b></p> <p>Police Scotland's report said that there were no reported incidents of note for February.</p> <p>Lindsey Stout mentioned that she had complained to the Police about being distracted when driving home from Inchmore to Kirkhill by a tracking searchlight in the sky, which was later discovered to be a laser beam emanating from Jakki's Fish and Chip Shop in Muir of Ord. Although this is in another community council area the laser beam, which can reach several miles high and be seen from several miles away and in several miles' radius of Muir of Ord, has been mentioned several times on social</p>	

<p>media in the local area as a distraction to drivers, although many people in the Muir of Ord area support it. The beam is said to be an advertising feature which has a symbol similar to the Batman symbol (“Batterman”), although this cannot be seen from the Aird area, just the beam and an indistinct oval-shaped image projected into the sky. Councillor Emma Knox said that although there have been many complaints to the Planning Department and to Councillors about this beam distracting drivers and causing light pollution and the owner does not have planning permission for it, it is a police matter and that a writ would have to be served to prevent its use. Lindsey Stout said that the Police Officer who had rung back had said that it was not enough of a distraction to drivers to take any action and that she had been in touch with the owner of the fish and chip shop to complain and had received a reply which thanked her for her past custom and which said that mobile phones were more distracting, which was an odd reply because using a mobile phone whilst driving is illegal. Lindsey Stout said that we can’t see what it is from this distance so it’s not a very good advertisement unless you live local to it and can see the symbol from underneath. Judith Rumbold commented that from this distance no one knows where the beam is coming from, so it is not a very successful advertisement.</p> <p><a href="https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us">https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us</a></p>	
<p><b>5. A complaint regarding speeding traffic in Bunchrew</b></p> <p>Mr Fraser Mackintosh was in touch by WhatsApp to request an update on progress regarding his previous complaint about speeding in Bunchrew (January’s minutes) but was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Emma Knox said that she continues to work with Road Safety and Safer Routes to School. She is in communication with the relevant Council Officers. Speed monitoring is the first step and has been requested. It is recommended that Mr Mackintosh and anyone else who lives in Bunchrew who sees an individual incident of speeding should report it every time it is observed. She also said that road speed should be also be tailored to road conditions at the time.</p>	
<p><b>8. Planning Issues</b></p> <p>No new planning issues were raised.</p>	
<p><b>9. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p>Changes to former agreed minutes:</p> <p>All the minutes taken since the A.G.M. in July 2021, from August until November 2021 had incorrect titles, in that the titles continued to refer to the A.G.M, after copying the header from the A.G.M.’s minutes in July. These have been corrected and reissued on Facebook and to the Aird Community Trust’s website.</p> <p><b>Minutes of Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b></p> <p><b>5. Planning</b></p> <p><b>Former Fish Hatchery</b></p> <p><b>Moniack Burn</b></p>	<p><b>L.S.</b></p>

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Christine Goddard got in touch with Cameron Kemp regarding the previous minutes in an email dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 which mentioned the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> October but Lindsey Stout found that the correction mentioned was required in the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

“I have looked back at the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> Oct and noticed that it said I commented that there was a civil action in progress. This is not accurate. I said that the (*sic.*) was still legal processes but I never said the word civil action. Could you please amend this. I didn’t see these minutes until now so couldn’t raise it....” Christine Goddard, in an email dated 18/01/22. Lindsey Stout agreed with Christine what was the correct wording by email (below) and, following the changes to the minutes being accepted at the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, these will be changed online, on the Facebook page and Aird Community Trust’s website and will be copied to Mr Niall Bruce. Lindsey apologised by email and commented that we have been discussing how to improve the accuracy of minute taking. At the meeting Lindsey said that she would try not to write minutes when she was tired.

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The change to this fourth paragraph is copied below:

“The owner of the site does not own full access; Ms Goddard owns six metres of it. Ms Drysdale has a shared access with the applicant. Ms Goddard said that there are still some legalities ongoing in this matter and that Ms Drysdale’s access would be impacted with this amount and type of activity.”

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**5. Planning**

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Lindsey Stout (minute taker) noticed that Mr Bruce’s first name was spelt incorrectly in 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021’s minutes and this has subsequently been changed from Neil to Niall and reissued on the Facebook page and on A.C.T.’s website.

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**9. Role of Vice Chair**

Lindsey Stout said that she wasn’t sure if she should perform both the roles of both Vice Chair and Secretary but that it was necessary for this meeting, as no one else had yet come forward to take on the role of Vice Chair. Councillor Emma Knox said that there was advice online on the Highland Council’s website on the role of the Community Council and to research it.

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**Finances**

An email dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 was received from the Ward Manager’s office staff requesting copies of the minutes of May 2020 and October 2020 along with the signed accounts for year ending 31 March 2021 in order to release the Highland Council grant payment to the Community Council. This was copied to the Community Councillors and Fred Geddes, the Treasurer, by email. Lindsey Stout to action the copies of minutes requested. Fred Geddes to action the accounts.

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<p>Two email requests were received asking for items to be shared on the Community Council Facebook page and shared to other groups in the community, from Mr Thomas Machnik requesting aid items for the Ukraine and from the NHS Enabled Care Team, to raise awareness in the community that technical help is available for specific service improvements such as videoconferencing for appointments or disease management and telecare for personal health alarms . These were discussed at the meeting because Mr Machnik’s post might be regarded as political and the NHS post was unusual as it had been the first request from the NHS. (Most items do not need to be discussed before sharing on our Facebook page if they are of public benefit and are not politically biased or business-related.) The Community Councillors were in agreement to share these posts, that an emergency humanitarian aid request is acceptable to share and to copy the information to Aird Community Trust.</p> <p>Lindsey Stout asked to reclaim the costs of hosting Zoom meetings as Secretary at £14.39 per month. The free Zoom meeting package only runs to forty minutes, which is not long enough. Karen Young and Judith Rumbold were in agreement that any costs should be reclaimed.</p>	<p>L.S.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The next meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 7:30pm, online</b></p> <p><b>Meetings, 2022:</b></p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> April  31<sup>st</sup> May  16<sup>th</sup> August  27<sup>th</sup> September  15<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Please contact us on <a href="mailto:kandbcommunitycouncil@gmail.com">kandbcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</a> if you would like to attend a meeting.</p>	