

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Meeting, Tuesday 21st August 2018

Present

Fred Geddes, Cameron Kemp, Alistair MacNeil, Judith Rumbold, Lindsey Stout, Karen Young.

In attendance

Anna Church, Cllr. Margaret Davidson, Mark Forbes, Cllr. Emma Knox.

1. Apologies	<u>Actions</u>
Chris Heaton-Armstrong, Alistair MacNeil, Cllr. Helen Carmichael.	
2. Minutes of the meeting of 29th May 2018	
Approved, pending recording who is currently the Vice Chair (query from Minutes Secretary). Proposed by Alistair MacNeil, seconded by Cllr. Emma Knox.	
6. Police Report	
P.C. Scott Maclean did not attend the meeting. There have been no reported issues in the Aird area.	
3. Matters Arising of the meeting of 29th May 2018	
Item 7 Matters Arising of the meeting of 28th February 2018	
The website: check content is up to date and add a link to the Facebook page. T.B.A.	LS
Item 6 A.O.B.	
Potholes. Fred Geddes said that there were potholes on the road from Lentrane Station to Newtonhill, on the corner. There is a link on the Highland Council website to report potholes. Cllr Emma Knox will now report these, not Fred Geddes.	Cllr EK
4. Anna Church – road safety issues in Inchmore	
There have been several traffic near misses involving Anna Church's children crossing by bicycle at the traffic lights in Inchmore when cars fail to stop for a red light, one of which she witnessed. She spoke to the police about it and they recommended speaking to the Community Council. The police have said that they will put on more road patrols in this area, however they may not be at the time the children are crossing to cycle to school. The aim is to get more signage to warn motorists of the presence of the pedestrian crossing in Inchmore and the need to slow down. The perceived problem is that cars coming through Inchmore from Beaulieu are not slowing down when coming into the village. More signage is requested, visible from the Beaulieu direction, in order to warn of the crossing. The best option would be a flashing speed warning sign. Cllr. Emma Knox has asked repeatedly for the flashing speed	



<p>warning sign at Kirkhill to be moved to Inchmore, following previous Community Council meetings where the speed of traffic through Inchmore was mentioned. Cllr. Emma Knox acknowledged that speed tests have provided no evidence of this, however Ms Church is reporting that cars are failing to stop at the red light. Mark Forbes suggested provision of a rumble strip.</p> <p>Cameron Kemp will write to the Area Roads Manager, John Taylor. Cllr. Margaret Davidson will talk to the Councillors.</p>	<p>CK Cllr. MD</p>
<p>5. Mark Forbes – road safety issues in Kirkhill</p> <p>Mark Forbes lives in Achmagairn, Kirkhill. Often when he or his wife are turning out of the end of their road to join the main road from Kirkhill to Cononbank, cars use the end of the road as a passing place, resulting in near misses and he is worried about the safety of his son, who cycles to school. The road here is single track (one and a half cars wide) with limited passing places and severe rutting at the side of the road where cars have gone off the road to pass each other when driving at the 40mph speed limit. The road is a busy bus route, with tractors using the route to Conanbank Farm and Reelig. Occasionally lorries also use the route, which is equivalent to a main road going through the village.</p> <p>Cllr. Margaret Davidson is to raise the issue. Cameron Kemp will write in the same email as (4) above to John Taylor, raising the issue.</p>	<p>CK Cllr. MD</p>
<p>Planning Issues</p> <p><u>The Ranch Bunchrew</u> <u>Change of use from garden ground for siting of 8 no. camping pods & parking area</u> <u>18/01602/FUL</u></p> <p>This application has now been refused.</p> <p><u>Brandon Newtonhill site for 3 holiday cottages</u> <u>18/02265/FUL.</u></p> <p>There has been no enforcement of the restriction order imposed. The three holiday cottages on this site are a live planning application.</p> <p>Cllr. Margaret Davidson will speak to Nicola Drummond, Inverness Planning Manager, about it and see what the position is on the restriction order.</p>	<p>Cllr. MD</p>
<p>6. Any Other Business</p> <p>Community Council Scheme Review, The Highland Council</p>	



Cameron Kemp circulated the initial paper to all members. Cameron Kemp will draft a response and circulate it. Cllr. Margaret Davidson commented that the Highland Council will host drop-in sessions between 12 and 6.30 on 12th September 2018.

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Christmas Lights

A member of the public representing a number of local people has been in contact to complain about the provision of Christmas lights in the village. Cameron Kemp will suggest a fundraising initiative.

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14. Dates of Future Meetings

- 2 October 2018
- 13 November 2018
- 8 January 2019
- 19 February 2019

Meetings are to be held in the Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre and will begin at 7:30pm.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 7:30pm pm in the Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre

