

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Annual General Meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 30th May 2023

Community Councillors Present:

Fred Geddes, Cameron Kemp, Ally MacNeil, Judith Rumbold, Lindsey Stout.

In attendance:

Councillor Emma Knox and Dr Eleanor Kennedy attended. Alison Mackintosh sent her apologies and is warmly thanked for her time serving as a Community Councillor.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre.

1. Apologies	Actions
<p>Apologies were received from Councillor Chris Ballance, Councillor David Fraser and Community Councillor Karen Young.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Last Meeting; Minute of Meeting of 18th April 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were circulated online. There was one correction. The minutes were read, checked for accuracy and were proposed for acceptance by Ally MacNeil, seconded by Judith Rumbold.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising Minutes of Meeting of 18th April 2023</p> <p>Refuse Collection/changes to recycling bins:</p> <p>Councillor Emma Knox has looked into a visit to the recycling facility at the Longman and will be in touch with Community Councillors to see if enough people are interested in a visit in July or August (normally visits from the public are not permitted, due to Health and Safety reasons).</p> <p>Community Noticeboard:</p> <p>Lindsey Stout is still following up leads. Although three local people have offered to quote, no actual quotations have been received. There is a larger company, Parish Noticeboards, which has installed noticeboards in Drumnadrochit (thanks to Councillor David Fraser) and the more expensive initial costs would include design, public liability insurance, surveying and installation. Lindsey Stout to action.</p> <p>Dog Fouling:</p> <p>Some old style notices were received from the Dog Warden and were passed out to a Community Councillor for a more rural area. Please let us know by email if you require a dog fouling notice in your local area as we now hold a small stock. Councillor Knox commented that the old plaques are better than the new sticky posters, which fade quickly.</p>	<p>L.S.</p>

SSEN Community Liaison Group meetings:

Representatives from Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council have been present at local meetings about SSEN proposals and the impact of the Mega Pylons on the area. The CLG (Community Liaison Group) includes representatives from each local Community Council. Our Chairperson, Cameron Kemp, reported that there were huge levels of concern and a belief that the mega pylons are unnecessary; who is going to benefit from the proposals (not the local area but Scotland and the U.K. as a whole?).

Councillor Knox was asked when these proposals would go to planning and she said that planning applications will not be made until 2025.

The Community Council was asked to take part in a Scottish Government consultation on the impact of the scheme on the local area and possible future financial income from the scheme for the local community, highlighted for action by Councillor Chris Ballance. Cameron Kemp said that Beauly is a hub and will have a big transformer substation. Lindsey Stout expressed concern that we should not miss out on any financial benefits (having familial experience of the financial benefits to Shetland of the oil terminal at Sullom Voe) and should fill in the survey. Chairperson Cameron Kemp to action before the revised final date of 15th of June.

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Chairperson Cameron Kemp is to organise a local meeting. Councillor Knox said that it is worthwhile to invite representatives from the CLG and the public. Cameron Kemp to action.

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23/00998/FUL for 6 holiday cabins, service building & access NE of Braeside Cottage Kirkhill

Dr Eleanor Kennedy had some concerns about this planning application, particularly the 15m wide border of trees situated 20m from her house and a neighbour's house. Cameron Kemp, Chairperson explained that there had been no community representation about this application earlier, so although the Community Council had asked to be a Statutory Consultee, no comment had been made by the Community Council on the application. Councillor Knox will speak to the Area Planning Manager and ask for a map to be provided clarifying the proposals.

Cllr K.

4. Police Report

A detailed emailed police report was received for the whole Inverness area and a separate report was also provided for the rural beat. There was nothing of concern relating to this local area. Each Community Council in Inverness area receives the same report. The Inverness Community Council Forum meetings also discuss these issues. The Chair or the Secretary is encouraged to attend. We already receive their detailed minutes. Lindsey Stout (Secretary) volunteered to attend these meetings on behalf of Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council and to disseminate any relevant information.

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<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us>

<p>5. Planning Issues</p> <p>Ladystone Consultation on Application - 23/02859/FUL Fred Geddes reported that this application was withdrawn.</p> <p>Lindsey Stout asked if Karen Young is able to submit a response on any planning applications on our behalf using the KBCC email address and whether this is required under Highland Council's new system.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Emailed Post Office Consultation: Lindsey Stout to action.</p> <p>Dr Kennedy asked if we can raise awareness of what we do with a public event because little is known of what the Community Council do. Lindsey Stout suggested a display on Gala Day on the 19th August, combined with running a stall for Hall funds. Lindsey Stout to action.</p> <p>Fred Geddes, Treasurer, commented that all income this financial year was in the form of the grant from Highland Council and expenditure was minimal, including hall rent and minor administrative costs. There has been very little expenditure since Lockdown and funds have been accruing. Fred suggested a donation to another Community fund, such as the primary school. Lindsey Stout suggested keeping a substantial amount ringfenced for the new noticeboard. Lindsey Stout to action.</p>	<p>L.S.</p> <p>L.S.</p> <p>L.S.</p>
<p>Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Treasurer's Report Frederick Geddes</p> <p>A Treasurer's report was circulated to Community Councillors by email after the Annual General Meeting and is appended in image form.</p> <p>Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council Chairman's Report</p> <p>Since our last AGM in 2022 we have had regular meetings to discuss a range of topics and consultations. There has been a welcome return to in person meetings for the past year following the pandemic. 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 represented these views in communications to the Highland Council.</p> <p>Secretary Lindsey Stout organised a public meeting to discuss problems with bus services in the area. The meeting was chaired by Drew Hendry, M.P. and Stagecoach representatives were present. The meeting was well received by those who attended and bus service improvements followed.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>Another major issue facing our area is the SSEN proposals to erect massive pylons. Whilst we support green energy initiatives, there is massive opposition in the community to the devastation that monster pylons would cause and there is an overwhelming desire for alternative underground and subsea options</p>	

to be implemented. The Community Council has and will continue to represent the community on these matters.

I'd like to thank fellow Community Councillors for their contribution to meetings, to Lindsey for her secretarial duties including minute taking and Facebook entries, and to Fred for keeping the finances in order.

Cameron Kemp 30 May 2023.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Councillor Emma Knox chaired the meeting after dissolution of the offices.

Ally MacNeil nominated Cameron Kemp to continue as Chairperson, seconded by Fred Geddes. Cameron accepted the nomination. Cameron took back the role of Chair to continue the meeting.

Role of Vice Chairperson: vacant at present.

Role of Secretary: Lindsey Stout was proposed to continue in the role by Cameron Kemp and this was seconded by Fred Geddes.

Role of Treasurer: Cameron Kemp proposed Frederick Geddes to continue in this role, seconded by Judith Rumbold.

Co-opted Community Councillor: Cameron Kemp asked Dr Eleanor Kennedy if she would like to serve as a co-opted Community Councillor until the next election and this was seconded by Judith Rumbold. Dr Eleanor Kennedy accepted this role.

**The next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd August 2023
(Tuesday 16th August was cancelled due to Gala Week)**

Meetings, 2023:

Tuesday 22nd August 2023, 7.30pm to 9.00pm, Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre

Tuesday 26th September

Tuesday 7th November

Tuesday 5th December

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