

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

**Minute of Meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Community Councillors present:**

Cameron Kemp, Dr. Eleanor Kennedy, Inglis Lyon, Jayne MacMillan, Judith Rumbold, Lindsey Stout.

**In attendance:**

Councillor Emma Knox. Erik Lundberg.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre.

<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Community Councillor Fred Geddes and Councillors Chris Ballance and David Fraser.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of Last Meeting; Minute of Meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were circulated online. There were two corrections. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Jayne Macmillan and seconded by Judith Rumbold.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2024:</b></p> <p><b>Ward Discretionary Fund</b></p> <p>Dr Eleanor Kennedy said that she didn't get the chance to submit an application to the Ward Discretionary Fund. Councillor Knox said that applications needed to be in by mid-March and approved by the end of March. Councillor Knox to send the link for the Ward Discretionary Fund to Eleanor. Using the Ward Discretionary Fund application for the noticeboard was also discussed.</p> <p><b>Noticeboard</b></p> <p>It was agreed to save costs by looking into erecting a noticeboard inside the bus stop as the general cost of a noticeboard on legs is not affordable. Lindsey Stout has not heard back from Highland Council on permission yet and this has been delaying action on the noticeboard.</p> <p><b>Belladrum</b></p> <p>A Microsoft Teams call was organised so that Cameron Kemp could hear what the organisers of the Belladrum Music Festival had to say. He also spoke with representatives of the Police and Traffic Management. A response from the organisers, planned for early March, will be circulated with local Community Councils. There will be a Public Meeting at the end of March or the beginning of April. Belladrum Festival's organisers will be using a new traffic management company. A planning application</p>	<p><b>Cllr Knox</b></p> <p><b>L.S.</b></p>

is in for a new entrance to the site. There will be the introduction of parking charges to reduce traffic. Belladrum Festival’s organisers say that the money raised from parking charges will be distributed to the local community.

**Millennium Garden**

Erik Lundberg attended the meeting to represent Aird Community Trust. He recapped the current arrangement – the Millennium Garden is on land gifted to the Community, owned by the Community Council. ACT, through the Community Centre team, has to date arranged fabric repairs. The bills have subsequently been paid by the Community Council.

A neighbour to the Millennium Garden reported that a strainer post had fallen, pulling down a section of fence. A quote to repair this was received by joiner Billy Horne for £85 plus V.A.T. Erik has also identified minor repairs to the boardwalk and will ask Billy Horne to price the repairs. Once the costs are received, Lindsey Stout is to send the prices round to the other Community Councillors by email for approval.

Erik Lundberg said that there needs to be a decision on continuing the arrangement for paying for as-needed repairs. The disadvantage with that is that there are significant delays as quotes need to be approved by the Community Council as well as ACT. The other option would be for the Community Council to provide an annual donation for ring-fencing within ACT in order to facilitate repairs to the Millennium Garden. Erik will be in touch with a suggested amount in due course.

**Inchmore Playing Field**

Erik Lundberg said that Aird Community Trust is happy to support a group if they wish to take this forward.

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**5. Police Report**

No issues were raised by the public.

The lack of detail in the Rural report on specific issues related to the Aird and neighbouring areas and the lack of mention of known recent incidents was discussed. Councillor Knox explained that the police are only able to report on matters not under current investigation.

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

**6. Planning Issues**

Dr Eleanor Kennedy said that nothing of importance had come up for the local area.

A complaint had been received by email about our support of an objection to a planning application. Both applicants and objectors are welcome to attend our meetings. Cameron Kemp is to reply.

Jayne Macmillan had been contacted by a resident, who asked if the Community Council were invited to a Planning Committee meeting when an application in our area was under discussion. Councillor Knox explained that the Planning Committee is a committee of elected Members. The public, including the Community Council, may observe the Planning Committee meeting but cannot contribute or comment.

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<p>The amount of objectors to a planning application in a rural area, forcing the application to go to Committee, has reduced from eight to five (neighbours of properties are often fewer in a rural area). A local Member can also ask for an application to go to Committee but cannot do this if they are not approached. Jayne is to let the resident know that they can contact Councillor Knox if they need more detailed information on the process.</p> <p>Dr Eleanor Kennedy said that the Planning Department should view letters of objection seriously and take each letter as a letter of objection, without discounting any of them out of hand. There should also be a robust system in place to make sure that all neighbours are made aware of a planning application.</p>	
<p><b>7. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Lindsey Stout is looking into ways of getting our meeting dates and minutes out there in the Community so that we are more visible and contactable (along the lines of Eleanor’s suggestion). She is going to look at putting the dates of meetings on the Community Centre noticeboard and will ask permission for the minutes to be put in the Community Centre and the Old North Inn.</p> <p><b>Hall rent</b></p> <p>Cameron Kemp has suggested that paying three invoices in advance will reduce the amount of cheques to sign and delays in payment.</p> <p><b>G.D.P.R.</b></p> <p>Inglis Lyon circulated a document on G.D.P.R. to add to the Community Council section on the ACT website. Community Councillors are to reply with their comments.</p> <p>Inglis said that the important thing is for each Community Councillor to have a separate email address for Community Council business. Sensitive emails should not be coming to personal email addresses. Councillor Knox suggested asking the Ward Manager for help in setting this up. Lindsey Stout to action.</p> <p><b>Inverness Community Council Forum on 26<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Vice Chair Dr Eleanor Kennedy is to attend along with Secretary Lindsey Stout (only the Chairperson and Secretary of each Community Council is invited to attend).</p> <p><b>Fly Tipping</b></p> <p>Inglis Lyon reported a resurgence in fly tipping in the Long Wood (Dunballoch) area near the Wester Lovat turnoff. The fencing has been knocked down. There is a link on the Highland Council website to report fly tipping.</p> <p><b>The Crannog</b></p> <p>Erik Lundberg said that unfortunately no more volunteers for the Crannog newsletter had come forward. Lindsey Stout and Jayne MacMillan said that they had both volunteered, Lindsey to edit and Jayne to write a News from the School feature.</p>	<p>L.S.</p> <p>C.K.</p> <p>All</p> <p>L.S.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The next meeting is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>2024 meetings: Tuesdays at 7.30pm to 9pm, The Williamson Room:</b></p>	

16th April  
14th May (Annual General Meeting)  
18th June  
20th August  
24th September  
12th November  
17th December

If you would like to attend a meeting on Zoom, please contact us on  
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