

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Community Councillors Present:**

Cameron Kemp, Ally MacNeil, Lindsey Stout, Karen Young.

**In attendance:**

Councillor Emma Knox.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre in the Williamson Room.

1. Apologies	<u>Actions</u>
<p>Apologies were received from Community Councillors Fred Geddes, Alison Mackintosh and Judith Rumbold and Councillors Chris Ballance, Helen Crawford and David Fraser. Not all the Highland Councillors will attend each local Community Council meeting. They will take turns to attend, as agreed between them.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting; Minute of Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022</b></p> <p>The draft minutes of the last meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 were circulated at the meeting. The minutes were accepted as correct by all present. They were proposed for acceptance by Karen Young and seconded by Cameron Kemp.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022</b></p> <p><b>Dog Fouling in Kirkhill</b></p> <p>Cllr Emma Knox said that the new dog fouling signs are now all in place.</p> <p><b>Fly Tipping</b></p> <p>Fly tipping (dumb dumping) and the dumping of garden waste at the entrance of the crane park in Kirkhill and on farm tracks and in farm fields was discussed, also the increase in fly tipping due to the difficulty in dropping off tyres and large items at the recycling centre. Karen Young said that yew cuttings are extremely toxic; the toxin enters the skin and should not be touched with bare skin by humans. Many garden plants and hedging trees are toxic to farm animals. Cllr Emma Knox suggested sharing this information on the Community Facebook page. Karen Young and Lindsey Stout to action.</p> <p><b>Countryside Access</b></p> <p>Karen also mentioned dogs entering fields with livestock; don't let your dog off the lead. She said that there is a real lack of understanding of the country code and the law regarding responsible access to fields containing livestock and crops. Cattle may be in an</p>	<p>KY, LS</p>

<p>adjoining field, out of sight and able to access the field you are in through an open gate. It's a danger to both the dogs and the owners to enter a field containing cattle. Up to date information from farming sources to be shared via Facebook. Karen Young and Lindsey Stout to action, working in liaison.</p> <p><b>Broken Glass on Wall at Wardlaw House</b></p> <p>Cllr Knox said that she informed Environmental Health about the issue of the broken glass set into the wall at Wardlaw House.</p> <p><b>Inchmore Path</b></p> <p>Cllr Emma Knox and Aird Community Trust are liaising with Robin Pope from the Highland Council about an extension of the 40mph speed limit (refer previous minutes for clarification). Karen Young reiterated that the field access and effect on field drainage issues also need to be resolved if the path is to go ahead; this requires all parties working together, which is easiest done by holding face to face meeting/s.</p> <p><b>Millennium Garden</b></p> <p>Lindsey Stout is to send an email to Erik Lundberg to ask for a quote for the repair of the boardwalk by Billy Horne. Aird Community Trust is to manage the Millennium Garden.</p>	<p>KY, LS</p> <p>L.S.</p>
<p><b>4. Police Report</b></p> <p>A report from Police Scotland was not received. Lindsey Stout will send an email reminder before each meeting.</p> <p>During the Belladrum Festival there was a broken down car left at end of a farm road while the occupants went to Belladrum for the weekend. Cllr Knox said that abandoned cars are a police matter, not a Council matter. Cars were left parked in passing places all down the road. People were walking home along the road from Belladrum, which was dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr Knox said that the abandoned car at Kirkhill Community Centre will be removed. Environmental Health staff will tape it up and will tow it away.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us">https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us</a></p>	<p>L.S.</p>
<p><b>7. Planning Issues</b></p> <p>Cllr Knox and the other local Councillors are campaigning for a legislative change to make the Community Councils automatically a statutory consultee on planning issues, as they once were.</p> <p>Lindsey Stout asked if someone could look through the planning applications to spot any potential issues as she has too much to do already, being Secretary. Karen Young volunteered to look through the planning applications each week. Karen asked when the</p>	

<p>planning list came out and Lindsey replied that the planning list comes out on a Tuesday by 5pm, which is too late to circulate the latest planning applications before that night's meeting, as our community council meetings are held on a Tuesday. There was a discussion on when to make a view. Do we only make a view if someone approaches us? Cllr Knox replied that the other community councils make a view on a planning application on a responsive basis. Lindsey Stout said that no one has been in touch this month.</p> <p>Cllr Knox said that eight representations are required before it goes to Committee. Four or more representations indicate that there is an issue.</p>	
<p><b>8. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Beaver Proposal</b></p> <p>An email was received enquiring about a consultation on the reintroduction of beavers in Strathglass and Affric. Lindsey Stout forwarded the appropriate contact details to George Hogg and the Gala stall organisers for A.C.T. to hold a stall on Gala Day, as the Community Council is too small a representation of the age and spread of population of the local area to comment. The details of the proposal will also be shared on our Community Council Facebook page.</p> <p><b>Community Council Boundaries</b></p> <p>An email was received from a resident enquiring about Community Council boundaries. Cllr Knox said that there is a boundary map of the ward boundaries which she can forward. Lindsey Stout to forward the email to Cllr Knox.</p> <p><b>Cancellation of Stagecoach's Late No. 28 Bus</b></p> <p>Another email was received from a resident requesting that the public be consulted on the effects of the cancellation of Stagecoach's late No. 28 bus. The bus at 11:44 was cancelled, meaning that the last bus is now at 20:55. Cllr Knox said that Kiltarlity Community Council successfully ran a campaign regarding buses. Cllr Knox said that Stagecoach have solved the staffing issue but that there are not enough late buses. Cllr Knox suggested communication with A.C.T., Kiltarlity Community Council and Muir of Ord Community Council. If the public show enough interest, Lindsey Stout will look into holding a public meeting or creating a petition. To be publicised via Facebook. The other Community Councillors were broadly in support.</p> <p><b>Broadband Issues</b></p> <p>Cllr Emma Knox has been organising a meeting with community councils and other parties regarding broadband issues in the local area. A new email with more dates for the doodle poll will be issued.</p> <p><b>Community Noticeboard</b></p> <p>Lindsey Stout had chatted to Chris Heaton-Armstrong about putting catches on the community noticeboard to reduce water ingress but he said that it is rotten and needs replacing. It is well used and the advantage of it not being locked is that no one has to ask permission to use it. An advantage of the current location is that, as it is outside a private</p>	<p>L.S.</p> <p>L.S.</p> <p>E.K.</p>

<p>house, even though it is unlocked it has not been tampered with. Chris Heaton-Armstrong said that it could be located where the present one is, on their fence but he thought a different location was also a good idea. The Community Council discussed locating the new noticeboard beside the bus stop or at the Community Centre. At our meeting we agreed to contact A.C.T. to ask them to comment on the location of a new noticeboard and after their reply to the Community Council, we will look into the cost of providing a new noticeboard. Cllr Knox suggested Beauy Men's Shed as a contact.</p> <p>Cllr Knox mentioned the matter of disturbance to ospreys and other wildlife from watersports at Aigas Gorge. There was a community meeting at Kiltarlity Hall. The paddle companies agreed to follow a certain route. There are posters to remind individual paddlers not to visit certain areas. Ornithologists are going to build a fake nest in a safer place, where the ospreys can still be observed but not disturbed.</p>	<p>L.S.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The next meeting is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre</b></p> <p><b>Meetings, 2022:</b></p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in the Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre.</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>	