

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 18th April 2023

Community Councillors Present:

Fred Geddes, Judith Rumbold, 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>
Apologies were received from Community Council Chairperson, Cameron Kemp.	
2. Minute of Meeting of 28th February 2023	
The draft minute of the last meeting was circulated at this meeting. The minute was proposed to be accepted as correct by Karen Young, seconded by Judith Rumbold.	
3. Matters Arising from the Minute of Meeting of 28th February 2023	
22/06048/FUL	
Erection of house on former smiddy site	
Kirkhill Smiddy, Kirkhill, Inverness, IV5 7PD	
This planning application has been withdrawn.	
Vacancies for Community Councillors	
The two vacancies for Community Councillors remain open.	
Noticeboard	
Lindsey Stout has contacted the Men's Shed in Beauly via email but received no reply.	
Councillor David Fraser is to look into who made the noticeboard in Drumnadrochit.	
Road Speeds	
There were complaints from Community Councillors and from other members of the community about the unmarked traffic calming (speed humps/sleeping policemen) in Beauly approaching the traffic lights/pedestrian crossing and on the other side of the crossing, where traffic calming work has been carried out but lines have not been marked yet.	

<p>Councillor Knox is to raise this with the Roads Department.</p> <p>Dog fouling</p> <p>Lindsey Stout has asked the community and other Community Councillors for help in clearing the weed matting on the path running beside the school but has not received any offers of help. A representative from Aird Community Trust’s path group was also approached and he thought that it was not bad enough to action. Lindsey thinks that the weed matting attracts dog fouling, especially urine, which falls onto the grass within the school grounds and that removing it would improve the situation in the cutting. The weeds are growing out from the border with the school grounds onto the path. Residents clear the other three sides. The weed matting does not fall under the janitor’s remit because the weeds are outside the school grounds.</p> <p>Fireworks</p> <p>Although not fireworks as such, gas gun bird scarers have been making extremely loud bangs in Kirkhill, startling residents and pets and this has been going on all day at regular intervals during daylight hours. The gas guns are to deter the flocks of pink footed geese from decimating the growing fields of crops.</p> <p>Emails</p> <p>Lindsey Stout has not found a way to automatically forward emails from the main account to all the Community Councillors yet. Judith Rumbold said that the current process, where emails are filtered by the Secretary, is preferable and that the WhatsApp group helps highlight important emails, otherwise there is too much to read through.</p> <p>Police Matters/Other</p> <p>Regarding the disturbances in Kirkhill, Councillor Knox has spoken to the police but it is best for residents to contact police at the time rather than the next day, so that officers may patrol the area as a deterrent to antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>Confidentiality in the minutes</p> <p>Lindsey Stout had been asked to retract, revise and reissue minutes due to a later request for anonymity. Councillor Knox said that anyone attending a public meeting who wished to remain anonymous should request that what they said not be minuted, rather than retracting and reissuing minutes.</p>	<p>Cllr Knox</p>
<p>4. Planning Issues</p> <p>No current planning issues were raised by members of the public, although the planning application for eco pods at Wester Lovat was discussed (23/00998/FUL).</p>	



<p>5. Police Matters/Other</p> <p>No police report or concerns were received.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>SSEN Community Liaison Group meetings</p> <p>Cameron Kemp and Karen Young attended the Community Liaison Group meeting with SSEN in the Lovat Arms, Beauly on the 11th of April. The meeting was between SSEN and Community Councils, was chaired by Councillor David Fraser and attended by Councillor Emma Knox.</p> <p>Councillor Knox thought that the meeting with the Community Councils was quite constructive. The issues they raised were collated into themes and given to SSEN. This is an SSEN consultation – there is no formal planning application until 2024. All residents’ views should be made clear now, in order to influence the application. Councillor Knox said that there should also be community benefit and that SSEN is considering setting up a Trust.</p> <p>Cameron Kemp and Karen Young intend to attend the next meeting on 27th April 2023 and further meetings to channel the views of the Community Council.</p> <p>Refuse Collection</p> <p>Fred Geddes asked for clarification of the new refuse and recycling scheme. Councillor Knox replied that there will be two recycling bins, one for cardboard and paper (blue) and one for plastic containers and cans (green). There will be a new bin, slightly smaller, for general waste. This scheme will be rolling out this financial year. The frequency of the new collection service is unknown at present. Fred Geddes requested a visit to the Recycling Centre and Councillor Knox will look into this.</p> <p>Annual General Meeting</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting will be brought forward to 30th May in line with a request from Highland Council. Lindsey Stout is to ask someone she knows to audit the financial report.</p>	
<p>Further Dates of Meetings, 2023</p> <p>The Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre, 7.30pm to 9pm</p>	

Tuesdays:
30th May (A.G.M.)
15th August
26th September
7th November
5th December

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