

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Community Councillors present:

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

In attendance:

Councillor Emma Knox.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre.

<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Fred Geddes, Community Councillor and Kay Horne, who represents Aird Community Trust at our meetings. Apologies were also received from Councillor Chris Ballance and Councillor David Fraser, who had prior commitments.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Last Meeting; Minute of Meeting of the 5th of December 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were circulated online. There was one minor correction. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Judith Rumbold and seconded by Inglis Lyon.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes of Meeting of 5th of December 2023:</p> <p>Noticeboard</p> <p>Lindsey Stout had been in touch with local signwriting companies and Brian Gribben of Acorn Signs had quoted for £1908, including a CAT scan for services and manufacturing and installing the noticeboard on legs in grass. Fred Geddes, Treasurer had been in touch by email to say that this quote is two thirds of the current bank balance and is unworkable. The joiner who had quoted had withdrawn his quotation.</p> <p>Councillor Knox suggested contacting another local joiner. Inglis Lyon suggested that the Highland Council should be contacted to ask if we can attach an internet-sourced noticeboard to the inside of the bus shelter, which will take away the need for legs and any problem with location. Lindsey Stout to action once she has heard back from the Highland Council regarding her previous email.</p> <p>Village Shop/Old Crane Yard</p> <p>Grant Stewart from Grant Stewart Chartered Surveyors has not yet been to a Community Council meeting with plans for the proposed development. Inglis Lyon asked how the developer's contribution would be prepared and distributed, considering the need for a community shop. Councillor Knox will look into how the developer's contribution is prepared and distributed.</p>	<p>L.S.</p> <p>Cllr Knox</p>

**Inchmore Playing Field
Community Garden**

Nothing more has been heard yet about the possible purchase of the playing field from Highland Council by Aird Community Trust and the cessation of the lease to Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council. Lindsey Stout asked for a Community Council decision on this proposal, following a short discussion. Chairperson Cameron Kemp asked for it to be minuted that the Community Council is happy in principle with the proposals going forward.

Path from Newton Park to Kirkhill Primary School

This path to the school from Newton Park was recently cleared by Aird Community Trust's Paths Group, as suggested during the last meeting. Lindsey Stout led a vote of thanks to be minuted to Kay Horne and the Paths Group for the prompt action following the last meeting. All the Community Councillors were agreed that the path looks much better and the dog mess problem has been improved.

East Drive, Lentrán

Councillor Knox said that the Roads team are looking into the issues raised during the last meeting.

Road speeds in Kirkhill

The Community Councillors are to make a response to the 20mph consultation. Inglis Lyon said that the 20mph Speed Indication Devices are a good reminder.

The Wester Lovat road was discussed and vehicles travelling here at speed. Councillor Knox said that she has been campaigning to get the 40mph speed limit extended there for years but it is not currently possible. Judith Rumbold said that a deer can write off a car and severely injure someone who is speeding. Deer cross here at dawn and dusk. If deer are injured, ring the Police on 101 and a gamekeeper will be contacted to humanely euthanise the deer. Lindsey Stout said that a sheep had also been killed on this road. Dogwalkers and cyclists are at risk if they use the back road in non-reflective clothing.

The Community Council

Lindsey Stout, Secretary, has worked on advertising the Community Council better and making us more accessible, through the minutes, our Facebook page and our links to the Aird Community Trust website. Another Facebook page administrator was arranged.

Councillor Knox pointed out that there is some money in the Ward Discretionary Fund to be spent before the end of March. Dr Eleanor Kennedy said that it would be a good idea in future to host an event for the Community, so that people know who we are, so that people feel able to raise issues with us. Councillor Knox suggested a leaflet drop to advertise the Community Council. Jayne Macmillan commented that this could also be shared through the school newsletter. Dr Eleanor Kennedy to research hosting an event.

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Dr E.K.

<p>Weekly Planning Lists issued by Highland Council</p> <p>Dr Eleanor Kennedy said that there are many planning applications each week in Ward 12 and she was not sure how to gauge possible issues and does not want to overload the Community Councillors. Cameron Kemp said that in a planning application for a site of house scale and above, we should request to be a Statutory Consultee. Dr Eleanor Kennedy said that she would pick out a list and ask for the Community Council to be a Statutory Consultee. She would email this list round for comment and get a process in place. She also said that many planning applications are for holiday lets and glamping pods and that it is important that due process is served and locals are aware.</p> <p>Councillor Knox commented that there is a plan to reduce the number of planning objections required in rural areas before the decision goes to the Planning Committee (reflecting the reduced number of neighbours in rural areas).</p>	<p>Dr E.K.</p>
<p>5. Police Report</p> <p>No issues were raised by the public.</p> <p>https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us</p>	
<p>6. Planning Issues</p> <p>We received an email about planning issues in the Ladystone area. This is not a live application. There were a couple of points the complainant would like forwarded to the Planning Manager. Councillor Knox asked for the details to be sent to her and that she would forward them to the Planning Manager. Cameron Kemp to action. Cameron Kemp asked if we are happy to support this complaint and write to Highland Council, asking if a planning official could come out and explain how the Planning Department would resolve the issues at that location and the Community Councillors agreed. Inglis Lyon asked if there was value in a meeting with residents and the Planning Department, as the last meeting was a few years ago.</p>	<p>Cllr Knox C.K.</p>
<p>7. Any Other Business</p> <p>Belladrum</p> <p>An email had been received from Belladrum Estate asking for support over the licensing for this year. A phone call was required. Councillor Knox said that it was worth speaking to Kiltarlity Community Council. Cameron Kemp to action.</p> <p>G.D.P.R.</p> <p>Lindsey Stout forwarded Highland Council guidance on GDPR for Community Councillors. Inglis Lyon offered to prepare a GDPR statement and will circulate for suggestions before the next meeting. He said that whatever we prepare needs to be proportionate. What details we will keep will be kept securely and a review process put into place. Dr Eleanor Kennedy suggested also preparing a page footer for inclusion on all our emails regarding GDPR. Inglis Lyon and Lindsey Stout to action.</p> <p>SSEN</p> <p>Inglis Lyon said that there is a £500 million fund for the pylon screening project in Glen Strathfarrar. They</p>	<p>C.K. All</p>

have asked us if we want to support it. Strathfarrar is not in our area. Inglis Lyon commented that anything which minimises the visual impact is worthy but the funds could also be used in other areas. There was wider discussion about the nature of the visual impact of the pylons on the landscape.

Cameron Kemp said that we can support the Glen Strathfarrar scheme. The Community Liaison Group is in touch with other Community Councils and Kate Forbes, M.S.P. Cameron Kemp said that it's important that we don't just accept what SSEN is telling us and need to question it on behalf of our communities. There will be more CLG/SSEN meetings in future.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March

2024 meetings: Tuesdays at 7.30pm to 9pm, The Williamson Room:

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

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