

Meeting of Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Meeting, 7:30pm 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Community Councillors Present:**

Cameron Kemp, Alastair MacNeil, Judith Rumbold, Lindsey Stout, Karen Young.

**In attendance:**

Councillor David Fraser.

1. Apologies	Actions
<p>Apologies were received from Councillor Margaret Davidson, Councillor Emma Knox and Community Councillors Fred Geddes and Alison Mackintosh.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were circulated online. Substantial changes were made to wording. Lindsey Stout suggested recording Zoom meetings to prevent error in minute taking, especially when the subject is emotive and people talk at speed. Cameron Kemp to find out if this is permissible with the permission of all present with the recording held until the minutes have been written and whether the recording could be shared by the host with the minute taker.</p>	C.K.
<p><b>3. Matters Arising of Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b></p> <p>Councillor Emma Knox emailed details of the traffic calming in Inchmore to the Community Council on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Excerpt below, with correction to a name:</p> <p>“In response to community concerns about road safety on the approach to Inchmore and the crossing at the Old North Inn, we have managed to get the Council to agree to a series of road safety measures there.</p> <p>Councillors Emma Knox and Margaret Davidson worked with local community representatives and Council Officers to come up with a solution that was achievable in a relatively short timescale within available budget.</p> <p>The measures are designed to slow drivers down on the approach to Inchmore and give plenty notice of the 40mph speed limit there. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rumble strips</li> <li>• Coloured road surface</li> <li>• Dragon’s teeth road markings</li> <li>• Edge road markings</li> <li>• Count down warning signs on both sides of the road</li> <li>• Chevron sign at the right-hand bend</li> </ul> <p>Here is a link to the drawing and plan on the Council website:  <a href="https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/87/road_safety/2">https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/87/road_safety/2</a></p>	

Thank you to Lisa MacKellaich, Bryan Stout and others in our Roads and Infrastructure Teams for making this happen.

Work will start in the next few weeks.

Cllr. Emma Knox”

Karen Young wanted to point out that a number of drivers take the bend too quickly coming into the village of Inchmore from the direction of Inverness and hit the ash tree, necessitating the moving of sheep. If the speed limit is not reduced before this bend, many drivers will take that corner at 60m.p.h. Every single year a vehicle ends up in the field and a path will soon be there.

Councillor David Fraser said that the reduction of the speed limit had been discussed and that traffic calming measures were to be introduced as a first measure. Once traffic calming is in place, the behaviour of traffic will be monitored. If the behaviours have not changed, this creates the conditions to allow the reduction of the speed limit (from 60m.p.h. to 40m.p.h.). The environment has to be changed first (i.e. from no traffic calming measures to the implementation of traffic calming measures).

Karen Young replied that only a tiny proportion of accidents end up on the road safety statistics. She doesn't want a fatal accident to happen. Councillor David Fraser said that he would speak again to Councillors Margaret Davidson and Emma Knox.

Councillor David Fraser asked if there had been any movement with the field drainage matters to do with the proposed path. Karen Young said no, she had not had a reply and that she would like to know how the drainage will be reinstated and would like to see an engineer's report. Councillor David Fraser said that he will speak with Councillor Emma Knox and try to arrange a face to face meeting to discuss these issues.

D.F.

#### 4. Police Report

No police report was received. Lindsey Stout mentioned noticing littering, vandalism to the metal of a football goal and the setting of a fire at the Community Centre pitch over the Summer while she was litter picking on the pitch. Lindsey made Erik Lundberg aware and he had arranged for the goal to be made safe and for the owner of the nearby house to be made aware of fire setting on his ground near the base of a tree beside the stile behind the goals.

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

#### 5. Planning

**Planning Ref. 21/03970/FUL**

**Erection of house, siting of 3 pods and formation of access**

**Land 25m NW of Rowanlea, Cabrich, Kirkhill**

Regarding Brenda Dunthorne's email of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 asking the Community Council to review the application and support the objections on the same basis as the previous application for this site, the Community Councillors were happy to review the application as soon as possible following this meeting



and to let Cameron Kemp know their opinions and whether we should support Brenda's objections as a Community Council.

C.K.

**Wardlaw House change of use planning applications, Wardlaw Road, Kirkhill**

**21/01156/FUL**

**20/04718/FUL**

On 13 April a change of use application 21/01156/FUL to provide a café and tourist accommodation for Wardlaw House was discussed. The Community Council received an email from Lorraine Middleton dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which thanked the Community Council for their support for her recent planning application for a self-contained holiday let and tea room at Wardlaw House, Wardlaw Road, Kirkhill. She mentioned that there was a need to split the planning applications. The self-contained holiday let was granted approval in July. The Tea Room has not been rejected by the planners and Ms Middleton fully intends to reapply in the future. The rest of the letter was read out as follows:

“Wardlaw House has been for a number of years in need of much restoration and repair. I have come to Kirkhill and intend to carry out the repairs and restoration together with preserving many period features of the B Listed house. I am proud to confirm that all tradesmen that have worked on the project have been from the local community...I hope to gain planning approval for the Tea Room, which I truly believe will be an asset to the local community”.

**Planning Appeal Ref. PPA-270-2243**

**Ladystone Steading, Ladystone, Bunchrew, IV3 8TB**

A Planning and Environmental Appeals Division email dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 had been received, forwarded by Councillor Emma Knox, which said that the Ladystone steading planning appeal had been turned down.

**Planning Ref. 20/02201/FUL, 17/09/21**

Ally MacNeil mentioned the house at West Croft Acres. There has been a slight change in the planning proposal. The Community Councillors noted that there is a further planning application.

**6. Any Other Business**

**The Millennium Garden, Kirkhill**

An email was received from Erik Lundberg of Aird Community Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 mentioning possible maintenance work over the December/January period performed by David Hendry. Cameron Kemp is to ask Erik how much this work would cost. This would require clearance from the Treasurer, Fred Geddes.

C.K.

**Right of Way through a gate near the goals behind the Community Centre, joining onto the farm track**



**at Fingask through a wood**

Lindsey Stout flagged up work in the woods behind the Community Centre. This path is a right of way and was regularly used in the past as a cross country route by Kirkhill Primary School and is regularly used by a few dog walkers to link in with the circular route around Fingask Farm, although it is not frequently used. There has been previous history of difficulty in accessing the path, discussed in a previous meeting many years ago. Lindsey was concerned to note that diggers had been in to dig up the centre of the path and take out the shrubs. In some ways this has improved access but footing is difficult and the cover for the water main has been cracked. None of the Community Councillors knew anything about the work. Councillor David Fraser offered to check with Stewart Eastaugh, Highland Council's Access Officer. Lindsey Stout is to mark up a map with the route of the path and to copy it to Councillor David Fraser.

**L.S.**

**The next meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 7:30pm, online**

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