

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

MINUTE of Meeting, Tuesday 9th January 2018

Present

Fred Geddes, Chris Heaton-Armstrong, Cameron Kemp, Cllr. Emma Knox, Alistair MacNeil, Judith Rumbold.

In attendance

Jess Kemp, Mathilde Macdonald, Jane Mackenzie, Donna McHardy, P.C. Scott Maclean, Lindsey Stout (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies	<u>Actions</u>
Cllr. Margaret Davidson, Karen Young.	
2. Minutes of the meeting of 28th November 2017	
Approved. Proposed by Alistair MacNeil, seconded by Fred Geddes.	
3. Matters Arising of the meeting of 28th November 2017	
Item 2	
The defibrillator at the Community Centre in Kirkhill. Chris Heaton-Armstrong said that Erik had confirmed that the defibrillator was maintained. Battery life of the lithium ion battery is five years. The sticky pads have to be changed after a period of time. Chris Heaton-Armstrong is to approach Erik Lundberg for clarification on whether the maintenance includes these points.	C H-A
Item 5	
Cameron Kemp confirmed the decision that the Community Council will offer a letter of support for the proposals for the Millennium Garden. Cameron Kemp to send the letter of support to Erik Lundberg.	CK
Item 9	
Cameron Kemp has emailed the Highland Council about the potholes. Cllr. Emma Knox said that she had also contacted the Highland Council regarding this.	CK Cllr. EK



4. Police Report

P.C. Scott Maclean was in attendance. On 16th December 2017 after a house-warming in Birchbrae Drive an insecure garage was entered and items taken including alcohol and disco equipment. If anyone hears anything about this they should call 101.

Two drivers received fixed penalties for speeding. Four other traffic offences were dealt with.

On the first of January there was a fatal accident at Meikle Phoinneas. P.C. Scott Maclean said that the police force's thoughts are with the family and friends of the person involved in the accident. From a safety point of view, P.C. Scott Maclean stated that the tragic accident on the first wouldn't have been prevented by the presence of a cycle path. Also, on a footpath cyclists are legally restricted to 10 m.p.h., so any cyclist wishing to travel at speed or distance should use the road. Cameron Kemp added that the thoughts of the Community Council are similarly with the friends and family of the person involved.

5. Planning Issues

Further correspondence was circulated by Cameron Kemp regarding Planning Application Ref. 15/04751/MSC Erection of Managers House at Lentrane by Brandon Landscaping Ltd and the discussion of potential planning enforcement issues at the meeting of 5th September 2017, 17th October 2017 and 28th November 2017. A response from the applicant in November 2017 had not been passed on to the Community Council by the Planning Department. Cllr. Emma Knox said that, unfortunately, a time limit cannot be given on reinstating the area after the temporary works. Fred Geddes said that there had been unauthorised work outside the boundary, container and spoil heap. Cllr Emma Knox said that she will circulate her response to the Community Council before she sends it and that any complaints from locals should be made separately. Fred Geddes will circulate a draft response from the Community Council for comment.

Cllr. EK
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Jess Kemp attended to seek the support of the Community Council for planning application to build a family home at Wester Alltnaceardaich. The planning application is at outline stage. Cameron Kemp and Fred Geddes declared an interest and that they could not speak on the issue. Chris Heaton-Armstrong, Vice Chair, said, "as a Community Council we try to support young families especially those moving back into the area. Chris Heaton-Armstrong said that the Community Council will submit a letter of support for the planning application.

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6. Traffic Order Consultation

Parking restrictions in Fort William and Inverness were noted.

7. KBCC/KBCT Relationship

The Community Council's relationship with the Community Trust. Cameron Kemp circulated an email from the Chairman of the Community Trust. It was suggested by Cameron Kemp and



<p>Chris Heaton-Armstrong that items of consultation should be sent both ways and we should circulate to the Trust any common points of interest, such as items asking for our opinion.</p>	<p>CK</p>
<p>8. Your Cash Your Choice Event 28th February 2018</p> <p>There is an opportunity for funding with this event in the region of £100 to £1500 for community projects (Highland Council website). The Community Council has already circulated this on our Facebook page. Erik Lundberg is involved in hosting a public event about it for anyone seeking information.</p>	
<p>9. Bank Closures</p> <p>Bank closures, especially the Royal Bank of Scotland bank closure affecting Beaulay. Councillors have raised this issue and there is a Scotland-wide campaign. Councillors have approached the Co-op to suggest banking through the Co-op.</p> <p>Mobile banking would be only once or twice a week and is inefficient and at the moment is not planned for the Beaulay area. Cheques can be paid in at the new Post Office. Online banking is inefficient, especially with the continuing problems with broadband connection in this area.</p>	
<p>10. Secretary</p> <p>The Community Council is short of a Secretary. Legally, the secretarial duties should not be performed by the Chair. The duties are not onerous and require broadband connection, computer skills and forwarding emails as well as preparing an agenda (at present, whilst we only have a Minutes Secretary). Cameron Kemp said that perhaps the Councillors could try the role in rotation.</p>	
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>Fred Geddes said that the proposed new velodrome was in today's Inverness Courier. Should the Community Council be writing a letter of support? One issue was that it was for cyclists, a narrow group of the community. Donna McHardy said that there would be tennis courts as well as a velodrome and it could be used as a music venue and conference centre. The location would be the Bught, near the Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Cameron Kemp said that he would find out who to write to, saying that it had been discussed at a meeting and that this Community Council would like to support it.</p> <p>Fred Geddes discussed the Inverness City Fund and asked how it is decided that the fund should be spent and is it spent after adequate consultation of the community? Cllr. Emma Knox</p>	



said that it is not ring-fenced. The purpose of the fund at present is to “transform the Highland economy and digital expansion”. Cllr Emma Knox to action.

The Community Council offers its condolences to Community Councillor Karen Young on the recent loss of her husband.

14. Dates of Future Meetings

A new list of provisional dates was agreed. They should take place every six weeks and avoid the school holidays. The regular meeting night would be Tuesday night at 7.30pm.

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Meetings up until August have been provisionally scheduled as follows:

- Wed 28th Feb 2018
- Tues 17 April 2018
- Tues 29 May 2018
- Tues 21 August 2018

The next meeting is on Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 7:30pm in the Old North Inn

