



# Kirriemuir Community Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 29 May 2024 7 pm in Kirrie Fire Station

**Present:** Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska-Lobban (Treasurer), George Aitken, Frances Havenga, Audrey Middleton, Cerys Mitchell, Eric Mitchell, Cathy Stephenson

**In attendance:** Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, PC Scott Anderson (part time), Officer Judy Young – SFRS (part time), PUBLIC: Annie McLean, Sandra Allen, Joyce Miller, John Miller

	ACTION
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Cllr George Meechan, Ron Lobban</p> <p><b>2. Approval of 24 April Minutes:</b> Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by George and seconded by Audrey</p> <p><b>3. Police Report:</b> Circulated. PC Anderson reviewed the Report. Inspector Martin Pattie is now based in Kirriemuir. Successful Bonfest event for Kirriemuir. PC Anderson left the meeting.</p> <p><b>4. Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Services Report:</b></p> <p>Community Safety: 4 x Home fire safety visits 2 x Operational Intelligence Visits 2 x Fire Safety Talks – Schools 2 x Fires skills with High School pupils 3 x CPR awareness sessions</p> <p>Incidents: 8 x Fires (dwelling and building) 1 x Fire in open 2 x RTC Road Traffic collision 3 x FAA Fire Alarm Activation 4 x Special Service (Lockfast/Assist other Agencies)</p> <p>The Summer TAP is due to open on 17 June and will run until 19 August.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reduce fire-related anti-social behaviour and the number of deliberate primary and secondary fires.</li><li>2. Reduce the number of fires in derelict/unoccupied buildings.</li><li>3. Reduce the number of fires involving refuse/rubbish.</li><li>4. Reduce the number of outdoor fires involving grass/heather/heathland and/or forested areas.</li><li>5. a) Promote fire safety within seasonal sleeping risks – caravan/camping sites. b) Promote</li></ol>	

fire safety within seasonal sleeping risks – hotels, guest houses/boarding houses, holiday centres and AirBnB type accommodation (Holiday Lets)

- 6. Promote water safety.
- 7. Contribute to the delivery of summer road safety initiatives.

Officer Young reviewed the Report and left the meeting.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

**May 2024:** FPP fund £92.20 KCC fund £546.62 Defib fund £595.50 Grant Minus £236.92  
VAA fund £300.00 Santa Fund £87.60 **Total £1385.00**

Irena has registered KCC for the ICO and has received the paperwork. Angus Council is to fund the first year, not KCC, therefore, Irena is currently seeking a refund for KCC.

**6. Matters Arising:**

**Cllr Proctor:**

**A25 Suggested speed bumps at Hill Rise/Return of potholes update:** Cllr Proctor reported a negative response to this request and said he had made his disappointment known. He will investigate further.

**A33 Road linking Glamis to Forfar Road:** Cllr Proctor reported that this is an “operational matter.” Cllr Proctor digressed to the recent **Bi-Annual meeting, held 28 May**, when “frustrations” were aired similar to those surrounding this item. He had proposed at the Bi-Annual meeting that “Officers should liaise with Community Councillors on such issues as a conduit to the public.” This is being considered.

Heather reiterated that KCC has written to Angus Council on this matter. Received a response, “do you want your objection to remain?” Answered, yes. George asked, if KCC has submitted an objection does it have to go to Full Council before it is considered? Cllr Proctor was unable to confirm this. Cathy reported that “Planning Aid Scotland” is available to support communities on such issues. (Can Cathy send Jeanette details).

It was confirmed this issue is still with Planning and has not been passed.

Discussion ensued, again, at length. When the houses were built the road should have been completed then. Instead, it appears the road is being delayed until all of the houses have been built which could take “years.” Unfortunately, this is all within the legal boundaries.

Cllr Proctor proposed a meeting on-site with Council Officers/Community Councillors/Members of the Public. All agreed. Cllr Proctor will discuss with Roads Department and report back to KCC.

Mrs. Miller (Public) stated that the Morrison Street road is very “dangerous.” Heather confirmed that the Morrison Street situation has been discussed many times at KCC meetings. Heather proposed an on-site meeting at Morrison Street, ideally on the same day as the Beechwood site visit. All agreed. Heather asked Mr. & Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Allen to attend this site visit, when arranged, and invite other interested residents, also. Mrs. Miller will give Jeanette her contact email address, held confidentially. Cllr Proctor will investigate and keep Jeanette updated.

*Update: Jeanette has emailed C.W. Hudson, Angus Council (copied to Cllr Proctor) suggesting a site visit of 14 June to assess this problem, along with the Maryton proposed site visit. Site visit could now be 18 June)*

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<p><b>A43 Cumberland Close:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is due to go to a Full Council Meeting on 20 June. However, Cllr Proctor reported that if it is not discussed on 20 June then it will be delayed until the August meeting.</li> <li>• Heather gave details of the response from Ian Lorimer, Angus Council, re KCC's email querying the cost burden to Angus Council in taking this forward, during this economic climate. Angus Council replied that they have “£500 donation to cover signage but nothing beyond that at the moment and there will be a financial assessment later.” The assessment report will be made public. All agreed, not a lot of helpful information in this response. All agreed, KCC has done all they can with this issue and must now await the outcome of the 20 June meeting. Cllr Proctor confirmed the Full Council Meeting is open to the public.</li> <li>• Annie McLean queried why Angus Council has not released the result of the Public Consultation. It is hoped this will be announced at the 20 June meeting. Annie reported the result of her Public Consultation. 93% against any change of name and very few in favour of change. Annie gave an interesting over view of Cumberland Close's history. Annie is of the view that it is irrelevant to compare 18<sup>th</sup> century events to 21<sup>st</sup> century principles.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Agenda item</b></p>
<p><b>A46 Inappropriate parking/corner of Slade Road:</b> Cllr Proctor awaiting a response.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>A47 Angus Alive's price increases:</b> Cllr Proctor will forward the Angus Alive response he has received to Jeanette for circulation. Cllr Proctor reiterated that the prices will increase. Audrey highlighted two groups who have paid up front for their bookings and were not made aware of a possible future price increase. They are now facing a price increase on an agreed set price.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>Heather Kelly:</b>  <b>A34 Angus Pylon Action Group/Consultation with Kirriemuir:</b> Heather has not heard from the Group. A further meeting is planned and Heather will receive the Minutes. A further consultation is planned by the Group.</p>	
<p><b>A36 Invitation to Angus Council CEO to a KCC meeting:</b> Several invitations have been sent and to date, no response. Disappointment expressed by all Community Councillors present at this disrespectful attitude towards Kirriemuir Community Council and the lack of a respectful acknowledgement to their invitations.</p> <p>Cllr Proctor reported that the CEO is paying an official visit to Kirriemuir on 3 July and will be visiting various places around the town, including Camera Obscura. Cllr Proctor suggested someone from KCC could go along to one of the venues and “remind her about the KCC invitation.” Heather responded firmly to this suggestion. KCC should not have to go along to a CEO promotional event to remind her that she has failed to respond to several invitations to attend a KCC meeting. This invitation is to address long standing, important issues raised by the residents of one of her Angus towns.</p>	<p><b>Agenda item</b></p>
<p><b>A41 Joint Forum for Community Councillors/KCC to be represented:</b> Heather reported that it appears the Joint Forum is not getting off the ground, as reported at the 28 May Bi-Annual meeting. A Joint Forum for Community Councillors in Lothian works hand-in-hand with their local Council. The initial plan is to use the Lothian model as a blue-print for all areas.</p> <p>Heather reported on the <b>Bi-Annual meeting</b>. It was poorly attended. Ivan Laird was asked to talk about his 45 years experience in the Community Council and how their Community Council was involved in the building of the Scott Memorial stone.</p>	<p><b>Agenda item</b></p>

<p>The Provost announced the next meeting would be in November, not face to face but on-line. Culture on Kindness was on the Agenda and Heather read out some of the “kindness mottos.” Proposed inviting “Culture on Kindness” to a KCC meeting. All agreed.</p> <p>Re Sandra Livingstone – there is a report which will be issued soon. “Planning Aid Scotland” was discussed which is a complaints body. A further meeting is planned to learn about improvements, GDPR, etc. Heather raised the KCC problem of items remaining on the Agenda for months and months.</p> <p>Heather queried why the next meeting in November is scheduled for “on-line.” The Provost replied, “because of the weather.” They are re-thinking this arrangement!</p>	<p><b>Agenda item</b></p>
<p><b>A42 GDPR – Nominate a Data Protection Officer:</b> This was brought up at the Bi-Annual meeting. Many of the Community Councillors are against it. The role of a Data Protection Officer in the past was withdrawn. Now it is planned to reinstate it. This is being investigated.</p>	<p><b>Agenda item</b></p>
<p><b>A44 Maryton Traffic Calming request:</b> Heather reported that during the past month Eric, Cerys and herself have delivered forms to Maryton residents for their views on traffic calming. Jeanette reported a very good response. Maryton residents are all in favour of traffic calming and a 20 mph speed limit, and yellow lines. Can Cllr Proctor include a site visit/meeting to Maryton on the same day as the Morrison Street site visit, to assess the situation. Jeanette reported no black box has yet appeared. <i>Update: Jeanette has emailed Craig Hudson, Angus Council (copied to Cllr Proctor) with the above info regarding the Maryton residents consultation, together with the lack of a black box. Jeanette is suggesting Friday, 14 June for the proposed site visit. Awaiting response. Site visit could now be 18 June.</i></p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>A43 Cumberland Close:</b> Ian Lorimer's reply re cost burden on Angus Council: See response in <b>A43 Matters Arising, Cllr Proctor</b>, above.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>7. Councillors' Reports:</b> <b>Cllr Julie Bell reports:</b></p>	
<p>As usual, I volunteered at Bonfest and even had some time to check out the fun in the town centre. It never fails to amaze me how much this brings to the town and to the wider area – huge congratulations to all at DD8 Music who worked so hard to bring it to fruition.</p>	
<p>I attended the North East Scotland Agricultural Advisory Group, of which I am a member, and we received a fantastic presentation from SRUC, Scotland’s agricultural college. I have now linked SRUC up with Sustainable Kirriemuir as they are interested in the community engagement aspect of projects such as SK – especially now they will be taking over the running of a large field on the Kinnordy Estate, thanks to Antony Gifford. I’m pleased to also have been able to write a letter of support for the SK bid to the National Lottery.</p>	
<p>I attended the Angus council meeting on May 9, during which it was agreed to market Angus House with a view to leasing space out or potentially selling, given that hybrid working for our employees is actually working well and being productive.</p>	
<p>On May 10, I attended the COSLA Health ND Social Care Policy Board, which discussed topics such as the main-streaming of the National Dementia Strategy, to which, of course, Kirrie Connections has been central. We also discussed plans for the introduction of legislation around restricting promotion of foods and drinks high in fat, sugar and salt; and the emerging legislation</p>	

on tobacco and vaping – we have done some work in Angus that shows that young people – school age, right across Angus – are going straight to vaping then onto illicit drugs, missing out tobacco smoking altogether. Cheap vaping products will be much more restricted to prevent long-term health implications.

On Monday May 13, I was delighted to be asked to launch the Angus-wide suicide, mental health and well-being campaign, ‘Are you OK?’ at Station Park in Forfar. Please do look out for the materials and information. That day also saw the launch of Kirriemuir Hub-Connect. On Monday evenings, for one year, funded by the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, there are open and FREE family sessions at Webster’s Sport Centre, from 5pm-6pm. It is designed to engage people in their communities, in families, encourage more activity, address loneliness, isolation and poor mental health. Please do encourage people to pop along.

I attended the Sustainable Kirriemuir AGM on May 22 – there was a fantastic presentation from the Eden Project Dundee so I’m hopeful ongoing links into SK and Angus can benefit our citizens around sustainability, biodiversity, locally-grown food and improving population health.

I participated in the Rotary of Kirriemuir Mental Health and Well-being event in the Town Hall on May 25, both as a committee member of Kirriemuir Food Hub and in my council roles in the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Tayside, networking and linking services up. Really enjoyable event.

I have been able to promote to Public Health Scotland the excellent work we are doing through the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership with a joint post between Public Health Scotland and NHS Tayside around Prevention and Proactive Care Programme, which includes the Kirriemuir Hub-Connect Programme (above), the Nature Prescribing initiative with RSPB, and our community link workers (formerly social prescribers) based in all GP practices in Angus, through Voluntary Action Angus.

Finally, I wanted to let you know of the fantastic service by Kirrie police officers, plus those in Forfar, Brechin, Arbroath and beyond. when Kingoldrum experienced a crime spree in the early hours of May 15. The police responded really quickly to the call-out and they caught three men who have been charged and remanded in custody.

#### **Cllr George Meechan reports:**

Work has been steady over the past month. The following is a summary of my recent activity.

#### **I have attended the following meetings (not exhaustive):-**

- Angus Licensing Board and Civic Licencing Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Civic Licensing Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Family Education and Justice Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Policy and Resources Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Full Council Meeting

#### **In addition, I have attended the following meetings/presentations**

- Attended Tourism in Angus briefing
- IT members briefing
- Attended Glamis Community Council
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Attended joint engagement session – Tayside Contracts

**My case load continues to be a mixed bag e.g. (specific to Kirriemuir)**

- Housing issues (allocations and repairs)
- Welfare Benefits
- Road repairs
- Lighting issues
- Blocked drains

I have visited Kirriemuir constituents in their own homes over the past period to discuss their issues and dealt with numerous telephone calls and emails.

I understand that the result of the consultation on the renaming Cumberland Close will come to the full council meeting of 20 June 2024.

Unfortunately, I need to give my apologies for the meeting on 29 May.

**Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:**

Housing including anti-social behaviour has taken up a fair bit of time.

Roads maintenance including potholes and the bad surface of the entrance to the Glengate where I witnessed the fall of an elderly gentleman. The new Pavement Parking Rules have also brought me frequent queries.

Welfare and health issues.

I attended Angus Council and had hoped that the Cumberland Close might have been mentioned but unfortunately it was not.

I attended a members engagement session which dealt with Housing matters. I voiced my opinion that my preferred system when escalating constituents concerns regarding housing was to speak directly to a Housing Officer which I continue to do as I felt that the system which had been developed did not fit the bill. I also made comments regarding Tenants agreements, number of pets permitted in Council rented properties, garden maintenance etc. Timescales for regarding responses for complaints and enquiries were also discussed.

A briefing on IT was also very informative regarding faster speeds of broadband to users and better connectivity in Rural areas. This work is ongoing. Financial assistance may be available to those who receive benefits or assistance.

At an Army engagement meeting I highlighted the complaint of the father of a local recruit where he complained that his son who had passed all tests and examinations was still awaiting joining instructions and had been waiting six months

I have been chasing up a complaint regarding the one of the car charging bays in Bellies Brae Car Park for an extended period of time.

Lastly, I attended Mental Health Awareness Day in the Town Hall on Saturday which was very successful.

George referred to Cllr Meechan's report and asked why is he still reporting on non-specific items that have no relevance to Kirriemuir. Jeanette reported that the same reminder regarding change of format reporting has been sent to the Angus Councillors regularly for the past few months.. Cllr Proctor and Cllr Bell have both responded and amended their reporting format, as requested by KCC. Jeanette will again send out the requested format which, hopefully, will now finalise the matter.

8. **New Glass Recycling Points update:** Not being rolled out in this area at present. Off Agenda.

9. **Adoption of the Constitution as at 14 May 2024:** Jeanette reported that a certain Angus Council Communities Officer has lost KCC's Constitution and it was never adopted at that meeting. The Constitution must now be adopted and Minuted that the Community Councillors are all in agreement. All agreed. Proposed by Irena and seconded by Cathy. Now signed.

10. **AOCB:**

10.1. **Jeanette** highlighted a large pothole near Delsons. Cllr Proctor will investigate.

10.2. **Jeanette** highlighted an extra large Thorntons signs advertising Delson homes, near the Delson development. Cllr Proctor suggested the signs must have been passed by the Planners. Cllr Proctor will clarify whether this involves Angus Council.

10.3. **George** highlighted a hedge issue at Lochmill. Mothers with prams having difficulty accessing the pavement due to an overhanging hedge. Other hedge issues were also highlighted in the vicinity of Brechin Road, Marywell Brae and Forfar Road. *Update: Jeanette has contacted Pete Morton and these areas are now in the process of being investigated.*

10.4. **Cathy** reported seeing Parking Attendants waiting for people to park on pavements and thus breaking the law. Disappointing. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.

10.5. **Eric** reported that every car parked at Hill Rise received notification that a £100 fine will be imposed on any car parked on a pavement. Eric reported a car parked in a resident's drive, but overlapping slightly on to the pavement, received a fine. The Parking Attendant, when questioned, suggested contacting the Police. Hill Rise residents have now moved their cars away from pavements to another area.. Eric anticipates this move of vehicles may now present a further problem - for Emergency Services access. Cllr Proctor reiterated that this pavement ban was introduced by the Scottish Government.

10.6. **Mrs. Allen (Public)** raised the inconvenience of no Kirrie Recycling Centre. It was explained that KCC led an extensive campaign to "Save Kirrie Recycling Centre" to no avail. Unfortunately, the Recycling Centre will not re-open. Certain members of the public still find the lack of a local recycling centre a problem. It was reported that the Recycling Centre had not yet "closed" and Tayside Contracts is using the site. Can Cllr Proctor please clarify whether Tayside Contracts is paying Angus Council to use this site.

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10.7. **Annie McLean** reported that local males are using Croft Terrace, Cumberland Close, Jamieson Close areas to urinate, during the day. Discussion ensued on this unacceptable behaviour. *Update: Jeanette has emailed PC Scott Anderson regarding this behaviour and requesting Police intervention.*

10.8. **Frances** submitted her Apologies for the 26 June meeting.

11. **Planning:** Planning Contact to attend DPEA 12 June meeting: Planning Aid for Scotland. Frances is unable to attend. Heather offered to attend in her place. 6 – 7.30 pm online meeting. Eric may also attend. Minor Planning Application reported.

**12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 26 June, 7 pm in Kirrie Fire Station**

Heather closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Hopefully, by the 26 June meeting the proposed site visits will have taken place with positive feed back and there will be an update on the Cumberland Close consultation.

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