



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 25 September 2024 Held in Kirriemuir Fire Station

Present: Eric Mitchell (Acting Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer), George Aitken, Frances Havenga, Audrey Middleton, Cathy Stephenson

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, SFRS Officer Judi Young (part time), PC Scott Anderson (part time)

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| <p>1. Apologies: Cerys Mitchell, Cllr George Meechan, Cllr Julie Bell Resignations: Heather Kelly, Ron Lobban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric expressed concern at the two resignations this month and the reasons given for their decisions. • The community bring their issues to KCC for help. There is currently a frustration within the KCC regarding the lack of support/response from Angus Council with certain enquiries/issues. • Unfortunately, these constant delays give the community the impression KCC is not doing their job. Although appreciative of having KCC, the community is not seeing any results, through no fault of KCC! • There are three local elected members. Cllr Proctor is the only regular elected member attending KCC meetings. Thus, whenever assistance is needed from Angus Council this inevitably falls to Cllr Proctor and not shared with the other two elected members. • There are items on the Agenda, involving Angus Council, that have been there for months and months, with no immediate sign of a conclusion. • The KCC Officers, especially Jeanette as Secretary, work hard to bring these items to a satisfactory conclusion. However, their hard work in processing these issues comes to a halt when Angus Council has to be involved. “What is the point,” unfortunately, is the KCC feeling at the moment. • The ongoing situation has resulted in the resignation of two Community Councillors this month, one of which is the Chair, Heather Kelly. Eric is of the opinion that if the situation does not improve then more resignations are on the horizon. • It was unanimously agreed that Angus Council's relationship with Community Councils must urgently improve. Other Community Councils in Angus are experiencing similar issues. It appears • There have been several invitations to the CEO of Angus Council to attend a KCC meeting to discuss the situation. All of which have been unsuccessful. • Cllr Proctor stated that since his involvement in the Community Council, more than twenty years ago, he didn't think “the situation had changed that dramatically” considering some items are outwith Angus Council's responsibility. He is of the opinion that Community Councils are much more pro-active today and, therefore, their “expectations of Angus Council are very high.” He stated that in those days the main issues were dogs fouling the pavements. • Discussion ensued. It was pointed out that Kirriemuir, and society in general, has changed | |

dramatically since the days Cllr Proctor refers to. Some of the issues brought to KCC today are extremely challenging for a voluntary group. However, without exception, the issues are accepted with enthusiasm and every effort is made to successfully resolve them.

- As a voluntary group, KCC need every support they can get to help the community, especially from Angus Council.
- Cllr Proctor reported that he had recently attended an Angus Council Meeting when similar issues to those highlighted above, were raised by an Officer at that meeting. These comments centred on improving Angus Council's communications with communities.
- **Update: Jeanette has arranged for Claire Thomson, Vibrant Communities, Angus Council, to attend the October meeting. This visit will take the form of a Community Councillors' Open Forum to discuss the issues Minuted above.**

2. **Approval of 28 August 2024 Minutes:** Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by George and seconded by Eric.

3. **Police Report:** Circulated. PC Anderson reviewed the report. Forfar Police Station is closing and temporarily moving into Angus House. No plans to close Kirriemuir Police Station. Speeding has been seriously monitored over the month.

PC Anderson left the meeting.

4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report:

Community Safety:

3 x Home Fire Safety visits

Incidents:

2 x Smoke Detector Op

1 x Fire – building

2 x Special Service Call (RTC/Lockfast)

5 x Fire – vehicle and power

Charity Car Wash – Saturday, 28 September, 9 am – 1 pm

Autumn TAP (Thematic Action Plan)

Key Objectives

1. Reduce fire-related anti-social behaviour and the number of deliberate primary and secondary fires.
2. Reduce the number of fires in derelict/unoccupied buildings.
3. Reduce the number of fires involving refuse/rubbish.
4. Reduce the number of outdoor fires involving grass/ heather and/or forested areas.
5. (a) Promote fire safety within seasonal sleeping risks - caravan/ camping sites.
(b) Promote fire safety within seasonal sleeping risks - hotels, guest houses/boarding houses, holiday centres and Air BnB type accommodation (Holiday Lets).
6. (a) Promote water safety.
(b) Reduce the number of fires and accidents involving boats, leisure craft and ferries.
7. Contribute to the delivery of summer road safety initiatives.

Officer Young reviewed the SFRS Report.

The proceeds from the Charity Car Wash will go to two local charities, one of which is the Kirrie Christmas Lights fund. There was a problem for the Fire Engines accessing Knowehead Crescent when attending a fire on Sunday, 22 September, due to parked cars on the street. It is understood that traffic calming measures are due to be installed.

Officer Young left the meeting

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| <p>5. Treasurer's Report: FPP fund £92.20 KCC fund £547.17 Defib fund £595.50 Grant £226.08 VAA fund £300.00 Santa fund £87.60 Total £1848.55 New HeartStart figure of £626.50 Irena reported that she will be standing down as Treasurer at the October AGM.</p> <p>6. Matters Arising: Cllr Proctor: A43 Cumberland Close: Financial burden on Angus Council: Angus Council respond that they have not specifically recorded the time spent in the various departments with regard to the Cumberland Close name issue, therefore, they don't have a cost. They add that if there is a cost it will not be disclosed. Off Agenda.</p> <p>A46 Inappropriate parking/corner of Slade Road: This has been noted. No further update. Off Agenda.</p> <p>A49 Large pothole near Delsons: This had been missed. Now under investigation.</p> <p>A53 Clarification whether Tayside Contracts is paying Angus Council for use of closed Kirrie Recycling Centre: Presence of Angus Council staff. Angus Council used to lease ground at Angle Road but have now moved to the Recycling Centre. The presence of Tayside Contracts at the Recycling Centre was to make deliveries only. Off Agenda.</p> <p>A56 Morrison Street: Off Agenda.</p> <p>A57 Hill Rise access issues due to vehicles unable to park on pavements: The exemptions list is still ongoing. Hill Rise will not be on the exemption list. Off Agenda.</p> <p>A58 Bus Timetables: Angus Council to update bus shelters. Off Agenda</p> <p>A60 More bins required in the Square and regular emptying: Cathy did a survey and passed it to the relevant Angus Council Officer. A site visit will take place on Wednesday, 2 October, at 5 pm Cathy, Jeanette and Cllr Proctor will attend.</p> <p>Heather Kelly: Unfortunately, Eric has no update from Heather on the following items: A34 Angus Pylon Action Group: Update on the 17 August Consultation: Eric will investigate and report back.</p> <p>A41 Joint Forum for Community Councillors/KCC to be represented: No update. Jeanette will contact Tom O'Brien and ask him to make Jeanette new point of contact. <i>Update: Tom O'Brien has confirmed change of contact.</i></p> <p>A44 Maryton Traffic calming request: Off Agenda</p> <p>General: A51 Various hedge issues: Lochmill, Brechin Road, Marywell Brae: Off Agenda.</p> <p>A59 Overgrown weeds near Attic: Jeanette to give Cllr Proctor details and he will investigate further.</p> | <p>RP</p> <p>RP</p> <p>EM</p> <p>JR</p> <p>RP</p> |
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A61 Unhitched trailer parked in Know head Crescent: Police advise this is not illegal. Off Agenda.

A62 Farm vehicles on main road without rear lights: Police are monitoring. Off Agenda.

A63 Damaged bin in Reform Street: Done. Off Agenda.

7. Councillors Reports:

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:

I have continued with my duties as a local councillor over the past month and supported the community and Ward 1 (Kirriemuir & Dean) as a whole. Highlighting roads, housing and numerous issues within the town and immediate area of Kirriemuir. I have forwarded and supported Community Councillors' reports of such issues to Council Officers as and when the case has arisen, e.g. failure of lighting at the Community, signage on Premier Shop in Square, waste on the Square and others as they arise.

I have been actively involved with confidential issues with elderly residents. I have attended various meetings and seminars over the past month relevant to Kirriemuir, e.g. climate change, where areas such as the Old Station and Gairie burn have a flooding potential. A very interesting seminar on social housing was recently held and I raised a number of points such as anti social behaviour, maintenance of gardens, number of permitted pets in Council properties, housing allocations, etc.

As a member of the Angus Education Trust, funds dispersed to those pupils in the community and those in Angus who greatly benefited. The full Angus Council took place on 12 September and I supported the election of Cllr Linda Clark as Provost of Angus. I have attended briefings on the SSEN Kintore to Tealing power line which does not directly affect the town but may have an affect in the peripheral areas.

- No Report received this month from Cllr Meechan.
- Earlier in the year, KCC requested elected members to change the format of their Reports. Only information relevant to Kirriemuir to be reported. After numerous reminders, Cllr Bell's reports continue to cover business from the whole of Angus. Therefore, it was proposed and agreed that Cllr Bell's report should be deleted from the Minutes. Also, because Cllr Bell has chosen not to attend KCC meetings, it was proposed and agreed that she be deleted from the circulation list. All agreed.
- It was stated that there are three elected members for Kirriemuir + Dean. However, only one elected member, Cllr Proctor, attends KCC meetings on a regular basis. All agreed.

8. **Planning Aid Scotland:** Possible assistance with A33 Beechwood Place. Discussion ensued. The road was supposed to be finished once the last house was built but it was never included as a Condition. It was confirmed that KCC's objection has been lodged. Jeanette will ask Ruairi Kelly, Angus Council, to make Jeanette KCC's point of contact.

9. **New shop front signage in Square, re conservation area:** Currently under investigation.

10. **Planning: J&D Wilkie's Planning Application/KCC's alleged "advice" to Wilkies**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanette reported that Heather had initially discussed this with J&D Wilkie a number of months ago. • Following her meeting with J&D Wilkie, Heather had brought the Application Plan to a KCC meeting which was held at The Camera on this occasion. • Heather has advised she left the Plan at The Camera that evening. Unfortunately, no one can find the Plan. • J&D Wilkie's Plan is for 80 parking spaces (including 5 spaces for camper vans), a house and craft units. J&D Wilkie claim the car park will take lorries off Bellies Brae and alleviate congestion in the town. • Plan is on the Angus Council website. • If KCC wish to make comment then this must be submitted by 30 September. <i>(Update: Ruairi Kelly, Angus Council, advises Jeanette that if KCC wish to provide a response regarding the Gairie Works she will extend the end date to 31 October)</i> • Cathy offered to put together a precis of the J&D Wilkie's Planning Application details and send copies to Jeanette and Jean. • It was proposed and agreed that a correction should be “announced” to the report in The Courier, whereby it was incorrectly stated that KCC supported this Application. No record exists in any Minutes.. KCC has not stated they supported this Application. • Frances, as Planning Officer, will lead on this. • Various other Planning Applications were reported, including the refurbishment of the Parish Church. <p>11. AOCB:</p> <p>11.1. Jeanette is still awaiting a response from Sandra Livingston, Angus Council, regarding the signing of the Final Constitution. Cllr Proctor will investigate.</p> <p>11.2. Frances asked about the parking issue outside of the Post Office. There is a sign in the Post Office window advising the public that they are not allowed to park in front of the Post Office. Doing so will result in a parking fine.</p> <p>11.3. Frances highlighted an area in Reform Street car park – near the Disabled Bay/Bottle Bank – which is constantly wet, water coming from somewhere. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.</p> <p>11.4. AGM – October: Cllr Proctor will act as Interim Chair for the 30 October Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>12. Date of next meeting: 30 October 2024 – Annual General Meeting/Business Meeting, 7 pm in Kirrie Fire Station.</p> <p><i>Thanks to the Chair</i></p> <p>29.9.24</p> | <p>CS</p> <p>FH</p> <p>RP</p> <p>RP</p> |
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