



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 28 August 2024 7 pm in Kirrie Fire Station

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

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

Eric welcomed Emma Falconer, Development Officer “Protecting People” from Angus Council, to give a talk on “Culture on Kindness”

- Emma thanked KCC for their kind invitation.
- This project is spanning 2021 to 2026 and the aim is to collect data on anti-social behaviour within the community.
- Culture on Kindness does not take action any anti-social behaviour. Individual incidents should be reported to the ACCESS Office. The Project is a data collecting agency to enable the study of trends/main issues/public comments/opinions, etc. to, hopefully, improve the situation in the future.
- Emma is asking people for their experiences. “Are people reporting anti-social experiences, or are many issues being missed?”
- Discussion ensued with the Community Councillors with various areas of concern highlighted. There are pockets of anti-social behaviour issues in the local community where certain individuals have been identified and are known to the authorities. With the demise of the Kirrie Recycling Centre, fly tipping in the area is on the increase. Also, “camp tipping” has become a problem in Kirrie's rural area.
- Kirrie has high drug and alcohol issues.
- Emma asked if KCC found it easy to report such anti-social behaviour incidents. Eric responded that seeking assistance in reporting incidents can be difficult. This is due to lack of Police man power in this area which is well documented. Not the fault of the Police Officers but because the Police are under manned.
- Reporting vandalism usually occurs “after” the event, therefore, the issue is lacking in evidence, unless CCTV footage is available.
- Eric asked Emma is there anything KCC can do to assist. Emma suggested a public consultation to ask the community their views on the most effective way of reporting anti-social behaviour, e.g. online, via Police, etc. etc.
- It was suggested to “talk to the schools.” Educate children to make them aware of the serious consequences of anti-social behaviour in their community. Social media was also highlighted. This can be a serious route into anti-social behaviour.

Eric asked Emma to forward any literature to Jeanette, Secretary, and thanked Emma for attending the KCC meeting. Emma left the meeting.

ACTION

1. Apologies: Heather Kelly, Audrey Middleton, Cerys Mitchell, Ron Lobban, Cllr Julie Bell

2. Approval of 31 July Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by George and seconded by Irena.

3. Police Report: No report received. PC Anderson will re-send. PC Anderson reviewed the Police Report and commented on the unusually low crime figures for this time of the year. He reported on two items outstanding against the Police – see **A54 and A56** below, under Matters Arising. *(Update: Report received and circulated)*

- George asked PC Anderson to investigate farm vehicles using the main roads without the required rear lighting, especially now that daylight is reducing. PC Anderson asked George if he could let him know the reg numbers of the offending vehicles and he will make contact with the farmers.
- Approaching the darker mornings, Paper Boys with no lights on their bikes was raised. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that this is the responsibility of the parents.

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4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report:
Officer Young reviewed the SFRS report. The “uniforms event” was extremely successful, with some of the uniforms taken to Northmuir Primary School.

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Community Safety:

- 5 x Home Fire Safety visits
- 1 x Operational Intelligence visit
- 2 x Doors Open event – Uniform Bank

Incidents:

- 4 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm)
- 3 x Smoke Detector Operating
- 1 x Fire in open
- 4 x Fire – farm building, commercial
- 2 x Fire – dwelling
- 1 x Fire – vehicle
- 1 x Special Service – Lockfast
- 4 x RTC

5. Treasurer's Report:

August 2024:

FPP fund £92.20 KCC fund £547.17 Defib fund £595.50 Grant £276.05
VAA fund £300.00 Santa fund £87.60 **Total £1898.52**

Fund held by Heartstart £768.00
Grant fund spent to 31 August 2024 £102.00 Grant received £715.00

6. Matters Arising:

Cllr Proctor:

- A43 Cumberland Close: Financial** burden on Angus Council: No update.
- A46 Inappropriate parking/corner of Slade Road:** No further update.
- A49 Large pothole near Delson:** No update.
- A53 Clarification whether Tayside Contracts is paying Angus Council for use of closed Recycling Centre:** No update.
- A56 Morrison Street:** No further update.

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<p>A57 Hill Rise access issues due to vehicles unable to park on pavements: Still under investigation.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>A58 Bus Timetables: Updated in town centre bus shelters. Cathy reported that some of the bus shelters are damaged. Can Cathy email Cllr Proctor with details so that he can investigate.</p>	<p>CS/RP</p>
<p>A59 Overgrown weeds near The Attic: Cllr Proctor stated this is the responsibility of the owner of the property and suggested contacting Greg Prophet, Angus Council.</p>	<p>JR</p>
<p>A60 More litter bins required in the Square and regular emptying: Cllr Proctor asked where these bins should be located. However, it was agreed that getting more litter bins processed is the priority for now.</p>	<p>RP</p>
<p>Heather Kelly:</p>	
<p>A34 Angus Pylon Action Group: Eric reported on the result of the 17 August public consultation. 25 against the Pylons and 1 for the Pylons. Various comments were reported regarding how the erection of the Pylons would be of detriment to the area.</p>	<p>HK</p>
<p>A41 Joint Forum for Community Councillors/KCC to be represented: No update.</p>	<p>HK</p>
<p>A44 Maryton Traffic Calming request: No update.</p>	<p>HK</p>
<p>General:</p>	
<p>A51 Various hedge issues: Lochmill, Brechin Road, Marywell Brae, Forfar Road: Forfar Road is done.</p>	
<p>A54 Males using areas of town to urinate in public: PC Anderson reported that, unfortunately, the Police is unable to action without identification.</p>	
<p>A61 Unhitched trailer parked at Knowehead Crescent: PC Anderson did not think this was illegal, however, he will investigate and report back.<i>(Update: PC Anderson reports this is not an offence regarding the trailer being parked on the road. It is not causing an obstruction, therefore, no Police action required).</i></p>	<p>Police</p>
<p>7. Councillors' Reports:</p>	
<p>Cllr Julie Bell reports:</p>	
<p>I note from your agenda a couple of items I am already working on for others. The issue of 'weeds' is an interesting one – I receive more email traffic on banning glyphosate use than I do about 'weeds' which are essentially wildflowers and vital food for pollinators. I think this is an area we can work on to improve biodiversity – people may be aware that bees and butterflies have been noticeably lower in numbers this year, which is tragic.</p>	
<p>There was a special Angus Council meeting on August 1 relating to a consultation around plans for Carnoustie Golf Future Arrangements – I would encourage Kirrie people to engage with the consultation, whether you are a golfer, small business owner or interested citizen. The Open has a major economic impact on the entire county:https://engage.angus.gov.uk/carnoustie-golf</p>	
<p>On Wednesday (Aug 28) at the Integration Joint Board (IJB) meeting of Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, the board will hear formally about the operational need for inpatient learning disability services at Carseview, Dundee and Strathmartine Hospital, Angus to be relocated to a much more appropriate site at Murray Royal Hospital, Perth. All patients and their families and carers have been informed and will continue to be supported through the process, which will be carefully and sensitively handled.</p>	
<p>The IJB will also hear an update on the delivery of mental health services in Angus, within the wider Tayside strategic development. We are having a positive impact on people's mental health and well-being, with a reduction in hospital stays as more people are being more effectively and</p>	

appropriately looked after at home within their community and local support networks.

Kirriemuir Food Hub has received funding for training and information sessions that are open to any interested member of the community. The training is designed to tackle the stigma of recovery, trauma awareness, domestic abuse and promote a culture of kindness in the town – I would encourage people to consider signing up:

Exploring Stigma

Date: Wed, Sept 4 • 13:0 BST

Location: Kirriemuir Scout Hall, Marywell Gardens, Kirriemuir, DD8 4DQ

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exploring-stigma-tickets-950754250557?aff=ebdsshothor&utm_share_source=listing_android

I am a member of a new, short-life member officer working group (MOWG) in Angus Council looking at strategic plans for housing within the county. This aims to cover all housing tenures, from social houses, to private rentals, housing developments, affordable housing and how we work across the whole sector with partners and people to address housing need. This is of particular interest to me because of the links between health and housing, and as elected members, we all know how much of our caseload involves housing. The MOWG will report to council formally by the end of the year.

Please accept my standing apologies for 28 August meeting.

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:

I have not got much more to report than what I said from the last meeting. I attended the Families Education and Justice Committee meeting but there was nothing specific for Kirriemuir.

Items which are down to me :- Items A46, A56, and A44 have all had responses however I am still awaiting responses the remainder. Item A59 is not the responsibility of the Council but of the property owner and there are other buildings within the town with similar problems.

I have carried out a site visit to a housing issue which is still on going and have also reported road issues and a bent street light pole. I will be attending a virtual meeting regarding the former Angus Alive properties on the 29th (Thursday) where the Gateway to the Glens Museum amongst other will be discussed. A report produced by Audrey Michie, the lead officer has been sent out to all Elected Members detailing the results of the various appraisals on the properties.

I have also been dealing with other housing issues including some of a welfare nature.

I will be attending a briefing tomorrow morning at Montrose Port where I believe some Kirriemuir folk work.

No Report received from Cllr Meechan.

8. **Planning Aid Scotland:** Possible assistance with 33 Beechwood Place
9. **Complaint re parking fines around Post Office/Glengate Larder:** Eric reviewed the

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email response from Angus Council. KCC has assisted in bringing this issue to the attention of Angus Council. This is now in the hands of the owner. Off Agenda.

10. AOCB:

10.1. Frances highlighted again the damaged bin outside of the old Post Office in Reform Street. Eric offered to investigate. *(Update: Jeanette has emailed photo of “No. 7 bin” to William Gilfillan, Angus Council. He has replied that there is already a notification out for the removal of bins outside of the Old Police Station in Reform Street.)*

11. Planning: Minor planning applications reported.

12. Date of next meeting: 25 September 2024, 7 pm at Kirrie Fire Station

Thanks to the Chair....

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