



# Kirriemuir Community Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held 30 October 2024, 7 pm at Kirrie Police Station

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

**In attendance:** Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), SFRS Officer Judi Young (part time), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr George Meechan, Claire Thomson (Angus Council), **PUBLIC:** Linda McDonald, Ian McDonald, Jodi Buik

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Cerys Mitchell, PC Scott Anderson</p> <p><b>2. Approval of 25 September 2024 Minutes:</b> Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Eric and seconded by George.</p> <p><b>3. Police Report:</b> Received and circulated. PC Anderson emailed on 15 October to report that he had visited three Newsagents who confirmed that their paper boys were suitably attired with high viz jackets during the darker mornings. However, Eric reported that he narrowly missed hitting a paper boy in the Northmuir who was not wearing any high viz clothing.</p> <p><b>4. Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Services Report:</b>  <b>October 2024</b>  <b>Community Safety:</b>            6 x Home fire safety visits            3 x Operational Intelligence visits            1 x Coffee with Crew – Police Scotland            2 x Bonfire School talks – Kirrie Cluster Primaries            1 x Kirrie Connections – Home safety roadshow            4 x Fire - in open (secondary)            4 x Fire – dwelling            1 x Fire – vehicle and power            10 x fire alarm/smoke detector op            3 x AFRA – Automated Fire Alarm            3 x Special Service Call (Water Rescue/Lockfast)</p> <p>Officer Young reviewed the SFRS Report.</p> <p><b>5. Treasurer's Report:</b>  <b>As at October 2024</b>            FPP Fund £92.20    KCC Fund £547.17    Defib Fund £595.50    Grant £136.48            VAA Fund £300.00    Santa Fund £87.60    <b>Total £1758.95</b></p>	<b>Police</b>

<p>Irena will email Audrey with the necessary forms for changing the Bank signatories.</p>	<p><b>IK</b></p>
<p><b>Irena, Jeanette and Audrey will meet at 6.30 pm, ahead of the 27 November Business meeting, to finalise the hand over.</b></p>	<p><b>IK/JR/ AM</b></p>
<p><b>6. Matters Arising:</b></p>	
<p><b>Cllr Proctor:</b></p>	
<p><b>A49 Large pothole near Delsons: Done</b></p>	
<p><b>A59 Overgrown weeds near the Attic:</b> Cllr Proctor reported that this is the owner's responsibility. He suggested that Jeanette asks the property owner to attend to the weeds. All of the Community Councillors present were aghast at this suggestion. This is certainly not something that KCC's Secretary should ever be expected to carry out. Cllr Proctor will re-investigate.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>A60 More bins required in the Square and regular emptying.</b> A successful site visit took place in October, with Bill Gilfillan, Angus Council, present. He has the facts and will discuss with his manager. Cathy has taken photos and the situation has improved. Re the bins in the Square – Boots, Bellies Brae and Age Concern – suggestion made to move some of the bins. Also, a change of style would help – current bins have a wide gap at the top causing regular overspill.</p>	
<p><b>A64 Premier shop front in Square:</b> No update.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>A65 Signing of Constitution/Non reply from Sandra Livingston:</b> No update.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p><b>General:</b></p>	
<p><b>A34 Angus Pylon Action Group/17 Aug Consultation:</b> Eric will investigate. Irena reported that Forfar Community Council will be sending KCC an email regarding Angus Pylon Action Group.</p>	<p><b>EM</b></p>
<p><b>A41 Joint Forum of Community Councillors:</b> Off Agenda.</p>	
<p><b>7. Councillors' Reports:</b></p>	
<p><b>Cllr Meechan reports:</b></p>	
<p>The following is a summary of my recent activity.</p>	
<p><b>I have attended the following meetings (not exhaustive): -</b></p>	
<p>Attended weekly meetings with Chief Executive and Depute to discuss issues relating to Angus in general</p>	
<p>Attended a Cost-of-Living Roadshow detailing help for all residents on help with the cost of living</p>	
<p>Attended weekly SNP Group meetings</p>	
<p>Attended the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Kirriemuir Day Care</p>	
<p>Attended pre-agenda of Civic and Licensing Committees (Kirriemuir establishments were on the agenda)</p>	
<p>Attended Full Council Meeting</p>	
<p>Attended Housing MOWG</p>	
<p><b>My case load continues to be a mixed bag e.g. (specific to Kirriemuir)</b></p>	
<p>Housing issues (allocations and repairs)</p>	
<p>Welfare Benefits</p>	
<p>Road repairs</p>	
<p>Lighting issues</p>	

Dog fouling  
Blue bins  
Support for passport  
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.

**Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:**

I have continued to deal with housing, roads, welfare of an elderly person and this month the assistance to a veteran in our area who had a housing problem. One housing related problem is ongoing and will continue to be so.

I have also been contacted by some residents regarding there only being one bottle collection site and have been in communication with officers regarding more sites for Kirriemuir. One proposed site unfortunately was unsuitable as the collection vehicle was too big to gain entry to the proposed site. I am assured however that other sites are being looked at. I would be grateful for any suggestions from CC Members

I attended a Housing charter seminar where numerous items regarding housing were put forward and discussed. I again mentioned the I had had complaints from tenants and others regarding anti-social behaviour, out of control pets and the length of time that it often took to have repairs completed.

I also aired concerns regarding some of the items on the Communities Committee which although not Kirriemuir specific were pertinent to Kirriemuir and Dean.

Attending the Brechin Beyond the Flood Seminar I expressed concerns regarding areas and potential areas of flooding within Kirriemuir and its environs. I was assured that these concerns were being addressed and looked at to negate problems in the future.

*Update: I attended a Planning Seminar and raised the issue of Hooks. The Planning Officer advised that funds may be available in the future to get something moving with Hooks.*

**Cllr Meechan** was reminded to please send his Report in email format and not as an attachment.

**8. Planning Aid Scotland/Possible assistance with A33 Beechwood Place:** Leave on Agenda

**Agenda item**

9. **Planning:** J. & D. Wilkie's Planning Application/KCC's alleged "advice" reported in The Courier. Cathy read out the proposed response to Angus Council. A vote to agree the response. All agreed. The proposed response requires a signature, as well as it being emailed. Jeanette will arrange for Eric to sign the document.

**10. AOCB:**

**10.1. New blue recycling bin:** Eric raised the point that the public are being fined for parking their cars on pavements due to the parked car causing an obstruction and possible safety hazard for the pedestrian. Currently, the blue bins on pavements, due to their size, are causing the same obstructions and possible safety hazards for pedestrians. Cllr Meechan responded that a car is a "possible danger for the pedestrian." It was pointed out to Cllr Meechan that a "parked " car is stationary Discussion ensued. Eric reported that he will write a report and send it to Angus Council.

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Some residents were not issued with the timetable of bin emptying.

10.2. **Bottle Banks – proposed sites:** Mr. & Mrs. McDonald (Public) highlighted the proposal for a Bottle Bank at the entrance to Lord Lyall Estate. The area in question is used by school children who will have to pass the Bottle Bank on their way to school., Noise pollution could also be a problem. Mr. & Mrs. McDonald wrote to Graeme Dey MSP with their concerns.

Correspondence has exchanged between Developer Mark Guild/Angus Council/Graeme Dey MSP/CEO of Angus Council. Mr. & Mrs. McDonald (Public) brought a copy of the Angus Council CEO's response to the letter she had received from Graeme Dey's letter. This was circulated.

In the letter it was stated that consultation for the introduction of the blue bin took place, on line, between 14.11.22 to 11.12.22, with 2,464 responses received. It is reported that out of the 2,464 responses most people were willing to have a second bin if this included glass. Half of all respondents did not want to bring their glass to recycling points. The CEO stated, in her response, that it would be *“prohibitively expensive to operate a kerbside glass collection. Therefore, a substantially increased network of glass recycling points (GRP), funded by the Scottish Government Recycling Improvement Fund, is being put in place.”*

A Bottle Bank has been sited at the top of the Den, near a bus stop, which will require the public to park on the main road when depositing their glass.

Jeanette and Jodi Buik (Public), both residents of Maryton, reported the public depositing glass at their Bottle Bank late in the evening and sometimes at 3 am in the morning, causing serious noise pollution for nearby residents.

It was unanimously agreed that Angus Council's policy of online consultations should not be the first option. Consultation with Community Councils would prove to be much more realistic.

Cllr Meechan didn't think Angus Council “got it right first time.”

10. 3. **Calming Measures for Maryton.** Jodi Buik (Public) asked for the item “**A44 – Calming Measures, request for Maryton**” to be re-visited. This item was discussed a few months ago. There was a site visit, attended by a Council Officer. Unfortunately, the calming measures were deemed not necessary. Jodi grew up in Maryton and used to walk to school when she was a youngster. She now has two young children but fears for their safety, due to the speed of traffic coming through Maryton, and would not consider allowing them the freedom to walk to school. There have been three traffic fatalities in recent years in Maryton.

Jodi understands there are plans to make every small town/village in Scotland a 20 mph zone in 2025. She is asking if Maryton can be the first to lead on this in 2024?

Cllr Proctor reported on the site visit, attended by Council Officer, Andrea Strachan. The report went to the Road Safety Committee who turned down the request.

Jodi requested a copy of the Minutes of that Road Safety Committee meeting concerning Maryton's request. Cllr Proctor explained that if he requests a re-visit of Maryton's road calming measures with the Road Safety Committee then he will receive a report of the previous site visit. He will send a copy of this to Jeanette.

Agreed to put this back on the Agenda and Cllr Proctor will investigate.

**Agenda  
item/RP**

<p><b>10.4. Frances</b> reported that there is still a “flood” area in Reform Street car park. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.<i>Update: Jeanette has emailed Traffic who confirm they will investigate the area in the coming week.</i></p> <p><b>10.5. Audrey</b> has been approached by three parents with regard to the traffic dangers at Lindsay Street and requesting speed bumps. Jeanette will contact PC Scott Anderson.</p> <p><b>10.6. Jeanette</b> highlighted “Santa Letters” for this year. Agreed a date of <b>20 December</b>. Funds are available but any donations will be gratefully received.</p> <p><b>11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 27 November 2024</b></p> <p>3.11.24</p>	<p><b>JR</b></p> <p><b>JR/ Police</b></p>
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