



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 29 January 2025 7 pm in Kirriemuir Fire Station

Present: Eric Mitchell (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), George Aitken, Frances Havenga, Audrey Middleton, Cathy Stephenson

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Officer Young (SFRS), PC Scott Anderson (part time), Cllr Ronnie Proctor **PUBLIC:** Jodi Buik, Audrey Ireland, Daniel Ireland

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| <p>On behalf of KCC, Eric welcomed Jodi, Audrey and Daniel on to the Kirriemuir Community Council committee.</p> <p>Eric opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies: Cerys Mitchell2. Approval of November 2024 Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by George and seconded by Audrey.3. Police Report: Received and circulated PC Anderson reviewed the Police Report. Traffic offences are included in the figures. Police will be in attendance at the Community Drop-in at Kirrie Fire Station on 7 February, 3 pm – 5 pm. <i>PC Anderson left the meeting.</i>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report: December 2024/January 2025 Community Safety: 9 x Home Fire Safety visits 2 x Operational Intelligence visits Ran Charity Santa Drive Attended Warm Space event – Promote HFSV <p>Incidents: 3 x Fire Alarm/Smoke Detector operating 3 x Fire – dwelling 2 x Secondary fire 1 x Special Service call 1 x AFA (Automated Fire Alarm) 1 x Make Safe</p> <p>Winter TAP: 16.11.24 – 16.2.25</p> | |

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce accidental dwelling fires. 2. Target Home Fire Safety visits (HFSV) at high risk households. 3. Increased safety of commercial and public premises. 4. Promote benefits of carbon monoxide detection within the home. 5. Promote chimney safety, including flues, sold fuel stoves, log burners and wood burning heaters. 6. Promote road safety. 7. Promote water safety. 8. Consider additional winter safety themes: a) Electrical Safety, b) Power Cuts, c) Stairwell/Close Safety, d) Flooding. | |
| <p>Officer Young reviewed the SFRS Report and confirmed the Community Drop-in to be held at the Station on Friday, 7 February.</p> | |
| <p>5. Treasurer's Report: Audrey has resigned as Treasurer as she does not have access to a computer. Eric offered to discuss with Cerys the role of Treasurer, with his assistance.</p> | EM |
| <p>6. Matters Arising: Cllr Proctor: A60 More bins required in the Square and regular emptying. No further update.</p> | RP |
| <p>A68 Calming measures for Maryton: Cllr Proctor had not arrived at the meeting at this point. Therefore, Jodi and Jeanette reported on this item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics have been made available (under the Freedom of Information Act) showing a 77.5 mph speeding incident through Maryton. Specific details, e.g. type of vehicle, etc., are not available in the stats. • The information sent by Angus Council, Roads Department, information to KCC, re speeds recorded, is incorrect. Jeanette will contact Roads Department. • Jodi reported that the original Stats communication was sent to Jeanette. However, the communication she has seen is showing much higher speeds. It was suggested this be addressed again by Angus Council. • Jodi reported the speed exercise was carried out last year. There was a very long delay in any response with statistics from Angus Council and it was necessary to chase this up several times. Jodi will look at the statistics again for the next meeting. | JR JB |
| <p>A71 Parked cars at Kirk Wynd/Light out at Manse Close: Frances reported that the light was still out at Manse Close.</p> | RP |
| <p>General: A34 Angus Pylon Action Group/Consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy reported a meeting is arranged and encouraged everyone to try and attend. Although KCC is not a statutory body, it can submit a comment on behalf of the community. • The Consultation events are very structured and Cathy suggested we should probably witness these for ourselves. • Meetings are scheduled for 11/12/13 March. Cathy plans to attend one of them and Eric will attend the Memus meeting. • There will be an on-line meeting. It is hoped the public will focus on the dangers to farming and bio-security. | |

A67 Bottle Banks update – Maryton awaiting to be re-sited. No update

7. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:

1.I have continued to work on three long term housing problems in Kirriemuir. Roads, particularly potholes and an ongoing lighting issue, some folks have been dumping their rubbish in others wheelie bins has lately taken up a good deal of my and officers time.

2.I have joined the newly formed Housing Committee and hope that we can tackle and solve many of the housing issues which beset Kirriemuir and Angus for as long as I have been on the Council. I do hope that it gets results and is not another talking shop.

3.I have attended the following meetings since the last Community Council and although some were not Kirriemuir specific some may have peripheral effects on the town:-

a.Scrutiny and Audit Committee. I asked the Fire and Rescue Officers as to the deployment and success and performance of the new fire appliance. I was informed that it has been deployed in Kirriemuir with very positive results. Speeding issues within and outside town were brought to the notice of the police representatives present.

b.Tay Cities Deal. Most of the funding for this has been awarded to Montrose and elsewhere, however there could be a spin off for employment for people who live in the town and surrounding areas

c.Carnoustie Golf Links. The progression of the development of the Carnoustie golf links has taken up a fair bit of Councillors and Officers time, both at a briefing and Special Angus Council. The aim is to keep Carnoustie as a candidate course to hold the Open Golf Championship in the future this brings a great financial benefit to Carnoustie and the whole of Angus including Kirriemuir with requirements for accommodation and visits to the local area.

d.Housing Allocations Brief. A briefing session was held to update Councillors on the current housing allocation system. Comments from me and others that not everyone had access to it equipment or could use it and therefore assistance must be given to housing applicants who fall into this category.

e.Family Justice and Education Committee. Numerous subjects were discussed and the requirement for more Foster Carers from all areas was highlighted.

f.Local Development Plan. A seminar was held to discuss the Local Development Plan and issues, Community Councils should also be involved in this. I raised the point that preference should be made to redeveloping brown field sites such as Hooks in Kirriemuir and elsewhere instead of building on agricultural land which once built on would never be restored to crop growing.

g.Wilkie's Factory which has been listed on the agenda will shortly fall into this category.

h.Veterans Work. I have assisted a disabled veteran who has recently moved into the

town.

8. **Planning Aid Scotland:** Eric reported no further information available. Off the Agenda.
9. **Email received re Kirrie Common Good Register of Land and Buildings:** Discussion ensued. There is no land/property within the Kirrie Common Good fund. The current amount being held in this fund is approx £7,600.

10. **Planning:**

J.D. Wilkie's Planning Application:

- Cathy reported that KCC has put in a submission on the Planning portal. Angus Council, Roads Department, has raised a lot of similar points, e.g. the proposed car park. Is this to be private, etc?
- Now the situation has changed because Wilkie's is moving out. Will they withdraw their Application?
- Although Wilkie's still own the site, the community is allowed to put together a plan of their views for the site.
- Angus Council's site had incorrect information posted , e.g. bus timetables they quoted were 17 years old. Therefore, Cathy, on behalf of KCC, put in a submission that these figures were incorrect.
- A meeting was arranged for 17 January and subsequently cancelled.

Angus Pylon Action Group – Tealing:

- Cathy suggested KCC put in a comment on the sub-station at Tealing. Document on this is extremely lengthy and includes a lot of statements from individuals.
- We could make comments on agricultural land. Angus Council has local development plans which do not include agriculture.
- Cathy gave a detailed account of the “transport plans” across the area. A90 through Trottick and passing the Alpaca site. Traffic coming south to Emmock roundabout. Noted, no traffic measurements done at this roundabout.
- Just past the cross roads there will be a 150 acre brand new site of concrete.
- Cathy wants to include a comment that the new line of pylons have not been consented unless the large pylons have been consented.
- Angus Council has declared a housing issue. This area will become an undesirable place to live which will cause a housing problem. Also, a promotional exercise to encourage tourism is on going for this area.
- Eric stated he was happy for the above to be submitted. All agreed. This has to be in by Friday, 31 January 2025.

11. **AOCB:**

- 11.1. **Eric** highlighted the disabled spaces at the Co-op being used by non-Blue Badge holders. Jeanette offered to contact the Angus Council Blue Badge department.
- 11.2. **Jeanette** reminded everyone about donations for this year's Santa's Letters fund.
- 11.3. **Irena** reported that the Defib in Northmuir is out of action. Requires a battery. A new battery has been ordered and the cost will be taken from the Fund, currently standing at Heartstart £768 and Defib Fund £595.50. The battery will probably require pads and this will take up most of the Defib funds. This battery has lasted approx 5 years, since the defib was first installed. It is likely that the other two defibs

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could soon require new batteries/pads. Unfortunately, there will be a lack of funds available to purchase replacements. Discussion ensued. This will require fundraising to maintain the defibs. KCC, as an organisation, is not allowed to carry out fund raising. The original defibs were organised and purchased by KCC and paid for by generous, local donations. It was proposed and agreed to send out a letter of appeal to the community for financial support to ensure Kirrie's three defibs remain safely operational in the future.

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Post Meeting: Since the 29 January meeting, a further two defibs are now out of commission, i.e. Maryton and the Newton, both requiring new batteries and pads. Five Maryton residents have very generously offered donations towards the re-commissioning of the Maryton defib.

12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 26 February, 7 pm at Kirrie Fire Station

Thanks to Judi for the use of the Fire Station