Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  30 October 2019

Kirriemuir Community Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, 30 October 2019, 7.30 p.m in Fairlie House
Interim Chairperson: Gordon Grewar - Communities Officer, Angus Council

Present: Roy Christie, Elaine Findlay, Frances Havenga, Heather Kelly, Irena Krasinska Lobban, Brenda McIntosh, Audrey Middleton, Jeanette Reioch
In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Julie Bell, Gordon Grewar (Angus Council) part time, Officer Judi Young (SFRS) part time, PC Barrie Taylor part time

1. Welcome and introductory remarks by the Interim Chairperson.
2. Composition of Community Council.
   a) Interim Chairperson to report on elected membership number. Confirmed nine Kirriemuir Community Councillors, eight in attendance at AGM and one apology.
   b) Co-option procedure. Document available online.
   c) Scheme for the Establishment of Community Council.
   d) Grant allocation process.
3. Appointment of Chairperson: Nominated: Heather Kelly
   Proposed by Brenda McIntosh, Seconded by Jeanette Reioch
   No further nominations received.
4. Appointment of Vice-Chair: Nominated: Roy Christie
   Proposed by Frances Havenga, Seconded by Audrey Middleton
   No further nominations received.
5. Appointment of Secretary: Nominated: Jeanette Reioch
   Proposed by Heather Kelly, Seconded by Frances Havenga
   No further nominations received.
6. Appointment of Treasurer: Nominated: Irena Krasinska Lobban
   Proposed by Elaine Findlay, Seconded by Audrey Middleton
   No further nominations received.
7. Appointment of Planning Contact: Nominated: Frances Havenga
   Proposed by Irena Krasinska Lobban, Seconded by Brenda McIntosh
   No further nominations received
8. Appointment of Youth and Associate Members: Left in abeyance
9. AOCB: Nothing to report:

"Congratulations" to the new committee of Kirriemuir Community Council. Gordon Grewar left the meeting.
Thanks to the Chair
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Wednesday, 30 October, 2019

Present:  Heather Kelly (Chair), Roy Christie (Vice Chair), Elaine Findlay, Frances Havenga, Irena Krasinska Lobban (Treasurer), Brenda McIntosh, Audrey Middleton, Jeanette Reioch (Secretary)

In attendance:  Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), Cllr Julie Bell, Officer Judi Young (SFRS) part time, PC Barrie Taylor, part time

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<td>2. Approval of 25 September 2019 Minutes:  Heather reported that a complaint has been received from Cllr Julie Bell regarding including the name of an Angus Council employee in AOCB 10.1, page 5. Discussion ensued at length. It was proposed and agreed to withdraw the name from the Minutes and replace it with Angus Council employee. As a result, a revised set of Minutes will be sent to the Library and the signed copy of the Minutes for Angus Council will also be amended. All agreed. Otherwise a true and correct record. Proposed by Heather and seconded by Jeanette.</td>
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<td>3. Police Report: PC Barrie Taylor reviewed the Police Report and then left the meeting. Police Report is attached.</td>
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<td>4. Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Services Report:</td>
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**Bonfire – Autumn TAP**

**Key Messages**

We need people to join Scotland’s fight against fire and help us protect our communities. We want the public to know:

- It is safer to attend an organised bonfire or fireworks display.
- Deliberate fire setting is an offence, don’t accept it – report it.
- SFRS see an increase in deliberate fires and antisocial behaviour towards crews within the autumn season.
- SFRS will work together with multi agency partners to reduce the amount of deliberate fires and fire related offences within the autumn period.
- Outdoor fires, in particular rubbish and refuse fires, can overstretch local SFRS resources, taking firefighters away from other incidents and put lives at risk.
- Schools and educational premises are often targeted within the period and local areas will consider initiating a “school watch programme”.
- Young people between the ages of 11 and 16 can anonymously provide information to Crimestoppers about a crime by visiting www.fearless.org.
- SFRS encourage residents within affected neighbourhoods to pro-actively report fire related offenders through the Crimestoppers website www.crimestoppers-uk.org or via 0800 555 111.
- If you must organise a home event, read our safety advice and information carefully first. This will reduce the risk of an accident or the need to call SFRS for an emergency response.
20 September 2019 to 25 October 2019:

Home Safety visits:
6 x High risk
1 x Medium risk
0 x Low risk

Community Safety Activities:
2 x Operational Intelligence visits
1 x Bonfire safety talk

Incidents:
10 x FAA (fire alarm activating)
1 x Secondary fire
2 x Fire
1 x RTC (Road Traffic Collision)

Officer Judi Young left the meeting.

5. Councillors' Reports:
Cllr Julie Bell:

- The first couple of weeks in October were the holiday period so, whilst not many committees met, I was subbed on to the Policy and Resources to cover a holiday. We passed the Council's new Period and Menopause Policy, which was then subsequently launched for staff on 18 October, World Menopause Day.

- I did my last shift of the season at Camera Obscura on 7 October. “Congratulations” to the team there for an amazing effort, covering rotas, creativity and passion for what they do.

- We have had Special Council for a large planning issue and Full Council, which included the Chief Social Work Officer’s Report. This covered services which support some of the most vulnerable people in society. This came up again at today’s Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB) meeting.

- I attended the Angus Business Connections showcase event at Kingennie on 22 October. This included people from Kirriemuir Regeneration Group, promoting the emerging talent through small and mico businesses and social enterprises in Angus.

- I visited the new waste-to-energy facility which is being built in Dundee, in partnership with Angus Council and Dundee City Council. This will contribute to our carbon reduction targets and dispose of residual waste without using landfill. Impressive!

- I have attended the second Road Safety Member Officer Working Group. A briefing/workshop for Councillors on challenges and performance: the launch of My MS: My Way Tayside, which is a voluntary organisation fundraising, researching and delivering support for people across Tayside with MS.

- I attended the Voluntary Action Angus AGM on 25 October at their refurbished premises at The Cross, Forfar. For anyone who hasn’t visited, they have done a wonderful job with
the place and it is warm and welcoming.

- This week I took part in two Angus Community Planning Partnership events. Monday: Rounding the Edges explored what we can do to tackle five main areas of major deprivation – homelessness, domestic violence and abuse, substance use, mental health and offending. Tuesday: Tackling Climate Change and the Natural Environment. Great to see representatives from Sustainable Kirriemuir present. So much energy going on in that group. For more info visit www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk.

- 30 October, the Angus health & Social Care Partnership meeting. This covered Angus drugs deaths in the wider Tayside and national context, including how communities can be kind and compassionate by actively caring for and supporting people in their recovery, mental health services developments. This included Dr. David Strang who is reviewing the Tayside-wide service development process, information about falls in older people and winter planning, as the key issues.

- Cllr Bell reported that she had passed on the details of the “Bees in the Bus Shelter,” raised at the KCC September meeting, to Angus Council’s Diversity Manager to see if one of the bus companies could be interested in getting involved.

- The Flu Jab was discussed. Some of the Community Councillors reported long wait times at the Health Centre.

**Cllr Ronnie Proctor:** Report emailed:

- Civic duties continue to keep me busy. Saturday, 26 October, unveiling of Bas Relief in Arbroath. Sunday, 27th October, Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade rededication in Monifieth Church. Wednesday, 30th October, the launch of the 2019 Poppy Appeal in Edinburgh.
- Continuing with housing issues, in particular one which has been ongoing for sometime. Very case sensitive.
- Chaired Special Meeting of Full Council on Planning Application for Retail Park in Arbroath. The Full Council in the afternoon.
- As Flooding MOG (Member Officer Group) Convenor, chaired meeting regarding potential flooding issues throughout Angus, including Kirriemuir + Dean.
- As a member of the climate Change MOG, attended latest meeting and will visit Rottal Estate in Glen Clova to discuss tree planting in the Glen and surrounding area. This is an initiative which is partnered Landowners, SNH, and the Forestry Commission, with support from the Cairngorm Reserve and Angus Council.
- Facilitated a meeting in my office between Rev Malcolm Rooney (Kirriemuir Rotary) and Council Officers, regarding planting of trees on east side of small football ground at north end of The Hill, and replacement trees in the Den. Plan is now in place.
- Member of Kirriemuir Allotments Group and assist group whenever possible.
- As a Director of Angus Alive, I visited some of the properties last week.
- Met Head Teacher at Isla Primary School and, as Scottish Wild Cat Champion, I have initiated that Isla Primary School becomes the Scottish Wild Cat School Champions for Angus.
- Mid November I will visit Aberdeen to look at recycling. I will take three Councillors with me in one of the Council’s electric cars. Cllr Colin Brown will do the same.

6. Matters Arising:
**D1 Defibrillator:** On behalf of Kirriemuir Regeneration Group, Irena reported that subsequent to a meeting at the beginning of October, KRG decided to donate a cheque to Kirriemuir Community Council's Defibrillator Project for £2,000. KRG propose this donation be used to buy a defibrillator for Northmuir and housed in the telephone box. Irena reported that all of the profits from Camera Obscura and the cafe go into the community. On behalf of Kirriemuir Community Council, Heather thanked KRG for their most generous donation. *Well done!* Planning permission cheque has been sent.

Maureen Crobie had been approached about mosaic floors in the telephone boxes. Crowd funding is still being explored.

The box at Knowehead is in a very poor state and requires a serious clean! Jeanette has agreed to maintain the box at Maryton and Heather has agreed to maintain the box at the Newton. Irena and her team will maintain the Northmuir box. *Thanks to everyone!* Heather will investigate the proposed Quiz fundraiser at the Newton.

- **X Anglus Council Parking Charges:** Coin operated machines are now operating.
- **E1 Waste lorries continuing inappropriate parking:** Continues
- **Q1 Inappropriate parking/driver behaviour on Brechin Road:** Discussion ensued. Inappropriate parking continues. New legislation is being introduced to tackle pavement parking. Cllr Bell offered to investigate. Take photographs of the offending vehicles, date/time stamp them and send to Cllr Bell.
- **T1 Boots the Chemist delivery charges:** Cllr Bell reported that she has joined up with Graham Galloway and Gary Malone on this issue.
- **V1 Community Planning issues:** In response, Cllr MacMillan Douglas emailed the following to KCC:

  *Quote*- 10.1. I raised the matter of the missing Minutes with the CEO. She confirmed that all was now in order. I stressed that in my experience Jeanette Reioch was very conscientious in all the considerable work she does in support of KCC and I would like Officers to know that. I also pointed out that members of the Community Council acted voluntarily and in the case of KCC (and all other Community Councils I have attended in the last two and a half years) put in considerable voluntary work and I do not consider it right to accuse someone of lying. I believe this matter is now resolved and, hopefully, everyone can move on. *Unquote-

Jeanette reported that after further investigation by Community Planning, Angus Council, they eventually discovered that the Kirriemuir Community Council Minutes had, in fact, regularly been received into their office.

Thanks to the assistance of Heather Kelly, Alison Smith, Service Leader, Strategic Policy & Economy, Angus Council, made contact with Jeanette. Alison Smith apologised profusely for the upset and stress caused to Jeanette through this inappropriate incident. Mark Armstrong, Depute Chief Executive, Angus Council, also sent his apologies to Jeanette. Matter now closed.

- **W1 Leo Davidson update and rehousing:** Cllr Bell, Cllr Proctor and Cllr MacMillan Douglas are all assisting in this case.

7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Balance as at 31 March 2019 £419.84. Financial Report was circulated. Wreath for Remembrance Sunday is in hand. Angus Council has successfully received the audited accounts.

8. **Correspondence:**

**Participatory Budgeting:**

- Heather reported that Jeanette and herself had attended a PB (Participatory Budgeting)
meeting on 19 October. A number of other Community Councils were also represented. Maggie Sherritt, Ian Cochrane, Angus Council, Stuart Hodge attended. Stewart Ball, Senior Service Manager, Angus Council, is heading this up.

- It was discovered that some of the other Community Councils were not at the same stage as KCC and very much unaware of some of the criteria. It appears the criteria has not yet been decided.
- Elaine is a member of the PB Committee and confirmed that it had been agreed at their meeting that the criteria must be sent out to Community Councils. PB Committee comprises Ian White, Meg Mearns, Graham Galloway, Elaine Findlay.
- Heather and Jeanette reported a rather heated PB meeting, borne out of lack of information.
- Heather had reported to the PB meeting that KCC intended to put out a statement on Facebook and in the Courier, asking people to come forward with suggestions of community organisations who could benefit from the funding.
- The PB meeting is asking that all Community Councils hold their voting event on the same day.
- Both Heather and Jeanette are of the view that Community Councils are “not ready” or fully prepared to go out on this project. More detailed information is needed.
- Cllr Bell reported that there has been some good work done in Brechin on PB and offered to investigate and report back. It was suggested that someone from Brechin attends the next PB meeting on 18 November to give some guidance. All agreed.
- Cllr MacMillan Douglas emailed the following: -Quote- Under Participatory Budgeting, Cllr Proctor and I would like to suggest that a part of the money might be used to fund less well-off children being able to use AngusAlive facilities to allow them to exercise and develop hobbies. We have raised this with Kathryn (Children’s Director) who is supportive and they are raising this with AngusAlive, more generally. An early way to make progress might be to initiate this facility in Kirrie. -Unquote-

9. Planning: Nothing to report

10. AOCB:

10.1. Audrey asked if KCC could make a contribution of £30 to buy trophies for the Websters High School and Southmuir Christmas Fayre. It was unanimously agreed that this would create a precedent, therefore, it was declined.

10.2. Jeanette has the flags stored in her garage and asked what is planned for them. The cost of the flags was £1600, however, very few have been sold. Discussion ensued. It was proposed KCC cut their losses and sell the flags for £5 each.

10.3. Jeanette requested that anyone wishing to contact her as KCC Secretary, please use the Kirriemuir Community email address and not her personal email address.

10.4. Jeanette requested that, in future, for Constitution reasons, all Apologies must be submitted to either herself or Jean only, prior to meetings.

10.5. Jeanette asked if the Annie Milne Award is planned for this year. Agreed, yes. Jeanette has the paperwork prepared.

10.6. Late night shopping, 27 November: This is the night of the KCC meeting. Decided to hold the meeting in Kirrie Connections again this year, starting later at 8 pm. Jeanette will confirm with Graham if this is convenient. Elaine will sell flags that evening.

10.7. Bonfire Night, Saturday 2 November on The Hill: The Round Table need marshalls. All
volunteers welcome. Irena reported that KRG at Camera Obscura will be serving soup, hot chocolate, etc. All profits will go towards next year's Bonfire Night.

Heather thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting, welcomed the new Committee and said she looked forward to a positive and successful year for Kirriemuir Community Council.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 27 November, at 8 pm in Kirrie Connections
4.11.19

[Signatures: Heather, Kelly] 27.11.19