

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 6th June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present L. Walker, J. Houston, E. Saunders, G. Brown, L. Jess, L. Meyer, A. McArdle, K. Topping, B. Lawrie. Fife Councillor J.A. Liston.

Apologies Fife Councillors A. Verner, A. Clark, R. Lawson.

Minute of meeting of 2nd May 2024 Approved by G. Brown, seconded by A. McArdle.

Matters Arising

Flooding Problems at 62A and 62B Main Street: Mrs Walker confirmed that the residents have been informed that the drainage pipes behind their properties leading down to the Kinnessburn are not on Fife Council land, so any action on the findings from the CCTV survey will be a matter for the relevant landowners.

Springfield Homes

S.75 funding: the responses from the consultation with pupils at the school on their ideas for the play area at Bonfield Park were passed to Fife Council Parks Officers for further discussion. There has been no response so far and Mrs Houston will write again to try to progress this.

In the continued absence of a response about the fenced-off steps from Bonfield Park up to the playing field, Councillor Liston will pursue the enquiry once again. Community Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction with Council Officers' poor response to this and other enquiries.

The new drainage works which Springfield Homes are currently carrying out on Bonfield Road have caused damage to ditches and verges, with the road left covered in mud. Springfield have undertaken to reinstate the damaged areas.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report The current balance remains £487.

Policing No matters raised.

Village Infrastructure The gullies on the road going uphill towards Claremont crossroads have broken away in the flooding from the blocked culvert at Bishop's Wood, and are dangerous to traffic. Mr Brown undertook to report this to the Council as a hazard and if there is not an early response, to raise this with Councillor Liston.

Traffic and Transportation

It was reported that there have been four accidents at the Low Road crossroads in the past month. Dates for two of these have been recorded. Concerns were expressed yet again about restricted visibility from overgrown verges (which have been cut back very recently) and from the various poles and signs which surround the crossroads. It was agreed that Mrs Houston will write to Roads & Transportation Services to raise these concerns again.

Speed Watch: Mr Topping explained the constraints on carrying out deployments because of limited availability of both volunteers and the equipment. He will continue to arrange deployments whenever possible.

Community Trust Report Mrs Lawrie reported that the Trust held a successful Open Day on 12th May, raising £1,200. Work at the blocked culvert at the entrance to Bishop's Wood has been completed.

Correspondence

Mrs Houston had written to Angela Anderson, Chair of Elie & Earlsferry Community Council confirming Strathkinness CC's support for a Participation Request to the SRUC, which seeks involvement in the decision-making process over the future of Elmwood College. The issues were debated recently in the Scottish Parliament and there is to be a meeting between Willie Rennie MSP, the SRUC and the minister responsible.

AOCB

Mrs Houston will attend the next online meeting of Fife Community Councils on 25th June and will raise our dissatisfaction with Fife Council Officers failing to respond timeously to matters raised with them.

Councillor Liston has spoken with a journalist from the Dundee Courier about the lack of a safe route for active travel between Strathkinness and St Andrews. The journalist suggested that we might obtain an article to highlight the dangers of cycling and walking on the High Road. Councillor Liston will keep the CC informed.

Condolences Mrs Walker noted that Tom Blyth, a well-known and longstanding resident of Main Street, Strathkinness had died suddenly on 18th May. Councillors expressed their condolences to his wife Jane and daughter Abigail.

Planning Application Councillor Liston withdrew from the meeting to allow Community Councillors to agree their response to planning application 24/01109/FULL, and the Secretary will submit this to Fife Council.

Date of Next Meeting and AGM: Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall