

## STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** L. Walker [Chair], J. Houston, E. Saunders, G. Brown, B. Lawrie, A. McArdle, L. Jess, L. Meyer. Fife Councillors J. A. Liston, A. Verner, A. Clark, R. Lawson.

**Apologies:** None

**Minute of meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024** Proposed by L. Meyer, seconded by E. Saunders.

**Matters Arising:** None

#### Springfield Homes

S.75 funding: Planning Service has advised Parks and Communities that there is a case for using the S75 funds to improve the drainage at Bonfield playing field. Parks and Communities are instructing the drainage survey to go ahead.

Need for a barrier at the foot of the path leading from the development onto Bonfield Road: Councillor Verner wrote to Nigel Hampton, Roads who advised that neither the path nor the road is adopted. He is looking into whether the path will be adopted.

#### Standing Items

**Treasurer's Report** The current balance is £742, including committed expenditure. Discussion took place about the use of surplus funds for the current financial year, as well as investigating the purchase of Christmas lights for the village - to be continued at the next meeting.

**Policing** No matters raised.

**Village Infrastructure** The gullies on the road edge opposite Bishop's Wood have still to be repaired.

#### Traffic and Transportation

The residents of West Third cottage attended the meeting to raise their concerns about the number of traffic accidents which have occurred recently at the bends towards Kincapple – a bus, a van and four cars in the last couple of months. Discussion took place about replacing the chevrons which have been knocked over, provision of 'slow' signs, and the apparently slippery condition of the road surface. Councillor Clark undertook to contact Nigel Hampton about signage and Councillor Liston will also request that the Roads Service visits the site.

Proposed cycle/footpath on High Road to St Andrews: Councillor Clark has asked for a report to be brought to the Ward Committee, with a view to this going to North East Fife Area Committee in April. Councillor Lawson will ask Allan McLean, Sustainable Traffic and Travel for an update on action taken to approach the landowners, as promised previously.

Low Road Crossroads: Mrs Walker gave an update on the site meeting which took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January with Steven Sellars, Police Inspector James Henry, Willie Rennie and representatives from Strathkinness and Blebo Craigs Community Councils. It was agreed that action would be taken at the crossroads to:

- repair broken signs
- address obstructions to clear visibility
- repair the speed activated signs
- install rumble strips on the four approach roads
- move the 50mph roundels on the road to Craigtoun further from the crossroads.

Further measures for consideration would include reducing the 50mph limit to 40mph; and looking at staggering the junction.

Councillor Clark undertook to ask Steven Sellars for any updates on these actions. Inspector Henry has invited CC representatives to attend during speed checks at the crossroads and the wider road network between Strathkinness and Blebo Craigs, on a date to be arranged.

**Community Trust Report** Mrs Lawrie reported that Bob Bilson and James Tebbs have been appointed by the James Hutton Institute as volunteer Soil Ambassadors in the local area, as part of the European Horizon Echo Soil Project. This aims to establish a database of soil types, soil conditions and soil health by gathering a large number of soil samples, involving community groups and individuals as citizen scientists.

**Fife Community Councils** Mr Brown attended an online meeting with Fife Council Planning Officers on 29<sup>th</sup> January. A common issue raised was the lack of infrastructure to support new housing developments, such as GP services etc.

**Out of Hours Group (St Andrews Community Hospital)** Mr Brown has submitted the CC's report on the survey results for Strathkinness. He and Ms Jess were thanked for their work on the survey.

**Correspondence** The landowner at Nether Strathkinness has advised that the wood next to the High Road is to be felled because the majority of the trees are dead or diseased. They plan to replant in another location away from public roads for safety.

#### **AOCB**

**Condolences:** Mrs Walker noted that seven residents of Strathkinness and the neighbouring area had passed away during December and January: Isobel Nisbet, Danskin Place; Jim Smith, Bonfield Road; Jack Cocker, Drumcarrow Crescent; Tam Drummond, Church Road; Christine Gurr, Bonfield Park; Solna Shipley, Drumcarrow Crescent; Willie Wallace, Denbrae House. Councillors expressed condolences to their respective families and friends.

**Planning Applications** There were no applications.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**