

STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: L. Meyer, Councillor R. Lawson.

Minute of meeting of 6th February 2025 Proposed by B. Lawrie, seconded by G. Brown.

Residents from Knockhill of Nydie attended to discuss concerns about the dumping of large quantities of materials from the caravans being erected at St Andrews Lodge Park. Items have been scattered widely in the high winds, and some of the waste is being burned. Fife Councillors advised that the business has a duty of care to dispose of commercial waste appropriately, and they gave advice on which Council services to contact.

The resident of 45 Main Street attended to make the Community Council aware of difficulties she has experienced recently following water from the Kinness Burn entering beneath her lawn.

Matters Arising: None

Springfield Homes

S.75 funding: the Planning Service has confirmed that the S.75 funds can be used to improve the drainage at Bonfield playing field. John Rodigan is reviewing the drainage recommendations and costs in order to agree a preferred course of action with the contractor.

Councillor Clark has received a complaint that the contractor working on Sunnyside on behalf of Springfield Homes is using the private land at Wilson's Place without permission for parking and temporary unloading of material for the roadworks. Councillor Clark will raise the matter with Springfield to identify responsibility for restoring the area to its original condition.

Need for a barrier at the foot of the path leading from the development onto Bonfield Road: responsibility for adopting the path is unclear, as is the timescale. It was agreed to write to Springfield Homes in the first instance to ask what action they plan to take, and to involve Willie Rennie MSP if necessary.

Standing Items

Treasurer's Report The current balance is £742. It was agreed to make a donation of £200 to the Village Hall towards the refurbishment of the toilets. Ms McArdle will investigate the cost of Christmas lights for the village.

Policing No matters raised.

Village Infrastructure No matters raised.

Traffic and Transportation

Bends at Kincapple: Nigel Hampton, Roads Service has advised that they will look at erecting larger, more conspicuous chevrons and 'slow' markings on the road. The road surface will also be assessed. These have been added to the work list for next financial year.

Proposed cycle/footpath on High Road to St Andrews: Councillor Clark is to request that a report is brought to the North East Fife Area Committee in April.

Low Road Crossroads: orders are in place for repairs to/replacement of signage and the installation of rumble strips. The area will be treated as a priority for vegetation cutting. There are no current proposals to reduce the speed limit on the B939 to 40mph. It was suggested that the Community Council could petition the NEF Area Committee about the speed limit, and this will be considered further at the next CC meeting. A date is being arranged for CC representatives to attend with Inspector Henry during police speed checks at the crossroads and the wider road network between Strathkinness and Blebo Craigs.

Following the removal of the trees on the High Road at Nether Strathkinness, the left bend at the farm road is more difficult to anticipate. A request will be made for warning signage to be installed.

Community Trust Report There was no new information to report.

Fife Community Councils There was no update.

Out of Hours Group (St Andrews Community Hospital) There was no update. It was noted that the proposed closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at the Adamson Hospital in Cupar would impact the MIU at St Andrews.

Correspondence There was no correspondence.

AOCB Parking on Bonfield Road: Mrs Walker noted that a number of people attending the Community Trust's Apple Day last autumn had obstructed residents' access by parking their vehicles inappropriately, and she requested that the Trust ask those attending the Open Day in June to park considerately.

Coronation Tree: Mrs Walker will investigate the cost of a commemoration plaque.

Condolences: Mrs Walker noted that Margaret Overend, a well-known resident who had lived in Strathkinness since approximately 1980, had passed away last month at the age of 102. Paul Acland, a previous resident, had also passed away in February. Councillors expressed condolences to their respective families and friends.

Planning Applications Details of a recent application had been circulated and there were no comments.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall