

## STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

**Apologies:** G. Brown.

**Minute of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024** Proposed by L. Walker, seconded by E. Saunders.

**Matters Arising:** None

#### Springfield Homes

Fenced-off steps from Bonfield Park up to the playing field: the blocked access was first raised over a year ago, and there has been no satisfactory response. Since the steps will be reinstated during the next phase of development, it was agreed not to pursue this further.

S.75 funding: a quote has been obtained for a drainage survey at Bonfield playing field. However, although the Grounds Maintenance service confirmed that they would support the Community Council's decision to use the funding for installing drainage at the pitch, it now appears that the final say will be with the Parks and Communities Team, and then Planning, as to whether S75 funds can be used for this purpose. The Secretary has written to both services to request that approval is given to use the funds for a drainage scheme.

Mrs Walker raised serious safety concerns about the lack of a barrier at the foot of the path leading from the development onto Bonfield Road. There is only a cone in place, and a van driver had been seen removing this and driving up the path. Councillor Verner undertook to pursue this.

#### Standing Items

**Treasurer's Report** The current balance is £782, following receipt of the annual grant from Fife Council.

**Policing** No matters raised.

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

#### Traffic and Transportation

Low Road Crossroads: a public meeting with Willie Rennie MSP will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December for residents of Strathkinness and Blebo Craigs to discuss concerns about road safety at both the Low Road crossroads and the bends on the B939 at Blebo Craigs. Councillor Lawson advised that he has pressed for the Give Way signs at the crossroads to be replaced with Stop signs. Consideration is being given to extending the 20mph speed limit from Main Street up to the crossroads. Councillor Clark advised that it has been agreed to install a sign on the road down towards the crossroads from Bishop's Wood indicating a junction ahead, with countdown markers. It has also been agreed to have the vegetation cut back more regularly.

Discussion also took place about the confusing new speed limit signs in and approaching St Andrews, particularly on the Low Road. Fife Councillors are pursuing this.

Proposed cycle/footpath on High Road to St Andrews: it is not known whether the relevant landowners have been approached again. Councillor Clark will ask for a report to be brought to the North East Fife Area Committee.

Speed Watch: Mrs Houston has registered the CC's interest in attending a demonstration of the Autospeedwatch equipment now being piloted by Giffordtown and District CC.

**Community Trust Report** Mrs Lawrie reported that the Trust has agreed to a request for a parent and child garden. The Community Council and the Trust have both confirmed their support for the proposed Tree Preservation Order for the oak trees on Bonfield Road.

**Fife Community Councils** Mr Brown attended the online meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November. Amongst the matters discussed were strong concerns about the proposed cutbacks at SRUC's Elmwood campus; and feedback on the Out of Hours surveys (see below) on the future of services at St Andrews Community Hospital. Most of those responding want services to be maintained or extended.

**Out of Hours Group (St Andrews Community Hospital)** Ms Jess and Mr Brown will finalise their report on the survey results for Strathkinness for circulation.

**Correspondence** There was no correspondence.

### **AOCB**

Mrs Walker thanked Mr Brown and Councillor Clark for laying the wreaths at the service at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

**Condolences:** Mrs Walker noted that Fiona Topping, a well-known resident of Strathkinness, had died on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Councillors expressed their condolences to her sons Colin, Kenneth and Andrew.

**Planning Applications** Details of recent applications had been circulated and there were no comments.

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