

## STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** L. Walker [Chair], J. Houston, G. Brown, E. Saunders, K. Topping. Fife Councillors J. A. Liston, A. Verner, A. Clark.

**Apologies:** L. Meyer, L. Jess, A. McArdle, B. Lawrie, Fife Councillor R. Lawson.

**Minute of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024** Proposed by G. Brown , seconded by L. Walker.

**Matters Arising:** None

#### Springfield Homes

Fenced-off steps from Bonfield Park up to the playing field: Councillor Liston will pursue a response about the reinstatement of the steps and path.

S.75 funding: the Grounds Maintenance service has confirmed that should the Community Council opt to install drainage at the Bonfield playing field, the service will support this decision. Discussion took place about practical arrangements for installing drainage, and Councillor Verner undertook to make enquiries about this, including the likely costs.

#### Standing Items

**Treasurer's Report** The current balance is £487, before receipt of the annual grant from Fife Council. It was agreed to pay £220 for hire of the Village Hall to June 2025, including the public meeting in December (see below).

**Policing** No matters raised.

**Village Infrastructure** There is no update on repairs to the gullies on the road going towards Claremont crossroads.

#### Traffic and Transportation

Low Road Crossroads: **a public meeting** has been arranged with Willie Rennie MSP for residents of Strathkinness and Blebo Craigs to discuss concerns about safety at both the Low Road crossroads and the bends on the B939 at Blebo Craigs. The meeting will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm in Strathkinness Village Hall**. A strong turnout is anticipated. Fife Councillors have met with the Transportation team, who have proposed a number of interim measures for improving speed signage at the crossroads, while considering possible longer-term measures. Both Community Councils are pressing for much stronger measures e.g. a staggered crossroads or a roundabout. Councillor Clark undertook to raise these proposals with FC officers.

Speed Watch: Mr Topping provided an update on Speed Watch activities during the summer. Only three deployments were undertaken, due to limited availability of both equipment and volunteers. At least two of the current volunteers have decided not to renew their police vetting applications, and this puts the scheme in Strathkinness in doubt for next year. Mrs Houston noted that the cost of the Autospeedwatch equipment to be piloted by Giffordtown and District CC is approximately £650, plus running costs.

Proposed cycle/footpath on High Road to St Andrews: Mr Brown attended a meeting of St Andrews Space for Cycling, where it was considered that plans for changes to the road layout at the St Andrews end, as part of the Western Development, would offer the most likely prospect of progress for the cycle path. He will look at the plans and report back. Fife Councillors confirmed that they are raising the subject of the path at every opportunity.

**Community Trust Report** Mrs Lawrie had asked that the proposed Tree Preservation Order, submitted in January, for the oak trees on Bonfield Road be raised. Councillor Clark shared a plan showing the location of the trees concerned and undertook to forward this to the Secretary and to Mr Bilson of the Community Trust.

**Fife Community Councils** Mr Brown will attend the next online meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Out of Hours Group (St Andrews Community Hospital)** Ms Jess and Mr Brown had prepared a questionnaire to obtain residents' views on current and possible future health services available at the hospital. Ms Jess had provided an initial report on the results, and it was agreed that she and Mr Brown will finalise their report for the next meeting. St Andrews CC and others in the area have since adopted this questionnaire to use in their own areas, acknowledging the original work undertaken by Strathkinness CC in producing it.

**Correspondence** The resident who had asked that the CC discuss the suggestion of park and ride facilities in St Andrews, considered at the previous meeting, had requested that this be given further consideration. After discussion, Community Councillors agreed unanimously that they do not support the suggestion and the Secretary will advise the resident accordingly.

#### **AOCB**

Remembrance Sunday: Mr Brown and Councillor Clark will lay wreaths on behalf of the CC and Fife Council respectively at the War Memorial on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Topping informed the meeting that, owing to ill-health, he was resigning from the Community Council with immediate effect. Mrs Walker thanked him for his many years of service to the community and wished him well for the future.

**Condolences:** Mrs Walker noted that Heather Fitton, who had lived in Strathkinness for many years, had died in October. Councillors expressed their condolences to her husband Kerr and family.

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

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**