

Creich and Flisk Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th November 2020

The meeting was the first meeting since February 5, 2020 due to Coronavirus and was held using Zoom technology. The meeting was notified on the Community Council web site advising members of the public who wanted to attend to contact the secretary. No contact was made.

Present

Bernard O'Donnell, Andy Heer, Jim Duncan, Bob Arbuckle, Laura Arbuckle, Elspeth Barker, Matthew Wilson and Ian Purvis.

Annual General Meeting

Agenda

The agenda was distributed but there were no additions to it.

Apologies

John Macpherson sent his apologies.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

Finance Report

Ian Purvis presented his report as follows.

Creich and Flisk Community Council					
Income and Expenditure Account					
Year Ending 30th September 2020					

		30/09/2019		30/09/2020	
Income	Notes				
Balance A/C 1/10/2018/19		£438.80		£626.08	
Fife Council Grant	1	£429.28	£868.08	£470.96	£1097.04
Expenditure					
Hall Hire	2	£42.00		£24.00	
Refurbish Bench		£200.00			
British Heart Foundation				£500.00	
			<u>£242.00</u>		<u>£524.00</u>
Income over Expenditure			<u>£626.08</u>		<u>£573.04</u>
<u>Statement of Funds</u>		30/09/2019		30/09/2020	
Income over Expenditure			£626.08		£573.04
Funds as at 30/09/2019/20		£626.08		£573.04	
Allocated to Defibrillator	3	£500.00			

Data Protection fee allocated	4	£40.00	£86.08	{£40.00}	£533.04
Represented by					
TSB Current Account		£626.08*		£573.04*	
*Includes £9.88 Petty Cash					
<u>Notes</u>					
1 Data protection notification fee included in 2020.					
2 Only two meeting were held in hall prior to Covid 19					
3 Contribution to pay for Defibrillator					
4 Data protection fee was considered not necessary, need to pay back to Fife Council £40.00					
Signature Treasurer					
Date					

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Creich and Flisk Community Council. To the best of my knowledge and belief, and in accordance with the information and explanations given to me, the Accounts have been properly prepared from the records of the Community Council and in agreement with these records.

Signature.....	(Independent Examiner)			
Date.....				
I/E Name				
I/E Address				
I/E Contact No				

I have to report that as a result of the Pandemic there were no transactions in the second half of the year.

The only income we received was our Fife Council Grant of £470.96 which included £40.00 Data Registration Fee (did not use it as the committee decided it was not necessary).

The outgoings amounted to three items £500.00 contribution towards the provision of a defibrillator located outside Luthrie Village Hall. The other items were hall hire for meetings before the Pandemic which amounted to £24.00.

The current balance including petty cash is £573.04 but I suspect Fife Council will want us to repay the £40.00 they gave us last year which we did not use.

The accounts as presented were approved. Application can now be made to Fife Council for a grant for the forthcoming year.

A discussion took place to consider any possible expenditure in the coming year which concluded that the proposal raised at the last meeting to consider a notice in Luthrie which would highlight tracks, points of interest, car parking and such matters. It was suggested that a small group of interested personnel would consider this and come back with a proposal.

Action John MacPherson

Chairpersons Report

This has been a strange year to say the least. Since the last AGM in November 2019, the CC met in February 2020 shortly before things were taken over by the Coronavirus pandemic. Any issues that were raised at that meeting may still be waiting to be resolved.

Contacts with Fife Council have mainly revolved around issues related to the Virus, such as that below.

We were contacted by Fife (Jennifer Kerr) asking for information about how we intended to hold an AGM this year.

The only other issue has been the boundary changes to our catchment area. This concerns the transfer of the Glenduckie area. Residents in Glenduckie have been attending the Abdie and Dunbog CC. Fife Council are to consider a formal transfer of this change. If it goes through it will mean a reduction in our annual grant from Fife Council at a rate of 12p per head of population.

There were no other issues to report.

The Coronavirus is likely to be with us at least till mid to late 2021. It is my intention to continue to hold virtual meetings as and when the need arises.

Any Other Business

There was no additional business to discuss.

Meeting

Matters Arising

Speed Limits in Luthrie – No action has taken place here but as there are still strong feelings about this it is to be carried forward.

Action Andy/Laura/Ian

Roads and Drainage

The ditch at the side of the road between Brunton and Luthrie has still to be remedied despite it having happened in October 2019 and having been reported to the Council on numerous occasions. The Council have placed two bollards at the location. The council are to be prompted.

Action Andy

The two road signs reported at the last meeting has still to be followed up.

Action Bob

The flooding of the road from Luthrie Church down the road into Luthrie was discussed at great length. Not only is it causing a huge amount of water to flow onto and down the road but it is causing extensive

damage to the road. It will also be extremely hazardous in very cold weather when the road will be a sheet of ice. The problem appears to be a choked drain just down from the church and this has been reported to the Council. Andy reported that, all going well, it might be the end of March 2021 before it is fixed as it is not considered a priority.

The condition of the road from Brunton to Creich was also discussed as it is in very poor condition with numerous deep and large potholes together with loose chips adjacent to them.

Flooding of the road at Pittachope was raised as this is an ongoing problem and also contributes to deep ice forming in very cold weather.

Considering the last three points it was decided that the Community Council should write to Fife council outlining our concerns over these points to try to get some action.

Action Bernard

Planning

Bob gave a resume of all planning applications since the last meeting. There were six in total but none of them were contentious. The system of Bob sending out the latest list of planning applications to council members only if there was one that might be of interest was accepted.

Future Meetings

The chairman proposed only holding meetings as and when necessary but it was decided to hold meeting on the normal dates. They will be by Zoom until normal meeting can resume.

Any Other Business

Broadband: Although Luthrie and Brunton can now receive superfast broadband the more outlying parts of the Community Council area cannot benefit from it yet. The objective set by the Scottish Government is that all areas should benefit from it by the end of 2021. Whilst there are no plans to provide this in that timescale guidance can be obtained from a website called [ScotlandSuperfast.com](https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com) where individuals can receive financial help in achieving this benefit. Individuals could of course club together to achieve a more worthwhile benefit.

Police report

The area now has two new police officers – Mark Lowe and Kirsty Haddow. In the quarter to the end of October there was one reported crime, five road traffic matters, and seven miscellaneous incidents. Activities taking place have included those related to COVID19, drug related issues, supporting colleagues from Safer Communities, assisting with response calls and missing persons as well as deploying Pop Up Bob. Activities also included the prevention of poaching including the use of dogs against hares and Roe deer. As these activities are often carried out in daylight hours people seeing it are requested to call the police.

Future Meeting Dates

Meetings will be held as follows:

3rd February, 5th May, 4th August and 3rd November 2021.