

Creich and Flisk Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd August 2017

Present

Councillor Andy Heer, Bernard O'Donnell, Matthew Wilson, Jim Duncan, Ian Purvis, Bob Arbuckle, Dagmar Dawson, Ian Arbuckle and Laura Arbuckle

Apologies

None

Minutes of the Meeting held on June 15th 2017

These were approved with no changes.

The Chairman stated that an Agenda has not been prepared for this meeting but there will be one for future meetings.

Actions from the previous meeting

Bob informed Beth Flynn of Fife Council of the changes to the Council officials and the resignations of both Alan and Caroline Evans.

Bernard has been following up details of the bank account with limited success. He has established that there is approximately £420 in the account but we cannot get any statements until the account is re-established. The bank informed Bernard that a signatory on the account, in addition to Alan Evans, was a Pat Duncan. Bernard could not find any trace of her so applied to the bank to have her name deleted for the account. On his next visit to the bank he was informed that it was not Pat Duncan but was Pat Douglas. No one at the meeting knew of Pat Douglas. Another form was then completed for presentation to the bank. Bernard has spoken to Fife Council re. the grants available to Community Councils and was advised that we will be eligible for one once we have bank statements and if we produce an Income and Expenditure statement.

Matthew has amended the Council website to include details of the current officials, dates of meetings and added the minutes of the last meeting to it. It was then discussed whether the "missing minutes" should be posted but it was decided to leave them absent. Questions to the Community Council which come via the website will be directed to the Secretary. Matthew commented that Fife Council had not updated the officials on their own website. Councillor Heer to chase this up.

Action Councillor Heer

Bob has informed Jan Wallace of the dates for Community Council meetings in Luthrie Hall for 2017.

Bernard contacted the Scottish Government and advised them that this council thought that speed limits it built up areas should remain as at present.

Councillor Andy Heer reported that the road into Brunton is earmarked for remedial works but no firm timeline has been set for it. He also reported that the Q31 from Brunton to Creich is scheduled to be repaired in the coming months. He also stated that slow progress is being made on the repairs to the road near Ballinbreich with approval expected in August and the expectation that the repairs will be completed prior to the end of 2017.

Bob reported the potholes on both the road from Creich to Luthrie and the road at Fliskmillan farm but nothing has been done about it. This is almost certainly because the “potholes” do not meet the Fife Council definition of a pothole.

Any Other Business

Councillor Heer stated he had received a report from the police in the area summarising activity with the main concern being that bogus workmen are in the area and that households should be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

At this stage Ian and Laura Arbuckle gave a comprehensive presentation of their concerns regarding a planning application made recently for Carphin House. Substantial documents were distributed to all present at the meeting. They explained that the latest planning application was on the back of an earlier one which outlined long term plans to develop a significant business at Carphin House comprising Wedding Functions, music Festivals, parties and fairs. Their concern is about the very significant increase in traffic that this will generate both in and around Luthrie village but also on the very narrow road to Carphin (which Ian and Laura Own). They also have concerns with regard to their animals which will be adversely affected by the activity that would take place. These issues were discussed at length. Whilst Councillor Heer was present he took no part in the discussion except to provide planning process advice. Ian and Laura requested the Community council to request a traffic management plan from the applicant and to ask if they have permission for this development from the owners of the road. It was agreed that residents in Luthrie and Brunton would receive “flyers” regarding this proposal that would be produced by Ian and Laura. It was also agreed that the Community Council would write a letter of objection against the proposal to Fife Council – this to be produced by Bob and Bernard and circulated to members before being sent. Councillor Heer advised that objections should be based primarily on planning guidelines as outlined in the Fife Plan, otherwise they would not be considered too strongly. It was noted that letters of objection should be lodged by the end of August 2017. Councillor Heer advised that in future the Community Council should become a statutory consultee in the case of planning applications.

Action Bob Arbuckle and Bernard O'Donnell

As the Community council is now short of two members Jim Duncan proposed that Laura Arbuckle be co-opted onto the Council. This was seconded by Bob Arbuckle. Laura agreed to join the Council. Bob to advise Beth Flynn of this.

Action Bob Arbuckle

The date of the next meeting is November 1st 2017 at 7.30 in Luthrie Village Hall.

Community Council Member Details

Bernard O'Donnell

Bob Arbuckle

Jim Duncan

Matthew Wilson

Ian Purvis

Dagmar Dawson

Councillor Andy Heer

Laura Arbuckle