

## **Creich and Flisk Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

#### **Present**

Andy Heer, Bernard O'Donnell, Jim Duncan, Bob Arbuckle and Laura Arbuckle.

Also attending were: Hannah Arbuckle, Ian Arbuckle, Grace Arbuckle, Derval Montgomery, Linda Telford, Kathleen Lawrie, Charles Lawrie, Ian Macallan, John MacPherson, Mike Simm, Colin McEwan, Elspeth Barker, Ross Wilson, John Barr, Gordon Cuthill and Nick Halpin.

#### **Apologies**

There were apologies from Ian Purvis and Matthew Wilson.

#### **Minutes of the Meeting held on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**

These were agreed without amendment.

#### **Matters Arising**

The road into Brunton was surfaced as per the Fife Council proposal.

Mike Simm reported that there were three potholes on the road between Brunton and Creich. It was suggested that he report these on-line for repair.

**Action – Mike Simm**

#### **Correspondence**

Bob reported that although he had received various communications from Fife Council he had not passed any of them on to the Community Council members as he thought they would not be of interest.

#### **Finance Report**

The current Bank balance is £858.20 and petty cash of £9.88.

We received our 2018/19 annual grant from Fife Council of £429.28 on 29/11/2018.

The village hall for our AGM meeting last November still has to be paid i.e. £12.00.

Ian attended a finance training session last month which he found interesting and informative.

There was an indication that additional funding was available to Community Councils from community funds but until we can start spending the money we have, there seems no point pursuing this course unless we find suitable projects.

The bench at the church is currently being refurbished at an approximate cost of £200.

The meeting was then asked for suggestions on local projects that the Community Council could possibly finance.

Suggestions put forward were:

- Protective concreting around plants on the approach road to Luthrie from the A92.

- Production of a plan of Luthrie for the noticeboard to assist people finding premises.
- Examination of speed limits and road markings in Luthrie.
- Growing of crops/plants in unused fields to encourage birds to visit.

Andy will progress the speed limits in Luthrie with the council and Bob will progress the growing of plants etc. The others will be considered at future meetings.

### **Complaint against the Creich and Flisk Community Council**

This has moved extremely slowly – if at all. The chairman provided the information to Fife Council that they requested soon after the meeting in October 2018. Little was heard until the chairman was contacted by Fife Council in early January of 2019 asking for the reply to the complainant. The chairman resent the minutes of the October 2019 meeting with the relevant areas highlighted. Since then no word has been heard but the Council should reply within 35 days.

### **Planning Applications**

Since the last meeting there have been two planning applications of potential interest to the community. One is for an extension to a farmhouse at Balinbreich and the other is for a conservatory at Carphin.

There are no concerns over the extension at Balinbreich.

There are concerns of local residents over the proposed conservatory at Carphin. These concerns are based on the assumption that its function is to continue the business of wedding functions. The Creich and Flisk Community Council objected to it on that basis. A discussion followed regarding that and weddings at Carphin but the Chairman cut it short.

In response Mr MacAllan commented as follows:

That the conservatory was a natural extension to the rear of the property which would be constructed in sympathy with the existing structure and would be predominantly of glass. It is not being constructed for the business of weddings. He and his wife wanted to work with the community but felt that they had maybe been a little naive in their approach to date. Ideally he and his wife would still like about ten weddings a year at Carphin as they could manage that without any outside assistance but they would comply with any requirements imposed on them by Fife Council.

Ian Arbuckle then requested whether a member of Fife Council could be asked to attend the next Community Council meeting to outline how the Council would ensure the requirements imposed on Carphin were being achieved.

**Action Bernard O'Donnell**

### **Broadband**

In the absence of Matthew Wilson this item could not be discussed fully. It was stated however that broadband speeds in Luthrie are now fairly quick and that a cabinet has been installed recently at the entrance to Brunton which it is expected will, in time, allow faster broadband in that area too.

### **Any Other Business**

Ian Purvis advises that the old school building has eventually been put up for sale.

The chairman asked, since there are only six community council members out of a possible eight, if anyone would like to be co-opted onto the Council. Pleasingly two volunteers came forward,

Elspeth Barker and John Macpherson.

The date of the next meeting is May 1st 2019

With subsequent meetings on August 7<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

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