

Creich and Flisk Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd November 2021

Present

Bernard O'Donnell, Andy Heer, Jim Duncan, Bob Arbuckle, Elspeth Barker, Matthew Wilson, Ian Purvis, John McPherson and S Cassells.

Annual General Meeting

Agenda

The agenda was distributed with no additions to it.

Apologies

Laura Arbuckle sent her apologies.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

Finance Report

Ian Purvis presented his report to the meeting as follows.

Creich and Flisk Community Council					
Income and Expenditure Account					
Year Ending 30th September 2021					
		30/09/2020		30/09/2021	
Income	Notes				
Balance A/C 1/10/2019/20		£626.08		£573.04	
Fife Council Grant	1	£470.96	£1097.04	£391.44	£964.48
Expenditure					
Hall Hire	2	£24.00		£24.00	
New Battery for Defibrillator	3			£89.00	
British Heart Foundation		£500.00			
			<u>£524.00</u>		<u>£113.00</u>
Income over Expenditure			<u>£573.04</u>		<u>£851.48</u>
Statement of Funds		30/09/2020		30/09/2021	
Income over Expenditure			£573.04		£851.48
Funds as at 30/09/2020/21		£573.04		£851.48	
Data Protection fee allocated	4	(£40.00)	£533.04		£851.48
Represented by					
TSB Current Account		£573.04*		£851.48*	

*Includes £9.88 Petty Cash					
<u>Notes</u>					
1 Data protection notification fee £40 included 2020 but deducted from FC grant 2021					
2 Only two meeting were held in hall post Covid 19					
3 New Battery for Brunton Residents 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				

Treasurers Report for AGM to be held on 3rd November 2021

I have to report that as a result of the Pandemic some meetings were held on ZOOM and therefore the hall hire was less than normal.

The only income we received was our Fife Council Grant of £391.44 but Fife Council reclaimed £40.00 Data Registration Fee which we did not use during the year 2019/2020 (did not use it as the committee decided it was not necessary).

The outgoings amounted to three items £89.00 payment for the new battery required for the defibrillator located in Brunton. The other items were hall hire for meetings “post” the Pandemic which amounted to £24.00. The total spent was £113 which is a lot less than 80% of our Fife Council Grant so I am obliged to justify the lack of spend when submitting this year’s grant application in the hope of receiving our full grant for 2021/2022.

The current balance including petty cash is therefore £851.48

I have indicated to Fife Council that the Community Council may wish to contribute to any community festivities proposed locally for the Queen’s 70th Jubilee in 2022.

Note that the last sentence of this report will be altered following the meeting. The Treasurer indicated that in the grant application that is about to be made he will include projects in the pipeline and explain a lack of expenditure due to the COVID pandemic.

Chairpersons Report

This year members of the CC were able to meet face to face in Luthrie Hall.

After some considerable time, during which the CC has lobbied Fife Council about the state of roads in the area. This year some of those in the poorest condition were finally resurfaced. In addition the ditch alongside the road leading from Luthrie to the Brunton area was also completely filled in.

There has been less success with discovering if a 20mph speed limit can be enforced in Luthrie. This will be ongoing in the coming year.

Fast Broadband was rolled out in the area. This has improved access for residents to the Internet and Social Media. However it is important to note that not all of the catchment area has benefited. Residents of Flisk were not included in the rollout and therefore remain without any effective broadband service. It is hoped that this can be remedied in the coming months.

The coronavirus lockdowns have seen an increased number of visitors to our area. In particular the number of walkers has increased which in some cases has led to the problem car parking.

The CC decided therefore to erect signage within Luthrie to indicate to visitor’s local footpaths as well as indicating parking areas.

This work is ongoing and it is hoped that the signage will be in place in the near future.

Any Other Business

There was no additional business to discuss.

Date of next Annual General Meeting.

This will be 2nd November 2022

Meeting

Apologies and Declarations of Interest have already been covered as per the AGM.

Agenda

This was agreed with an additional item raised by Matthew Wilson of Broadband speed in the Flisk area.

Matters Arising

Correspondence: The chairman had distributed a summary of the Establishment of Community Councils document prior to the meeting. A few points were raised regarding this document as follows:

The CC should be recognised as competent body to review licencing applications but no council member remembers any requests of this nature.

The CC is to advertise in advance the dates of its meetings. It was confirmed by Andy that inclusion on the CC web site is sufficient.

The CC is to provide a copy of their annual meetings schedule to Fife Council. Again this is on the web site.

20 mph speed limit in Luthrie: The chairman did write to Lesley Craig but was advised that she was absent on long term sickness. He then wrote to Martin Kingham who is yet to reply. It was suggested he try again to Lesley Craig with a copy to S Goodfellow.

Action Bernard

Luthrie Hall Bench: No action

Action John

Luthrie Notice: This was presented by John and was discussed at length. It is proposed to produce the guide/map in A3 format and that it should be laminated. The cost is estimated at approximately £350 but certainly less than £400. It is still to be decided exactly where they should be positioned but there will be at least one in Luthrie, one in Brunton and one at Pittachope. Luthrie Residents Group are aware of this proposal and are happy with it. It was agreed to proceed with the preparation of the finished guide/map.

Action John

Green Party MP Request: The chairman wrote to the individual but received no response.

Community Event: Queens 70th Jubilee: Soundings of residents were not favourable so the idea has been abandoned.

Correspondence: Nil

Finance: This was covered in the AGM.

Planning: All applications had been distributed to members and there was nothing to discuss.

Creich and Flisk information map. Already covered.

Constituency Boundary Changes: This refers to elections to parliament and as there are no changes proposed in our area it was not discussed further.

Local Development Plan: This is notice that further information is coming in the near future and this will be discussed further when information is available.

Notes on establishment of CC. This was discussed previously.

Any Other Business:

Matthew raised the serious issue of the broadband speed in the Flisk area. Broadband speeds in this area tend to be around 1.5 compared to 36 in Brunton. Service also drops off at times. All in all a terrible service and some users are trying to run a business in the area with this speed. Some users have taken it into their own hand and are using mobile signals but BT are needed to resolve the issue. Discussions with them have got nowhere. Promises have been made by various organisations as to when the problem will be resolved to no avail. Vouchers are available per household to assist in resolving the problem but these go nowhere to meeting the cost of solving the problem. Mr S Cassells from Flisk explained his exasperation with the situation and agreed with Matthew that the problem needs a solution. He discussed various alternative possibilities involving costs to individuals. The Chairman thought it was not fair that some should pay for a service that others get for nothing. It was proposed to invite BT to a meeting of those involved but it was decided to get the MSP Willie Rennie involved. Andy responded the morning after the meeting with contacts of Morag Miller and Gordon Mole in Fife Council who may be able to assist. The chairman will follow up on this

Action Bernard

John raised the issue of the Community Resilience Planning Fund. He thought our area could benefit from this in supplying various items to the community. He agreed to process this.

Action John

Andy raised the issue of beacons being lit around the country in 2022 to celebrate the Queens 70th anniversary. There was little enthusiasm for this but it was agreed to revisit it at the next meeting.

Future Meeting Dates

Meetings will be held as follows:

3rd February, 5th May, 4th August and 3rd November 2022.

R Arbuckle

6th November 2021