

Creich and Flisk Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 31st October 2018

Present

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

Also attending were: Hannah Arbuckle, Ian Arbuckle, Grace Arbuckle, Derval Montgomery, Jeff Montgomery, Mary Purvis, William Telford, Linda Telford, Kathleen Lawrie, Charles Lawrie, Elspeth Barker, Ian Macallan, Ruth Macallan, Tom Macallan, Diane Clarke, Stewart Mackenzie, Amy Clarke, PC396 Phil Parker, PS997 Stuart Hay, John MacPherson, Sabrina Maguire, Ross Wilson, Mike Simm, Tom Macallan, Katie Simm.

Introduction

Andy Heer opened the meeting as this was the first meeting following the recent elections for Community Councillors.

The first step was to appoint office bearers.

Following a proposal by Bob Arbuckle and seconded by Ian Purvis, Bernard O'Donnell was appointed Chairman.

Matthew Wilson proposed and Bernard O'Donnell seconded Jim Duncan as Vice Chair.

Bob Arbuckle was elected as Secretary following a proposal by Bernard O'Donnell which was seconded by Ian Purvis.

Jim Duncan proposed Ian Purvis as Treasurer and this was seconded by Bernard O'Donnell.

At that stage Andy Heer stood down as Chairman and Bernard O'Donnell took over the role.

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Meeting Agenda

The chairman stated there was an agenda for the meeting covering the usual business items and all the action points from the previous meeting would be covered as the meeting progressed.

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 1st 2018 were accepted.

The chairman proposed that the first item to be raised would be the recently received criticism of the Creich and Flisk Community Council by Mr Ian Macallan.

Formal Complaint of the Creich and Flisk Community Council.

The chairman read out the Fife Council formal complaints procedure which would be followed. If agreement was not reached at this meeting it would then need to go to stage 2 which involved Fife Council officials.

He then read out the formal letter of complaint received by the Community Council from Mr Ian Macallan.

Laura Arbuckle left the room, as requested by the chairman, whilst the complaint was discussed.

In summary the chairman stated:

Laura Arbuckle and her father, Ian, attended the Community Council (CC) meeting in August 2017 and raised the issue of the recent planning application that had been lodged with Fife Council for the purpose of holding wedding functions and other events at Carphin House. Following discussions the CC took the decision to object to Carphin planning applications.

At the subsequent meeting in November 2017 Laura Arbuckle was co-opted onto the CC.

Updates were provided to the CC at subsequent meetings by Laura Arbuckle but discussions were few and far between and no votes were taken. At the last meeting in August 2018 some other members of the public attended who complained about noise and disturbance when wedding functions were taking place.

The minutes of the CC meetings will bear out the above statements.

It is the function of the CC to represent the views of the local community in conclusion there is no evidence to support the claim of Mr Macallan.

The chairman then invited Mr Macallan to comment.

Mr Macallan commented as follows:

He thanked the chair for the opportunity to discuss his complaint at the meeting and for bringing the meeting forward from the preplanned date of November 7th. He commented that he was not aware of the Fife Council complaints process for Community Councils but was told it by Mr A Fergusson (a lawyer in the council). He explained that was why he had copied some of his correspondence to him.

He explained that the CC was out of order in allowing a member with a vested interest to be involved in a discussion regarding Carphin House as that was blatantly against the rules of the CC. He quoted the minutes of the August meeting which stated that Laura gave a very comprehensive report to the meeting regarding the situation at Carphin House.

The meeting then became a little heated with comments by various people from both sides of the argument. Ian Purvis then asked Mr Macallan what he wanted to achieve from the meeting.

Mr Macallan replied that he would like an apology from the CC with regard to its behaviour in allowing Laura Arbuckle to take part in discussions about Carphin House as she has a vested interest in the situation.

The chairman replied that an apology would not be forthcoming and he concluded the discussion.

At this point Laura Arbuckle returned to the meeting room.

Presentation by the local police

Sergeant Hay introduced himself and PC Peter Parker and said that they liked to attend CC meetings to advise on local issues and problems.

PC Parker covered various activities that are relevant:

Total number of calls including 19 Grade 1 calls and 304 Grade 2.

Activity in schools involving transport

Pop Up "Bobby" activity

Mobile speed checks

Anti-social behaviour

Professional sporting activities

Talks to primary school pupils who are about to go to secondary

Hare Coursing

Community speed watch

Sergeant Hay stated they would be happy to come again if requested.

At this point the two police officers and Mr Macallan and “supporters” left the meeting.

Financial Report

Ian Purvis presented an Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30 September 2018. It showed the bank balance on September 30 as £438.80. An order has been placed to refurbish the bench at the church at a cost of £200. Ian will apply to Fife council for a grant due to the CC prior to the deadline of the end of the year. He expects to receive £492.

Roads Update

Most, if not all, the potholes in the area have been filled in by a Jetpatcher with many smoother roads the result. The road into Brunton is scheduled to be resurfaced the week commencing November 5th.

Broadband

A discussion took place regarding the increased broadband speed in Luthrie but no one knew when this might be extended up into Brunton or anywhere else in the CC area.

Meetings for 2019

Meeting dates were agreed for 2019 as follows:

February 6, May 1, August 7 and November 6.