

**Creich and Flisk Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd February 2022**

**Present**

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

**Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

These were accepted.

**Matters Arising**

**20mph speed limit in Luthrie**

Bernard has sent two emails to Lesley Craig and one to Martin Kingham and has had no replies. He will try again and Andy Heer will provide an additional contact for him to try also. **Action Bernard and Andy**

**Luthrie Hall Bench**

No progress. Andy will enquire with Fife Council gardens department to see if they will progress it.

**Action Andy**

**Luthrie Noticeboard**

Progress unknown. Bernard will e mail John for status of the project.

**Action Bernard**

**Broadband**

Bernard and Matthew had a meeting with Willie Rennie, the MSP. It was a good meeting and he expressed his frustration with BT Open Reach. He suggested two courses of action. One of which would be to highlight the problem in the media and the other is to use an alternative supplier. It was unanimous that the second alternative was not viable or even fair when others around the area are getting a free supply.

He also suggested getting additional support from other MSP's. It was agreed to arrange another meeting and try to progress this with him including the possibility of highlighting the issue in the media.

**Action Bernard and Matthew**

**Community Resilience Planning Fund**

It was unknown whether John had progressed this item.

**Action John**

**Anniversary Beacon**

Whilst there was little support for this Bob suggested canvassing local people to see if there was any interest in helping to arrange this on the top of Normans Law.

**Action Bob**

## **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence discussed except the fact that nominations to Community Councillors would not be held until the end of 2023, a year later than would have been expected.

## **Finance**

The bank account stands at £1250 and expenditure is required prior to November 2022 to qualify for a grant for the following year.

## **Planning**

No planning applications had been submitted in the period. An appeal had been made by the residents of Carphin regarding a refusal of a retrospective planning application.

## **Request from Luthrie Gardening Group**

The Luthrie Gardening Group requested, in writing, for a grant of £500 to install two benches in the Luthrie garden for the use of local people and walkers. This was discussed at length.

The CC agreed in principle to grant a sum of £200 towards the purchase of benches.

As for the remainder of the application (£300), the local councillor suggested that this could be accessed through Fife Council 'Local Community planning budget'.

## **Roads: Mud**

Jim raised the issue of mud on the road at the entrance to Creich Farm. This is an ongoing problem and the road is never cleaned. It is very dirty for pedestrians and is unsafe for cyclist and motor cyclists. Farmers do have a responsibility to keep public roads clean if they are causing them to be dirty. Andy agreed to discuss this with the local police force.

**Action Andy**

## **Any Other Business**

### **Water at Pittachope Farm**

Jim raised the issue here of a blocked ditch causing water to flow onto the road at the entrance to the farm. This was despite significant ditch maintenance having been carried out recently. At a recent cold spell the road was thick with ice as a result of this problem Jim had raised this point with the Council and action had been promised. No action has yet taken place. Bob also reported this at the same time. Andy will raise this issue with Ross Walker in the Council.

**Action Andy**

## **Complaint regarding access to Core Paths in the area**

Laura raised an issue that has been reported to her by a Luthrie resident who wanted to remain anonymous. The complaint regards the closure of core paths when shooting is taking place together with gates being locked. It also concerns the aggressive nature of the gamekeeper in the area who is also

accused of firing his gun at times to “scare people off”. These issues have been raised with the landowner but these issues were dismissed. Bernard will write to the landowner to ascertain the legal position with regards to the closure of the gates and to ask for an explanation for the firing of the gun.

**Action Bernard**

**Date of next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

R Arbuckle  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2022