

## **Minutes - Auchtertool Community Council Meeting**

**7.30pm, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### **Present:**

Kevin Carter (Vice-Chair)  
Gillian Cura (Secretary)  
Iain Martin (IM)

Cllr Lesley Backhouse (CLB)  
Cllr Julie MacDougall (CJM)

### **Apologies:**

Tom Lochhead (Chair)  
Audrey Duncan (Member)  
Mike Smart (Member)  
Andrea Cail (AC)

Tracy Lambie (Treasurer)  
Ross Mitchell (Member)  
Debbie Scollay (Member)  
Cllr Kathleen Leslie (CKL)

### **Vice-Chairperson's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The Vice-Chair wished a Happy New Year to everyone attending and welcomed them formally to the first meeting of 2023. It was noted a quorum was not achieved therefore no formal decisions could be taken, however the meeting would go ahead as planned.

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting which was held on 13 December 2022 were proposed by KC and seconded by IM. No amendments or corrections were required.

### **Treasurer's Report**

It was confirmed that the money identified as still sitting in the bank account for the playpark project has now been paid to Fife Council

Online banking application process underway with Tracy Lambie added as signatory and expecting online paperwork

### **Police Report**

No report received. Cllrs advised police reports are moving to six-monthly and will now be sent to Area Committee. Cllrs can obtain information between times if we have a specific issue to consider. Cllrs advised quickest way to report non-emergencies to police is online reporting, rather than calling 111 (as confirmed by the Chief of Police). Link to be shared on community council pages.

## **Planning Applications**

Kilrie Farm update. There was some discussion in relation to an email exchange between the Chair and Kilrie Farm regarding the Willow Farm planning application. The email chain confirms planning application having been superseded. Cllrs not aware of changes – action for Chair to forward email chain for review by Cllrs

## **Projects**

Glenniston Solar Farm – no further updates. DS chasing. Cllrs confirmed their understanding is that planning conditions require that any proposals meet the Fife Plan in full, no wiggle room available.

Road closure extended to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. There was some discussion regarding the safety concerns in relation to the flooding at gully at battery storage area and lack of fencing. CLB to raise with transport department. Floodlights issue was confirmed as raised by LB

## **Village Issues**

Park floodlights issue raised by CLB with electrical team but no one has attended. CLB to chase up again.

Speed reduction – not working again, CLB to raise again, potentially impacted by heavy rain

Road widening at Puddledub road – potentially not enough meterage of road available. Looks unlikely to progress. Current path to Auchtertool House in disrepair and needs addressed; Cllrs confirmed their understanding that it is already on the program but will check and confirm.

Feasibility of pub in Auchtertool (The Tiel or otherwise) action from last ACT meeting for ACT Chair Susan Leslie to get in touch with ACC Chair Tom Lohead to discuss. Discussions at very early stages.

## **A.O.B**

Christmas Carol Service went ahead as planned in early December. Looking to plant a permanent tree in the Spring of 2023; planning to apply to the Fife Council development fund initially. Planning permission will be required.

Boxing Day walk hosted by the Chair was attended by around 30 villagers

CJM to visit quarry to look at landfill situation/mess on public highway

Headmistress has returned to the school, ACT working to provide funds for Ukrainian children joining the school and for families facing financial crisis due to cost of living – can apply anonymously

CLB shared a booklet detailing all the funds and help available to people facing financial difficulties. Online help area on Fife Council website – ‘Get Help’ section

## **Date of next meeting**

The date of next meeting is to be confirmed