



Minutes of Meeting – Mon 8th January 2024

1. Chair's Welcome. Welcome again.

Present: David Ellison (Chair), John Rae (Vice Chair), Neil Brooks (Treasurer), Barbara Groves (nominated Secretary), John Kennett, Stewart Easson. Thank you to 4 members of the public who also attended.

2. Apologies. Cllr Holt. Cllr Lothian

3. Approval of minutes for meeting 6th November 2023. Approved.

4. Reports:

4.1 Finances. Budget 2024/2025

Balance @ 31.12.23: £6321.45. Gazette cost more than budgeted however, going forwards effort to be made to keep this within budget.

Anticipated expenditure Jan – Mar 2024 £3110, Leaving a Projected Balance @ Year End: £2610

Financial Plan for 2024 – Proposal. Income - £4068. Proposed expenditure £4068. To be reviewed/agreed at March meeting. **Treasurer.**

Investment of 'Surplus' of £2610 - Leaving a balance of £1500 as safety buffer in account means we have around £1100 to invest. Currently proposed project £2500 but only have £1100 available. £1400 short. Agreement to be reached on proposed expenditure.

Financial Plan for 2024 – Proposal - please refer to appendix A.

To be discussed further at March meeting. **Treasurer.**

4.1.1 **Donation** - APRS - £30. Approved. **Treasurer**

4.1.2 **Donation** - Cadets (Remembrance Day) - £50. Approved. Proposal made to donate every year to Cadets and if possible increase the amount going forward. Suggestion (as previously minuted) to alternate charity donations to be considered. **Treasurer**

4.2 **Speeding issues update. D. Ellison.** SDI display units now planned to be installed Jan 2024

4.3 **Road Matters.** Some potholes have been added to Fife Council website for repair. **N. Brooks**

4.4 **Community Resilience Planning.**

4.4.1 **Generator project** - mid point costs approx. £2000 (range £1200 - £3200). Some concerns raised over security of proposed shed. Could consideration be given to hosting the generator within the hall itself. Due to the budget shortfall, could the shed and ATS purchase go ahead and the generator itself be purchased at a future date. These options to be considered following the Hall committee meeting on 10/01/24. Purchase of shed approved on the basis that the hall committee agree. D Ellison to take proposal to Hall committee meeting. **D. Ellison.**

5. Business arising from previous minutes:

5.1 **Wind turbine update. Cllr Holt.** see apologies.

5.2 **Update on hire of mini digger for paths maintenance.** Mini digger has been ordered 11th January delivery. To be used for path drainage and for Kinloch trench to house deliberator cables. Expect the mini digger will have some availability to resident for other uses. If requested, a small donation towards cost of hire and diesel would be welcomed. N. Brooks will circulate availability of mini digger via WhatsApp groups to let residents aware of the mini digger availability. Concerns raised from residents around encouragement of public using footpaths around farms. Concern over livestock wellbeing, car access and off lead dogs. Any significant changes to paths should be checked and approved with community. **Drainage ditch approved. N. Brooks**

5.3 **Way markers signs for paths. Confirm locations.** Lairds agreed to pay for 20 way markers. Another 20 will be ordered to complete path. **N. Brooks**

5.4 **Concerns over IBAA spreading on landfill bing and potential for leachate. Cllr Holt.** See apologies.

5.5 **Fly tipping** – still a concern. **D, Ellison.** Keep vigilant and report to CC who will report to FC.

5.6 **Clearing of drainage cut-outs.** John Rae to send pictures of cut outs to D, Ellison who will send onto Fife Council for action. **J. Rae/D. Ellison**

5.7 **'No paths' signage for village street. Cllr Holt.** See apologies.

5.8 **Purchase of automatic Speedwatch circa £650.** Update from Fife Police Positive. Awaiting Fife Council and Fife Police further approval. **D. Ellison**

5.9 **Crossing of A92 at Lofty Bank is dangerous. Cllr Holt.** See apologies.

6. New Business:

- 6.1 **Purchase of rock salt for all households** - costs approx. £500 for 95 households. Agreement to ask residents if they would like bag of rock salt to be circulated via WhatsApp. Any Residents wishing to order needs to be received by 14/01. **N. Brooks**
- 6.2 **Logo/strapline agreement. Consideration for ideas presented** - 'Guarding our Environment', 'Protecting our Environment', 'Supporting our Environment'. Agreement that this should be shared via the next version of the gazette to gauge residents opinion. **D. Ellison**
- 6.3 **Red Squirrel Project.** Costs to be obtained for potential squirrel bridge. Research into whether a bridge is actually of benefit to squirrels as concern raised that it actually can be detrimental to their wellbeing. **B. Groves**

7. AOCB

- 7.1 **Community Walks** - proposal to create a book of local walks for the community. Would only be for currently used paths and with farmers permission.
- 7.2 Notice board from Edentown available - requested if the community hall could make use of this. D. Ellison to check with community hall. **D. Ellison**
- 7.3 **D. Ellison** advised graffiti now removed from road signs.
- 7.4 Several road signs have fallen over and need Fife Council to fix. **D. Ellison**
- 7.5 Fire hydrant foundations eroded. Needs attention. Request for Fire Department to give talk on fire safety. **D. Ellison**
- 7.6 Request for Police to give talk on Security. **D. Ellison**
- 7.7 Discussion on water samples of Rossie Drain. John Rae to investigate if possible for water testing can be taken in our catchment. **J. Rae**
- 7.8 Attendance required at the Quarry Liaison committee meeting. J. Rae advised he would be happy to attend. B. Groves to check with Christine Bowie when/where next meeting to be held and advise J. Rae. **B. Groves**

Residents are invited to attend and participate. Comments/questions may be submitted via any community councillor by email or WhatsApp.

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