



Minutes of Meeting – Mon 4th March 2024

1. **Chair's Welcome.**
Present: David Ellison (Chair), John Rae (Vice Chair), Neil Brooks (Treasurer), Barbara Groves (Secretary), John Kennett, Stewart Easson, Cllr. Holt. Thank you to 2 members of the public who also attended.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr. Lothian
3. **Approval of minutes for meeting 8th January 2024. Approved**
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 Finance Report. **Treasurer**
 - 4.1.1 Finalise budget 2024/2025 - slides reviewed. **Budget Approved.**
 - 4.1.2 Donation - APRS - **CLOSED**
 - 4.1.3 Donation - **CLOSED**
 - 4.2 Speeding issues update. **D. Ellison.** speeding signs have the wrong speed. Edentown sign to be re-positioned. N. Brooks will follow up with Council.
 - 4.3 Road Matters. **N. Brooks.** Pot holes at Heatherhall junction to be reported. Cllr. Holt advised we should feedback to Council where there are no updates being received on potholes being fixed.
 - 4.4 Community Resilience Planning. **D. Ellison**
 - 4.4.1 Update. D. Ellison will be submitting article to next issue of gazette. Wiring of ATS unit expected April and purchase of generator approx. September.
 - 4.4.2 Generator project - electrical works at hall to support emergency generator - £500. **Spend Approved.**
5. **Cllr Holt Actions:**
 - 5.1 Wind turbine update. **Cllr Holt.** Company now maintaining wind turbine have access to spare parts to maintain turbine.
 - 5.2 Concerns over IBAA spreading on landfill bing and potential for leachate. **Cllr Holt.** No update available. c/fwd
 - 5.3 'No paths' signage for village street. **Cllr Holt.** Has been chasing Council for sign. Will follow up again next week.
 - 5.4 Crossing of A92 at Lofty Bank is dangerous. **Cllr Holt.** Suggested we join with Ladybank. Will provide contacts.
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - 6.1 Hire of mini digger for paths maintenance. **N. Brooks CLOSED**
 - 6.2 Way markers signs for paths. Confirm locations. **N. Brooks CLOSED**
 - 6.3 Fly tipping. **Chair. CLOSED**
 - 6.4 Clearing of drainage cut-outs. **J. Rae/D. Ellison.** Continue to chase Council. Cllr. Holt suggested we put in request for road sweeper.
 - 6.5 Purchase of automatic Speedwatch circa £650. **D. Ellison.** Need to work with Police to set up on trial basis. Hope to have in place by April. Look at results before proceeding further.
 - 6.6 Purchase of rock salt for 40 households that requested rock salt **N. Brooks CLOSED**
 - 6.7 Logo/strapline agreement. To be included with next version of Gazette **D. Ellison**
 - 6.8 Red Squirrel Project. Consider costs and confirmation this is of benefit to red squirrels **B. Groves.** Feasibility on-going.
 - 6.9 Election of Secretary **D. Ellison CLOSED**
 - 6.10 Community Walks - book of local walks for the community. **N. Brooks.** Review on-going. Will include article in Gazette.
 - 6.11 Notice board from Edentown available. **D. Ellison.** Liaise with Hall Committee to add to the hall noticeboard.
 - 6.12 Graffiti now removed from road signs. **D. Ellison CLOSED**
 - 6.13 Several road signs have fallen over and need Fife Council to fix. **D. Ellison CLOSED**
 - 6.14 Fire hydrant foundations eroded. Request for Fire Department to give talk on fire safety. **D. Ellison.** Fire hydrant foundations now repaired. Requested Fire Brigade to organise Fire Safety talk. Cllr. Holt advised there are first aid training places available at Freuchie session if anyone wants to take a place.
 - 6.15 Request for Police to give talk on Security. **D. Ellison.** Will request Fife Police to give a date for home security/rural crime talk.
 - 6.16 Discussion on water samples of Rossie Drain. **J. Rae CLOSED**
 - 6.17 Attendance required at the Quarry Liaison committee meeting. **J. Rae.** Next meeting 7th May. J. Rae will attend. **CLOSED**
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1 Project Akin Oaks - offering between 1-6 free oak tree saplings to community groups (maybe individuals). **N. Brooks.** Acorns toxic to horses so should not be planted near grazing areas. Check with community anyone wishing to take up offer.
 - 7.2 Free defibrillator grant. **N. Brooks.** Have applied on behalf of community. goes into lottery, then notified within 8 weeks if successful. If so would use for Giffordtown. S. Easson to gauge interest for Edentown.
 - 7.3 Paths - trialing of monthly maintenance plan. **N. Brooks.** Trial monthly maintenance and seek feedback. D. Ellison to co-ordinate follow up meeting after April.
 - 7.4 Spring Litter Pick. **S. Easson.** N. Brooks to create notice to share with community. Litter pick planned for Saturday 16th March. 6 high viz vests to be purchased from CC budget.
 - 7.5 Issues with C57 road. **D. Ellison.** Due to eroded verges and pot holes parts of C57 impassable. Join with Freuchie CC to chase Fife Council for fix action. Cllr. Holt to forward the pothole spec sheet, showing the criteria the Council works to in deciding what gets fixed, and what gets left. J. Rae has emailed re drainage cut outs - email to be sent onto Cllr. Holt.
8. **Correspondence**
 - 8.1 Defibrillator Update. **B. Groves.** Currently being installed. Thanks to Ellen McCance for organising.
 - 8.2 Donation of £50 from Madge and Dougie Cormack. **B. Groves.** Thanks to Madge and Dougie Cormack for their generous donation.
9. **AOB**
 - 9.1 **B. Groves.** Email from Adrian Grant regarding Fife Heritage book launch. Can pre-order the book before May.
 - 9.2 Contractors are working at flooded bridge area and are leaving field gates open. Contractors should inform community of any proposed activity to ensure gate to field can be kept shut. **D. Ellison.**
 - 9.3 Question on whether there should be life vests/rings at Gaddon/Birnie Lochs. **D. Ellison** to raise with Fife Coast & Countryside Trust.
10. **AOCB**
 - 10.1 Next CC meeting Monday 6th May 2024 7.30pm.

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