



Monimail Community Council Meeting

**Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017
at 7.00 pm in Letham Village Hall**

1. Present

Community Councillors

Chair, David Hamilton (DH) Vice Chair Juliet Forrest (JF), Treasurer, John Vaughan (JV), Secretary, Karin Vaughan (KV), Willy Fenton(WF), Hugh Laidlaw (HL) and Pat Laidlaw (PL)

Community Members

Bruce Forrest (BF), Iain McGarry (IM), George Mossman (GM), and Nessie Mossman (NM)

Fife Council

Councillor Andy Heer (AH)

2. Apologies

There were no apologies

3. Approval of the Unquoted meeting of 11th September 2017

The notes were approved by GM and seconded by HL.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10th July 2017

• Village Park Roundabout Replacement

JV reported that he spoken spoke to Alan Bisset, Fife Council, and they have agreed to fund a replacement roundabout. The final proposal of £10,000 will be put forward to committee next month. The cost includes delivery and installation. He indicated that the installation will not happen until 2018.

• Village park Gap/ Gate

He had also discussed the closure of the gap in the hedge and providing a gate. Lack of a means of closing this gap in the park fence has caused safety issues and this needed to be attended to as soon as possible.

• Salt Bins Replacements

These have been uplifted for cleaning and refurbishment and will be replaced in due course. They are positioned on the hill to Monimail Church, School Brae, and the Bus Stop on Monimail Road in Letham. Grit bins are a priority on bus routes.

5. Cllr Andy Heer Update / Questions

Cemetery Tap

The screw is broken inside the tap causing a water leak, however after discussing this with the workmen, PL stated that they thought it was some other issue.

Leaves are a problem on the hill at Monimail, PL removed them from the left hand side but tractors have compressed the verges causing problems. PL

highlighted the fact that the track from Pathcondie is muddy caused by tractors going over the verges. The drain cover is coated with mud and needs to be cleared to enable it to function by taking excess water away.
AH to examine the situation.

6. Lower Melville Land Fill Site – Obnoxious Odours

Andy Heer reported that there have been complaints about noxious smells again. This depends at what stage of filling the 'cells' are at before being capped is invoked. Avoidance action is taken but sometimes is not successful.

7. Planning Applications

New applications had been received for an extension to the rear of Beech House and Solar Panels and Air Source pump at the Old School House at the Bow of Fife

8. Superfast Broadband

BT has put some infrastructure in for Broadband at Monimail but it is not connected yet.
No optical cable has been installed from Letham to Monimail, as yet.

9. School Brae Adoption

AH reported that here are many anomalies throughout Fife.

It arose since amalgamation and changes to boundaries 20 to 40 years ago. It arose in 1974-5 when clerks who listed roads knew who exactly was responsible for maintaining the roads, but when the local areas were conjoined by Fife Council some roads were, inadvertently missed off the list.

Councillor Linda Brown is to see David Brown at Bankhead and plan a campaign in NE Fife to highlight the confusion and problems of having 'random' un-adopted roads.

There are some unique circumstances and it is hoped that these can be resolved. DH stated that he was at the meeting where Andy Heer presented our case very well to the area committee.

There are new officials so perhaps we could submit another question on 6/12/17 to the North East Fife Area Committee. The chair is now Donald Lothian
JV was asked by the meeting to write a question to the Secretary for inclusion on their agenda.

10. Treasurer's Report

JV reported that the amounts in the main and savings accounts were £1206.84 and £1241.039 respectively.

He reported he had recently purchased new pads for the defibrillator as the original ones were out-of-date.

11. Police Report

Since the last meeting, Police in NEF received 2626 calls, of which 56 were Emergency GRADE 1 Calls 597 were Emergency GRADE 2 Calls Of these calls, there were no calls to Monimail, 1 call to Letham, and 3 calls to Bow of Fife, including the area of the A92 at Melville Lodges. Bogus Workmen are known to be operating in the local area.

PC's Whitaker and Fisher are visiting all local primary schools and youth groups. If you would like them to attend at anything please let us know.

Our good friend Bob the pop up policeman has been out and about in the local areas assisting us with speeding issues. If you have any suggestions as to where he would be of use please let us know.

12. Community Groups

Letham PS

Community Council for Kids

DH is championing an initiative to bring knowledge and understanding of the role and function of the Community Council to the pupils of Letham Primary School.

The choice and selection of a new roundabout is an excellent illustration to our youngsters as to how the Community Council operates.

On Wednesday 23/11/17, DH, JV, KV will go to Letham Primary School at 2:00 pm and discuss the proposal of the new roundabout with the children.

The format for this meeting will mirror regular meetings of the CC in the Village Hall to give the youngsters an idea of the process of this Letham community forum.

Village Hall

The AGM is to be held on Wednesday 22nd November at 7:30pm.

There will be a 'Music and Mince Pies Music' evening with music pupils and Eva Lundell to raise money for a new hall piano.

There will be Letham Nights and Letham Lights events on Saturday 9th December.

JF reminded everyone that there will be annual Village Hall Ceilidh on the 1st January 2018 at 8:00pm. Tickets will be available shortly and everyone is welcome.

13. Any Other Business

JF reported that 4 Apple Trees and 2 Pear Trees were planted in the grass at the side of the Village Hall with daffodils being planted alongside the trees.

Florescent tape was wrapped around the supports so that the new plants are visible to motorists parking alongside the Hall.

14. Date of Next meeting

Monday 15th January 2018 at 7:00pm