



**MEETING**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:00pm**  
**Letham Village Hall**

**Monimail Community  
Council**

**MINUTES**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome.</b> David Hamilton, welcomed everyone to the meeting.	<b>Actionee</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Attendance &amp; apologies</b> <b>CC Councillors</b> David Hamilton (DH), John Vaughan (JV), Karin Vaughan (KV), Juliet Forrest (JF), Willy Fenton (WF) <b>Local Community</b> Andrew Black (AB), Mark Grindle (MG), Diane Grindle (DG) and Hazel Grant (HG).  <b>Apologies:</b> There were no apologies	
	<b>Fife Councillor in Attendance:</b> Donald Lothian (DL).	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> Approved by JF and seconded by AB.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> There had been no further developments regarding the plans for houses at the back of The Row Letham or holiday accommodation at Cunnoquhie Cottage. Their plans are on the Fife Planning web site, so notifications of developments will be shown there. Speed Cushions on either side of The Row are proposed by Fife Council to slow traffic down. A set of cushions is proposed near the park gates to slow down traffic near the park entrance. It was pointed out that noise produced by traffic going over the cushions even at reduced speeds is problematic to residents living next to the speed cushions. These issues had been brought up at previous Community Council meetings when these were considered in previous years before the speed on The Row was reduced to 20mph. DL stated that when the 'humps' order is issued, he stated that the Community Council would have further opportunities to comment. However, it appeared that the order had been issued as notices had been pasted on local lamp posts. The chair pointed out that large vehicles like buses, ambulances, fire engines with larger axles can drive over them. DH suggested that painting the road with markers to control speed might be as effective as an engineering solution and less expensive. MG and DG already get troubled by noisy traffic as the vibrations are transmitted through the sandy soil. DL stated he would investigate these issues and get more information from Fife Council Traffic Management department as to why these changes have been proposed. Road maintenance of the road surface on School Brae and The Row are seen to be more beneficial to our community. DH said he would contact the roads department on our behalf.	          <b>DL</b>       <b>DH</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Councillor questions</b> There were no questions from the floor.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Planning Applications Review</b> No application for our CC area have been received	

7.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>JV reported that the current bank balance stood at £3056.51 together with a cash amount of £5.94. However there two cheques that had yet to be presented to the value of 78.91 which would result in the account actually being £2977.60. As result of the spends the CC has used 85% of its annual grants to date.</p>	
8	<p><b>Community Groups</b></p> <p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <p>JV stated that an electrician will be installing electric lights in the roof space for health and safety reasons and to light the area when the two sky lights are replaced with slates. The original sky lights were leaking and water causing internal problems. It had been decided that making up the roof and lighting the space was the most satisfactory option.</p> <p>JV reported that internationally known choreographer Fleur Darkin had approached the hall again this year to hire the space for a new project and she would be using the hall for three weeks beginning on the 6<sup>th</sup> March. She will be visiting Letham Primary School on the 10<sup>th</sup> January to try to set up a project for the pupils that will run alongside her project within the village hall</p> <p><b>Wi-Fi</b></p> <p>David Hamilton suggested that wi-fi would be a useful addition to the hall. Many users could find it useful. JV reported that he and AB had done a trial to allow the heating to be accessed remotely</p> <p><b>Letham Primary School</b></p> <p>A Scottish afternoon has been planned for the 21<sup>st</sup> February.</p> <p><b>Letham Nights</b></p> <p>A full schedule has been organised for the following dates 11<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> August. All the details are on the web site <a href="https://letham.org.uk/">https://letham.org.uk/</a></p>	
9	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>School Brae</b></p> <p>School Brae is a problem because water springs out from under the surface after heavy rain. Detritus also is washed down from the fields onto School Brae. It clogs up the drains. Volume of rainwater has lifted tarmac and pavements. DH filmed the water running down the road and will place it for viewing through the portal to Fife Council Roads Department. DG and MG Grindle have problems with the surface water running off the field adjacent to the Toll cottages and the Village Hall. All three gardens were flooded and the water was ingressing into the foundation of DG's house.</p> <p>There was a discussion about finding preventative measures for us as a community and we should investigate ways of helping ourselves.</p> <p>DL suggested that School Brae could be referred to 'the unadopted road budget' to see if anything could be done. Cleaning the gullies would help the community</p> <p>DH Bow of Fife road bridge needs to be patched again. Is there something more permanent that can repair the road surface</p> <p>HG reported an excess of leaf mould and mulch obstructing the road through Monimail DL stated that the problem for Fife Council is that it has a very 'stretched budget' and that communities need to find ways to find local solutions to these sorts of problem,</p> <p><b>Secret Garden</b></p> <p>The chair asked if there were any views forthcoming about the Secret Garden Office. Their application for planning was temporary but 'unconditional 'permission' was granted. Could other options be explored? We need to decide how to review the situation that was unresolved at the November meeting</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>DL</p>

	<p>The Community Councillors had been disappointed by the uncompromising attitude that was being shown by the Secret Garden in relocating the office and it was agreed that the Chair should write expressing those concerns. It was further agreed that he should invite the Secret Garden to review its position again, warning that if the SG refused to engage in a meaningful discussion, the community would consider all available options.</p> <p><b>The Square</b>  AB updated the meeting regarding the approach slope to the Square by the copper beech tree. He had received a quote from Gilmartins which would total over £10000 when VAT is included.  He indicated that the Square and its “sloped approach” is used by local house holders, the postie and delivery services. He pointed out that this area is designated as a “drop off” point within the school plan and is used twice a day during term time. He felt that if the slope is to be repaired then some of the cost should be shared between the locals and maybe the school and CC.  AB said that JV had forwarded him an Fife Council application form that could be completed to request financial support. He felt that this document should be signed off by the a representative of the CC as this would lend weight to the application.  AB said that he was prepared to approach all the parties mentioned above to request some contribution.</p>	<p><b>DH</b></p> <p><b>CC</b></p> <p><b>AB</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting      13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Letham Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.</b></p>	