



**MEETING**  
**Monday 8th May 2023 at 7:00pm**  
**Letham Village Hall**

**Monimail Community**  
**Council**

**MINUTES**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome.</b>          David Hamilton, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	Actionee
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; apologies</b>  <b>CC Councillors</b>          David Hamilton (DH), John Vaughan (JV), Karin Vaughan (KV), Juliet Forrest (JF), and Willy Fenton (WF)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Local Community</b>          None  <b>Apologies:</b> There were no apologies</p>	
	<p><b>Fife Councillor in Attendance:</b> Donald Lothian (DL).</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of meeting on 13th March 2023</b>          Approved by JF and Seconded by.WF</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>          The concept of using speed bumps had been rejected on the Row due to the vibration and noise levels that would affect nearby properties. Drivers do still exceed 20 mph.          The drain at the top of The Row is still blocked and overflows in wet weather.          Excessive rain has caused the edge of the pavement to rise because the water now flows underneath the path.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Councillor Questions</b>  <b>Monimail Road</b>          A discarded sofa was discovered on the Garden Rubbish Tip on Monimail Road, where a tarpaulin has been draped over it to form a ' roof '. This location, for generations has been a grandfather's rights tip for garden rubbish such as grass cuttings hedge trimmings Who owns this land? Local enquires need to be made and there is a need to establish if there is anyone camping, or using this area as a living space</p> <p><b>Mud Hut Letham Play Park</b>          There is a need to establish responsibility for items in our environment.          Who is responsible for care and maintenance of the Mud Hut in Letham Park. There is a large tree nearby it that has roots coming up inside the Mud Hut. Donald Lothian stated that the Council has overall responsibility for Letham Play Park. An assessment is required because we don't want the tree roots to disrupt the foundations of the Mud Hut. Roots of that particular tree are coming up all over the park, and undermining nearby properties on The Row. David Hamilton will photograph the offending roots and will forward them on to Donald Lothian.</p> <p><b>Ladybank Recycling Centre</b>          Recycling still requires pre booking. Managing the conflict of cars and lorries going into the centre can be challenging. Health and Safety should offer separate entrances for cars and lorries but as the cost of this to Fife Council is prohibitive so pre-booking a visit is still required.</p>	DH / DL

	<p>Cupar only opens 2 days a week and booking is required too. Waste Management is run by Fife Support Solutions. Decisions are made by the Board of Directors Donald Lothian to ask what the position is regarding fly tipping.</p> <p>Does having to book slots lead to more fly tipping?</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning Applications Review</b></p> <p>Building on Monimail Road at The Dairy 'led to the question as to what is the capacity of local infrastructure with all the changes being made or have been made to local properties including new builds. For example sewage processing and electricity load.</p> <p>There has been no further update on the proposed cabins by the woods at Canty Hall.</p> <p>DH reported that he had an application Under Freedom of Information Requests as to what discharges of sewage have been made into local water courses when excessive rain occurs. He thought there was a lack of monitoring. Only 4% of Scotland is monitored, for sewage and farming "run off"</p> <p>The Eden Project is being set up to monitor and improve the environment along the river's course. There is a gap in the country at looking at water issues.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Secret Garden</b></p> <p>Chair agreed to write to the Management committee / Trustees of the Secret garden</p>	DH
8	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that there had been no change to the balance over the past two months. The balance in the bank stands at £2977.60 and he is holding £5.94 in cash. There were no questions for him from the floor.</p> <p>Andrew Black to be approached to verify the 2022-23 accounts</p>	
9	<p><b>Community Council Elections 2023</b></p> <p>Process and timescale will be displayed on the local noticeboards and on the Letham web site. The time table ends with the appointment of local community councillors at the end of September. There is a need for inhabitants to stand as councillors and also for locals to attend the bi-monthly meetings.</p> <p>Nominations need to be complete by the end of August.</p> <p>Information on the process can also be found on Fife Council's web site.</p> <p>Monimail CC has 8 places to fill and if this number is exceeded then a vote will be undertaken involve all eligible voters in the Monimail area.</p>	
10	<p><b>Community Groups</b></p> <p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <p>Drama group using hall for rehearsals in preparation for a production in Dundee. This is welcome additional income</p> <p><b>Letham PS</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Letham Nights</b></p> <p>Event on 28/5/23 Classical evening hosted by Eva Lundell</p>	
11	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>There no other business</p>	
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Letham Village Hall at 7pm</p>	