



**MEETING**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7:00pm**  
**Letham Village Hall**

**Monimail Community**  
**Council**

**MINUTES**

Item	Welcome.	Action
1	<p>David Hamilton, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Attendance</b>  <b>CC Councillors</b>            David Hamilton, Chair (DH), John Vaughan, Secretary/Treasurer (JV), Juliet Forrest, Vice-Chair (JF), Henry Broadhurst (HB), Willy Fenton (WF) Judith Finnie (JF) (co-optee), Michael Farrell, Minute Secretary (MF)</p> <p><b>Local Community</b>            Debbie Smiles, Val Fenton, Katie Connolly, Katie Spencer-Nairn, Anne-Marie Taylor, Michael Alexander, Hamish Spencer-Nairn, Emma Spencer-Nairn, Iona McFarlane, Naomi Ellis-Morton</p> <p><b>Fife Councillor in Attendance:</b> Donald Lothian (DL).</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies</b>            Kay Stewart</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>            With one amendment to item 9 to be adjusted by MF, minutes approved (proposed by WF and seconded by JF).            The minutes can be found on the Letham Village web site.</p>	<b>MF</b>
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>            All on agenda</p>	
5	<p><b>Cllr Donald Lothian Questions</b></p> <p><b>Bus Timetable Update</b>            New timetable will be started from July with details on the website as well as information about an app to use the Flexibus. We are now in a much better position than previously. Some of buses will not come into village but drop off/pick up on A92 south side. This is a potential road safety issue. One further concern re data gathering as tickets don't show Letham so accuracy of data questionable. All urged to use bus and make sure journey recorded properly.  <b>Action: nothing further for now. Off agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Pavement at top of road</b>            Still not reinstated despite being a serious safety issue for the community. Kay, as the adjacent resident most affected has not made progress with this issue and so it needs to be raised again with the council. DL agreed to do this  <b>Action: DL to make contact about this to try to expedite things.</b></p> <p><b>School Brae</b>            Issues of potholes and adoption were revisited. Major pothole which residents had intended to cost and have repaired, was mysteriously fixed! According to DL further patching has been agreed for this year.</p>	<b>DL</b>

	<p>CC to support a longer-term solution in consultation with School Parent Council in relation to school travel plan. School has been approached by KS but no response yet. <b>Action: KS to continue seeking contact with the school</b></p> <p>DH had suggested FC apply a lower standard for older roads. DH was to find out if there is a mechanism for this. <b>Action: DH to email DL regarding this idea which the latter will then pursue with Fife Council.</b></p>	<p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>DL</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Monitoring Items</b> <b>Secret Garden (SG)</b> The specific action that had been agreed at the last meeting had not yet been progressed. Iona McFarlane (IM) was concerned if there was conflict with the Secret Garden and wished to discuss it further. DH explained that the issue was one one regarding planning and that he did not think it helpful to have another public discussion regarding it until the CC had met with SG Trustees as previously agreed. DH offered to give further context on the matter to IM outwith the meeting. <b>Action: DH to send email to Trustees re ongoing issues.</b></p> <p><b>Mud Hut Root Damage</b> Tree removal as agreed has still not happened. Timing still to be agreed but not urgent.</p> <p><b>Recycling Appointments System</b> No further discussion at present.</p>	<b>DH</b>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> <b>Eden Springs Development – Ranger’s accommodation and Holiday Lodges</b> CC objection has been submitted now for both of these developments. Community Councillors and other attendees expressed concerns about the manner in which the consultation has been conducted (e.g missing relevant documents, documents that appear to be redacted, consultation responses that are inadequate). It was appreciated that many in the community had come together to express concerns and submit objections whilst most support came from outwith the community. Currently objections outnumbered support by around 2:1. These concerns included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood risk.</li> <li>• Community envelope.</li> <li>• Sewage/ Waste water concerns.</li> <li>• Environmental/ biodiversity concerns including soil/ peat issues.</li> <li>• Increased traffic – safety for walkers.</li> <li>• Visual concerns</li> <li>• Noise pollution</li> </ul> <p>Attendees who wished to object to the proposals were encouraged to stay behind for a separate meeting to discuss further strategy for community concerns to be raised. <b>Action: share information and concerns as a community.</b></p>	<b>All</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b> JV reported that the balance in the bank account was £2752.14. £130.04 has been spent on new pads for the defibrillator as agreed at previous meeting.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Local Place Plan</b> MF thanked people for voting for the local projects that had been put forward for the Local Place Plan. We still await confirmation about which of these projects are actually included in the Local Plan.</p>	

10	<p><b>Community Council Cohesion Day Proposal/ Tapestry</b> AMT explained that a new group had been formed to create a Letham Tapestry on the model of the Dundee Tapestry currently being exhibited at the V&amp;A. The plan is to involve as many people as possible in the creation of the 'story' of Letham and district on the tapestry. A process of engaging with people with a series of questions and activities has been devised by local artist Claire Heminsley who specialized in embroidery and weaving. It emerged at the meeting that there was further expertise in embroidery in the community (Naomi Ellis-Morton)</p> <p><b>Action: date to be set for further engagement meeting. Everyone encouraged to get involved.</b></p>	All/ AMT
11	<p><b>Community Groups</b> <b>Village Hall</b> Grant application submitted to Scottish Power Energy Networks for support for the measures chosen by the community in the options appraisal process. Plan to apply to Local Area Committee for funding too. MF emphasized the importance of a community contribution to funding the project and that fundraising events would be organized in due course. Even if the large sum required to carry out the main project works of external insulation are not secured, there are still some low-cost measures that can be implemented quite quickly if we can gain some support from other sources. <b>Action: MF/JV to continue to keep CC informed about progress.</b></p> <p><b>Letham P.S.</b> Noted changes to Parent Teacher Council Chair – this will be an opportunity to re-engage with the school. <b>Action: Get a date when school children could meet with CC members to discuss what they think of Letham and how to improve the environment</b></p> <p><b>Letham Nights</b> Dates for summer programme: 25<sup>th</sup> May – Fleur Darkin's My Muses Take Care of Us 29<sup>th</sup> June – The Tomorrow Band 24<sup>th</sup> July – Darlingside 24<sup>th</sup> August – The Bluebells Latter two shows almost sold out. Tickets available for the others. Contact MF if interested in attending any of these.</p> <p><b>Secret Garden</b> Nothing to report</p>	<p>MF/ JV</p> <p>MF</p>
12	<p><b>Election of Treasurer</b> DH accepted JV's resignation as Treasurer and Secretary and thanked him for his service to the CC for the past 20 years! Nobody expressed an interest in taking on the role. JV agreed to stay in the role until a replacement could be found.</p>	
13	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall</b></p>	