

FREUCHIE



Minutes of the December Meeting 10.12.08 The Lumsden Memorial Hall

1. **Present:** P Laughlin (Chair), E Jardine, T Hartshorne, B Lindsay.
Attending: Cllr Arbuckle, Cllr McDiarmid, C Gilbert (FC), Sgt. Seath, PC Laing.
Apologies: M Ross, M Brown, M Wootton, J Kenyon, N Jones, Cllr. Lothian.
Members of the public attending: Mr & Mrs Mullen, R Lindsay, Mrs Gray, Mrs Watson, J Thomson, I Porter.
The Chair welcomed those attending. He noted that the meeting was not quorate.

Action list from December meeting.

Secretary: Provide Village Diary in Post Office; Arrange for Christmas tree to be removed on Sunday 4 January; Progress War Memorial Maintenance; Respond to request for parking restrictions at Freuchie Stores; make agreed donations (with Treasurer); contact Planning Enforcement Officer re roadside signs.

Secretary, Chair and B Lindsay: to attend Finalised Draft Local Plan meeting in Cupar 15th Jan 2pm (Ewen and Betty), 5.30pm or Wed 21 Jan at 5.30pm.
Attend site meeting with Fife Council and local residents at Green Tree Brae bridge (Date to be arranged)

Community Councillors: Provide feedback on consultation on Fife Structure Plan at next meeting (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/National-Planning-Policy/themes/dev-plan/FifeSP>)

Fife Councillors: Investigate the feasibility of cycle lockers at Dundee (Freuchie Road End) bus stop for those joining the Dundee/Edinburgh bus; Investigate feasibility of footpaths from Freuchie to Lathrisk crossroads and to Kettlebridge via Orkie; inform Transportation Services of blocked gullies on A912 and A92; leaflets regarding dog fouling for distribution.

Locality Manager: Arrange date for Site meeting at Green Tree Brae with Councillors, Transportation Services and Access Officer; Arrange that the Community Education Officer attend the January meeting and advise Community Council of the requirements for youths in the village; Briefing on all-weather pitch proposals to be arranged.

2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the November Meeting approved with minor alterations, but as the meeting was not quorate this will need to be homologated at the January meeting.
3. **Matters arising.**
Councillor Arbuckle reported that Fife Council was trying to put in extra funding for Community Councils so that they could meet the additional costs of the Data Protection Act. Transportation Services to look at flood alleviation measures, surface of pavements and provision of cycle lockers.
4. **Police Matters:**
Sergeant Seath attended for the first time since taking up the post. She reported

on the number of calls relating to nuisance in the car park in the 3 months before the Domehawk camera was installed (8) during the time the camera was in place (4), again 3 months; and in the month since it was removed (2) concluding that the camera had had a positive effect. She urged people to continue to report any incidences of nuisance or vandalism at the time they occurred. The problem of dealing with mud on the road and the use of advisory signs was discussed. Again it is important to inform police if road conditions are likely to be hazardous. Secretary discussed his reply to the police consultation paper, referring to a greater police presence as a constable walking around as an ideal. Sergeant Seath or a colleague agreed to attend every second CC meeting as far as possible.

5 Fife Council matters

Dave Anderson, Community Education Officer, to be invited to the January meeting by Colin Gilbert, with, if possible, representatives of youth of the village. It was reported that gullies and soakaways on the A912 and A92 are clogged. Councillors to inform Transportation Services. Dog fouling remains a constant problem. Councillor Arbuckle is to contact the dog warden regarding leaflets that we can distribute to every household.

6 Treasurer's Report.

Main A/c. £1632.87 Gala A/c. £747.01 History A/c. £624.11

Expenditure outstanding: Donation for Christmas Tree £60 agreed, Donation to Freuchie Church for electricity £20 agreed, plus Sec to purchase Village Diary, agreed.

7 Planning

a) New applications: W/e 14.11.08 08/03102/EFULL Erection of rear extension at Ingleside, Millfield, East End. 08/03117/EFULL Demolition of existing extension and front porch at Morart, Church St. W/e 28.11.08 08/02611/EADV Display of advance directional sign (retrospective) at New Inn Roundabout (A92) Hoggs of Fife. Secretary to write to the Planning Enforcement Officer re permission for yet more signs by the roadside distracting motorists.

b) Applications dealt with by the Head of Service under scheme of delegation: None reported.

8 Correspondence

Matters for decision/action

Fife council: Freuchie Flooding 9th & 13th August, response to letter to Chief Executive, Fife Council by Jim Moodie (e-mail discussed at last meeting; combined response by Freuchie Community Council and Flood Action Group sent)
Fife Constabulary: Domehawk evaluation. (see above report by Sgt Seath)
Fife Council: 2009 St Andrews & East Fife Finalised Draft Local Plan meetings in County Buildings, Cupar Thurs 15th Jan 2 to 4pm, and 5.30 to 8pm or Wed 21st Jan 5.30 to 8pm.

Scottish Government : Consultation on Finalised Fife Structure Plan, Housing Land Requirement re-appraisal and Environmental Report to 2nd. Feb. To be considered at Jan meeting.

Key Store Freuchie: Requests support for parking restrictions to be extended along north side of High St. The Community Council was sympathetic to the need for parking for shoppers and will contact Transportation Services to see if current waiting restrictions to the east of the shop could be enforced. Councillors stated that Road Traffic Orders took a long time to process.

Matters for noting

Fife Council: Guidance Notes on Roles and Responsibilities for Flooding Issues.
NHS Fife: Queen Margaret and Victoria Hospital Developments; Information for the public.

Fife Environment Trust: Newsletter 2008 issue 9

Fife Council: Best Kept Town and Village Campaign Area Judging Report; Freuchie 63/100

Scottish Natural Heritage: The Nature of Scotland Autumn 2008.

Fife Council: North East Fife Area Committee 10th. Dec. (includes report on Greentree Brae Right of Way and Bridge.

ICO (Information Commissioners Office): Date protection entry now on register.

AOCB .

1. Funding for environmental improvements: Ideas recommended by the Community Council after a public consultation meeting in the Lumsden Memorial Hall on 1.12.08.

Up to £7000 to support any “hydrological” study as arranged by Fife Council aimed at minimising future flood risk.

Up to £5000 to help to create and maintain new public paths around the village.

Up to £5000 to support the installation of an all weather sports court depending on other funding being available.

Up to £2000 to Freuchie Primary School to support some of it’s environmental initiatives; the school would have to put forward a good case for this funding.

Grants of up to £2000 each to the Cricket Club and Bowling Club to support “people related” initiatives.

Approaches from the Scout Hut committee and the Lumsden Hall trustees may also be considered. Cllr. Arbuckle suggested that the Lumsden Hall trustees and the Church Hall trustees might approach Jim Douglas of Fife Council for assistance with funding from the village hall allocation.

2. Flooding in Freuchie:

It was reported that the Scottish Government Finalised Fife Structure Plan revision is out for consultation and includes a section on flooding. We may wish to make representations. (Matter to be discussed at next meeting.)

A meeting was held in the Lomond Hills Hotel outlining the traumatic effects of flooding in general and the effect on the Freuchie residents in particular. Members of the Community Council were present the better to understand the plight of these villagers. There will be another meeting in February with representatives of the British Insurers Association explaining how to facilitate claims and direct the remedial work.

3. Footpath from Green Tree Brae to Dykeside: Councillors reported that the N.E. Fife Area Committee had accepted the recommendations for the bridge at Green Tree Brae to be removed and replaced as a package. Secretary and interested parties to meet with representatives from Fife Council at the site to determine a suitable solution. Date to be arranged.

Next Meeting 7.30 pm on Wednesday 14th January 2009 in the Lumsden Memorial Hall, Freuchie