

## Approved Minutes

Balmullo Community Council – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Committee present: Colin Finlay (CF) Convener, Andrew Donald (AF), Cllr Louise Kennedy Dalby (LKD), Cllr Jonny Tepp (JT), Sue Smith (SS)

Public present: 10

Apologies: Cllr Alan Knox, Mike Ashburn, Mike Fearon, Sheryl Morris

Minutes: Sue Smith

| Summary of Action Points                                                   | ACTION |
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| Report to Quarry Liaison Group regarding siren volume and operating hours. | JT/CF  |
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### 1. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. Corrections  
There were no errors or omissions

- b. Actions arising

|                                                                                                                                          | ACTION | OUTCOME   |
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| Report building damage to the relevant body and request to make area safe.                                                               | LKD/JT | Completed |
| Request additional access signage to the south side of the development.                                                                  | LKD/JT | Ongoing   |
| Review website analytics to identify any improvements.                                                                                   | SM     | Ongoing   |
| Arrange temporary monitoring within the community – Breedon to install equipment at a local resident's house before the next blast date. | CF     | Ongoing   |
| Request an update on complaints process including contact details.                                                                       | CF     | Ongoing   |
| Contact practice manager to query expanding car park size with spare land in the new development.                                        | CF     | Ongoing   |
| Request/install a speeding sign on A914 exiting Balmullo towards Dairsie                                                                 | LKD/JT | Ongoing   |

### 2. Councillors Reports

- a) JT provided a detailed report covering several topics (*appendix 1*)
- b) LKD advised that the Openreach full-fibre install running behind original schedule of completion by 31/03/2025 due to many delays but they remain on track for completion.
- c) LKD advised that there are stricter controls on short term.
- d) The damaged building on Lucklaw Hill reported by a community member last month was confirmed to belong to Cellnet(O2) but the fenced land belongs to Vodafone. There has been no immediate rectification of the issue and has now been reported to Fife Council building standards – awaiting response.

- e) Tentsmuir parking charges to increase to £4 – considered reasonable
- f) Road signs and lines are still not being tackled. JT will raise again at full council in Autumn if no improvement.
- g) SEPA launched a consultation on proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (EPAS). Surface Water Flood Map – new tool for communities.

### 3. Treasurers Report

- a) Grant now in place

### 4. Incoming Correspondence

- a. SS provided details of the current planning applications within the community including (25/00417/EIA, 20/00281/FULL, 24/02921/CNDO, 24/01601/NMV1, 25/01041/FULL)
- b. Names for new street in Burnbrae Development to be discussed at May meeting.
- c. SS has circulated all incoming correspondence with committee members.

### 5. Updates

- a. Save Lucklawhill – EIA application for the First Periodic Review of Planning Conditions of Mineral Permission 05/00835/EEIA -ROMP application under Section 74 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. The group found the report lacking vital information and will respond on receiving this. It was also noted that the restoration process of verges is not being completed and fencing and signage should be reviewed.
- b. Balmullo Farm Development – work well underway. Roadworks adjacent to the development will be required with further details to follow.
- c. Quarry – Continued reports indicate the siren's volume is insufficient and working hours are continuing to be breached. [**ACTION**].
- d. Planting – all tubs will be planted in May.

### 6. AOB

### 7. Date of next meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

## Cllr Jonny Tepp & Cllr Allan Knox– Tay Bridgehead Focus Team Report & News

### Matters Arising

#### The following matters arising from the last report

1. **Quarry Liaison Group** – A group is scheduled for this Wednesday.
2. **A 914 Roundabout at Pitcairn Drive** – We received a courtesy message informing us that transportation had granted preliminary permission for the developers here to undertake work to install utility services here which are delaying site progress at present, subject to the service approving a timeline and traffic management arrangements (traffic lights). We have asked for consideration to be given to how the proposed work might interact with the SPEN works and traffic on the A91.
3. **Building safety** – Concerns over the safety of the buildings located on the top of the Law Hill have been reported to the appropriate council authorities and we are waiting to hear further from the council on any actions that must be taken here by the owners to ensure that the site is considered to be 'safe'.
4. **SEPA consultation** – see [SEPA's consultation hub](#) SEPA are currently consulting on the following:

*SEPA are launching a consultation on a proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (EPAS) - a fair way of reporting on how businesses are meeting their responsibilities.*

5. **Tentsmuir Car Park** – Charges for the car park are increasing from £2 to £4 this is the first rise in many years with the rise being deferred to ensure that the barriers are able to take mobile payments.
6. **Road signs and lines** – We submitted a list of questions to the last full meeting of Fife Council regarding the need for there to be a clear plan to secure improvement across Fife with regard to deteriorating signs and lines. WE expressed the hope that some of the extra capital road money would be devoted to securing progress – although we are aware that there have been both staff and equipment issues in recent years. There are the questions we asked, and the administration spokesperson did agree that there should be progress within 6 months.

#### FIFE COUNCIL 20 MARCH 2025 ITEM 7 – QUESTION TIME

*Question 4 from Councillor Tepp Can the administration make a statement on the targets that it has set for the transportation service with regards to replacing broken or damaged road signs Fife?*

*Question 5 from Councillor Tepp Can the administration inform Council how many broken or damaged road sign faults have been reported to the transportation service during the term of the current administration and how many have been repaired within a target period?*

*Question 6 from Councillor Tepp Does the administration believe that this sort of information should be available to Councillors and members of the Public so that we can all understand what road faults have been reported where and what their current status of these road faults is?*

*Question 7 from Councillor Tepp Can the administration explain why it should take more than 3 months to provide an incomplete list of the road signs currently waiting to be repaired and replaced in Fife?*

*Question 8 from Councillor Tepp Is it the policy of this administration to leave broken signs littering the countryside?*

7. **SEPA surface water flood maps** – New maps have been published showing where flooding might occur after heavy rain. **This [flood map](#) information may be a valuable resource.**

## Briefing Updates

### The following news items may be of interest:

The following news items may be of interest. More details are available in Willie Rennie MSP and Wendy Chamberlain MP newsletters:

#### GP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

People deserve timely and straightforward access to GP services, but under the SNP GP numbers are falling.

#### ELMWOOD PROTESTS

SRUC announced in late February that it planned to close the animal care unit and cease the course at Elmwood at the end of this academic year, but a final decision is set to be made public in the coming weeks.

#### UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE

The Education Committee estimate 700 people will lose their jobs as a result of their financial recovery plan.

#### CAFE INC LUNCH CLUBS

Café Inc will be back during the Easter holidays (Monday 7 April to Friday 18 April) for children and young people across Fife. Café Inc provides free tasty, healthy meals while schools last when schools are closed during the holidays.

#### INCREASING HOUSING SUPPLY

Housebuilding new starts and completions were both down sharply last year.

#### VIOLENCE AGAINST FEMALE TEACHERS

Violence and behaviour is a huge challenge in schools across Scotland, and particularly for women and girls. In a recent NASUWT survey 49% of female teachers reported physical abuse or violence in the last 12 months.

#### CARER SUPPORT PAYMENT

From 6 April the earnings limit for Carer Support Payment will increase from £151 to £196 a week. This means that a carer can earn £45 more a week, after tax, National Insurance and certain expenses, and be eligible for the payment.

The change could mean carers already receiving Carer Support Payment will be able to undertake more paid work and still receive the payment. In addition, many carers earning a take home pay of £10,192 or less a year, who were previously unable to access the additional support could now be eligible.

**Tay Bridgehead Focus Team**

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**Homeless Emergencies:**

24 Hours: 0800 028 6231

**National Emergency Contacts:**

Fire, Police, Ambulance emergencies 999

Police Scotland (Non-Emergency) 101

NHS 24 111

Scottish Water Emergencies 0800 0788 788

Scottish Power Emergencies 0800 027 0072

Power Cuts 105

Scottish Gas Networks (SGN) 0800 111 9999

Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (Sepa) 03000996699