

Approved Minutes

Balmullo Community Council – Monday 12th May 2025

Committee present: Colin Finlay (CF) Convener, Andrew Donald (AF), Cllr Louise Kennedy Dalby (LKD), Mike Fearon (MF) Sheryl Morris (SM), Sue Smith (SS)

Public present: 8

Apologies: Cllr Alan Knox, Cllr Jonny Tepp, Mike Ashburn

Minutes: Mike Fearon

Summary of Action Points	ACTION
Request for more regular updates of works carried out by SP Energy in relation to network upgrade	LKD
Develop a one-page information summary for publication on the CC website	SN/SM
Report ivy growth to FC grounds	LKD
Confirm responsibility of the burn with Greenbelt and report flooding risk to SEPA	LKD/CF

1. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. Corrections
There were no errors or omissions
- b. Actions arising

	ACTION	OUTCOME
Report to Quarry Liaison Group regarding siren volume and operating hours.	JT/CF	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
Request/install a speeding sign on A914 exiting Balmullo towards Dairsie	LKD/JT	Ongoing

2. Councillors Reports

- a. Ongoing planning and consultation for the quarry expansion.
- b. The annual safety assessment of taxi and private hire cars in NE Fife returned an initial 22% failure rate. Following retesting, all but 2 vehicles subsequently passed – request to report any concerns (safety, vehicle condition, fair charges) to www.fife.gov.uk/taxisurvey
- c. The quality of temporary road repairs has been raised.
- d. Implementing accessibility adaptations to properties is taking up to 12 months.
- e. Pitcairn Practice – new GP partner (Dr Morrison)

- f. SP Energy Network work ongoing – Dairsie to Cupar imminent, though updates to communities affected are not as regular [**ACTION**]

3. Treasurers Report

- a. Printer required to operate – proposal of £50 budget (approved).
- b. Invoices to be paid before end of the week.

4. Incoming Correspondence

- a. SS provided details of the current planning applications within the community including (25/01041/FULL, 24/02921/CND007, 24/02921/CND012, 25/00417/EIA, 16/03871/NMV1)
- b. SS has circulated all incoming correspondence with committee members including.
 - Newsletters (Citizens' Rights Project, Fife Industry, Scottish Rural Action, Equalities Monthly, The Editor -Public Sector Network Newsletter)
 - Community Police report April 2025
 - Review of Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils and Community Council Grants.
 - SP Energy Networks are running a national campaign called, 'Moving the Grid Forward' giving information about future changes.

5. Updates

- a. Save Lucklawhill – The publicly posted Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) contained significant redactions, which generated suspicion. The group addressed these concerns through a well-received press release. Breedon has further reviewed the document and subsequently released additional information – the deadline for feedback on the EIA remains as Thursday 12th June. Information will be posted on the Community Council website to highlight the relevant documents linked to the objections [**ACTION**]
- b. Balmullo Farm Development – request for infrastructure records to be kept up to date around new developments. LKD advises this is in place.
- c. Quarry – Concerns have been raised by the liaison group regarding a perceived lack of engagement and insufficient regular reporting from Breedon. Scheduled dust, noise, and blasting monitoring is not conducted regularly. Blast notification continues to be reported as insufficient (ongoing action) and noise monitoring is only based on drilling days (maximum of 30 days per year). Dust monitoring is minimal at a single location. The Quarry Liaison Group have proposed monitoring on or near the primary school to capture greater data on the potential long-term impact.
- d. Planting – bedding plants due to go in at the beginning of June.

6. AOB

- a. Street name proposal for new development on Clay Road – Daffodil Way, Taylor Terrace
- b. Ivy growth – the ivy growing on the bridge adjacent to Main Street ([location](#)) is encroaching on the pedestrian route causing a safety concern. [**ACTION**]
- c. Burn – Reports from the community indicate that excessive vegetation growth in parts of the burn is obstructing the natural water flow. [**ACTION**]

7. Date of next meeting – Monday 9th June