

Approved Minutes

Balmullo Community Council – Monday 8th September 2025

Committee present: Colin Finlay (CF) Convener, Mike Fearon (MF), Cllr Louise Kennedy Dalby (LKD), Sue Smith (SS), Cllr Jonny Tepp (JT)

Public present: 12

Apologies: Cllr Alan Knox, Mike Ashburn, Andrew Donald, Sheryl Morris

Minutes: Mike Fearon

Summary of Action Points	ACTION
Escalate Campion Homes road surfacing defect on A914 as a safety concern	LKD/JT
Attend park meeting with Balmullo Park trust members	MF
Contact Greenbelt and request for a copy of the contract in place	SS

1. Minutes of previous meeting

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

	ACTION	OUTCOME
Report ivy growth to FC grounds	JT	Complete
Report to Quarry Liaison Group regarding siren volume and operating hours.	JT/CF	Complete
Request/install a speeding sign on A914 exiting Balmullo towards Dairsie	LKD/JT	Complete
Request extension of consultation period and form a sub-group to take ownership of the playing fields	JT/MF	Ongoing
Confirm responsibility of the burn with Greenbelt and report flooding risk to SEPA	LKD/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

2. Councillors Reports

- a. JT provided a detailed report of current topics (*appendix 1*)
- b. LKD advised that the bus services will operate via the main road only during the resurfacing work on Hayston Park (road closure w/c 15/09/2025)

3. Treasurers Report

- a. No update

4. Incoming Correspondence

- a. SS provided details of the current planning applications within the community including ([25/01743/FULL](#), [25/02249/FULL](#), [25/02250/FULL](#))
- b. SS has circulated all incoming correspondence with committee members including.
 - Newsletters
 - Police report (*appendix 2*)

5. Updates

- a. Save Lucklawhill – The Quarry Liaison Group met on-site on 13/08/2025 and discussed several ongoing issues including the current road condition and safety concerns relating to traffic management. The Save Lucklawhill group continues to highlight the major impact the quarry expansion will have on the people of Balmullo, as well as on local wildlife and their habitats. They have been busy engaging with local MP's and the Core Paths Officer in Fife Council who have all provided positive feedback. The ROMP (Review of Old Mineral Permissions) is still awaiting review and the extension application will likely not happen until the current planning application is reviewed. They are also in discussion with Public Protection and the NHS on dust exposure limits/concerns.
- b. Local Development – safety concern raised on the road condition (A914) following drainage works completed by Campion Homes [**ACTION**]
- c. Planting – planters and maintenance of plants requires some improvement

6. AOB

- a. Balmullo Park – members of the park Trust were present and provided clear information on the current trust status, including concerns on liability and how that could affect trust members. The delegated consultation issued by Fife Council issued in May 2025 was prompted by an inquiry and not requested by the trust. The trust is meeting with Fife Council representative's w/c 15/09/2025 and MF will attend on behalf of the Community Council [**ACTION**]
- b. Several members of the public queried the quality of works carried out by Greenbelt and requested a copy of the current contract to take forward any complaints [**ACTION**]
- c. Annual flower show hosted at Balmullo Hall 06/09/2025 – another successful show with a high number of exhibitors but attendance from the public is continuing to drop. Consider additional ways of promoting in advance of 2026.
- d. Gardening talks for all levels of experience – upcoming dates (26/10/2025 and 30/11/2025 at 14:00 in Balmullo Hall
- e. Highfield Forestry on behalf of Pusk Farm are proposing a woodland creation plan for areas on the outskirts of Balmullo – a safety concern was raised relating to trees blocking visibility for vehicles entering/exiting the A914 to the north of the village. Any concerns can be sent to Kasia Długotęcka (k.dlugolecka@highfield-forestry.com) by 18/09/2025
- f. Lucklaw road work signage still in place – confirmation that work is due to recommence 12/09/2025 – 22/09/2025
- g. There was a report of the Grizzly path being overgrown – ground not maintained by Fife Council and will require community involvement to clear.

7. Date of next meeting – Monday 13th October

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

Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the last report

1. The Quarry Liaison Committee – The Liaison Committee met on 13th August at the quarry and were given a tour at firsthand. A number of ongoing issues were discussed. Breedon reported that they had obtained quotes for additional fencing to the East & West and these had been approved. Two blasts had taken place since the last meeting, and the results of monitoring had been recorded as within the required limits.
2. Balmullo Park – Fife Council agreed to extend consultation on ownership until the end of September. Grounds maintenance officers have confirmed that they will continue to maintain the ground as they always have regardless of ownership but have intimated that buildings / containers would not be their responsibility to maintain.
3. Public Services – Council officers and elected members receive an amount of criticism as part of the job. We believe that everyone is generally trying to do their best given the circumstances they find themselves in – although not everyone shares this view. When expectations are not being met, we always ask officers to comment and for help where there are specific difficulties rather than general ones, and they do their best to respond. Sometimes services are overwhelmed. Officers take criticism seriously as do we and it is always worth remembering that there is a person at the other end of any communication. We thought a recent officer response to a critique of local public services was worth sharing to make it clear where specific issues can be raised and where necessary after reporting a problem let us know if we can help follow up any response or perceived lack of response. Not everything has a quick fix – but we are persistent. – see Appendix 1
4. Speeding – We passed complaints about speeding on the road bridge to the Bridge manager and the police. There has been an increase in speeding since the full re-opening we are told. The police undertake some enforcement where it is safe for them to do so. Generally, there is a concern that in some cases speed enforcement activity can create a more hazardous situation than exists without. We have asked the police and the bridge manager to consider the issue though.
5. Road markings – Transportation officers have shared the following message:

Further to our earlier discussion regarding road markings in Tayport, please see the response below from Transportation along with the link to the current program of works:

In short, the Service's internal road marking delivery team will be mobilised within Cupar, Tayport, Newport, Leuchars and the wider Levenmouth area from next week onwards. The Service's 'road marking refurbishment' tab at [North East Fife Area Roads Programme 2025-26 | Fife Council](#) will be updated periodically to reflect progress as this programme of work is undertaken.

6. Road leave, detritus and drain cleaning – In some areas of Tay Bridgehead we receive leaf, detritus and drain clearance and so we have asked the CEO for a statement that we can share on Fife Council's responsibilities in this regard.
7. Balmullo Park see-saw – We can confirm that this is being replaced but await notification on when.

Briefing Updates

The following news items may be of interest:

SUMMER TOUR

Cllr Tepp joined Willie and Wendy on their summer tour of Tay Bridgehead as part of their wider tour of North East Fife, speaking to people in every area of the constituency. They discussed the wide range of issues which were raised with them and have taken up problems on constituents' behalf. Issues covered ranged from social care to immigration to Gaza to road works and so much more.

A92-A913 JUNCTION DRAINAGE WORKS

Amey will undertake overnight drainage improvements on the A92 in North East Fife at the A913 junction for Cupar between Monday 8th September and Friday 24th October.

The maintenance will be carried out using overnight temporary traffic lights between 7:30pm and 6:30am on weekdays only.

WATER ABSTRACTION RESTRICTIONS

SEPA have announced that the river catchment covering most of North East Fife has reached significant scarcity and have brought in restrictions on the amount of water that can be taken from rivers.

Willie said that this restrictions could be devastating for the local agricultural sector. Local farmers have been growing thousands of broccoli and cauliflower worth millions of pounds. Restricting water supply at this time of the season risks growth and yields which could mean farmers face significant losses and produce doesn't reach the supermarket shelves.

There have been efforts to increase the number of boreholes and also reservoirs but there is a limit to what these changes can have on the supply of water.

He has been in regular contact with SEPA over the summer to discuss the dry conditions and have communicated the water scarcity updates to constituents. He spoke to SEPA again as soon as he received the latest communication about the restriction. In particular he reminded them of the importance of the crops to the local economy and the need to consider options to limit the restriction.

Willie is also determined to protect the environment of our rivers which are vulnerable during water shortages. This is yet another sign that we will need to adapt to the effects of climate change as these kinds of extreme events will occur more frequently. In 2023 we had extreme flooding, before that we had water scarcity and we're back to water scarcity. Some work has been done but the scale of the change required is so much greater.

CRAIGTOUN PARK VISIT

Wendy and Willie visited Craigtoun Country Park to see the great work being done to save the Dutch Village. Thanks to the The Scottish Government Vacant and Derelict Land Fund

the work is progressing well with great support from Fife Council and the Friends of Craigtoun Park. They are fixing the roofs and the foundations. Now the money needs to be raised to open it to the public.

Tay Bridgehead Focus Team

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Council Out Of Hours:

For genuine emergencies concerning drainage, flooding, street lighting, building repairs, roads, repairs to council houses and social care. 03451 55 00 99
From 5 pm to 8 am weekdays, 24hrs weekends and public holidays

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



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Welcome to the Tay Bridgehead monthly report from your local community officers, PC P0738 Norman Kinloch and PC P0576 Daniel Strandberg.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Below is the local contact email address for your local community team.

This is **NOT** for reporting a crime but if you feel you require to contact your local community officer then our email address is the best way to do so.

If you do not have access to the internet, then you can call 101 and the call handler can send an email on your behalf.

Email us at: TayBridgeHeadCPT@scotland.police.uk



Please Note, this email address is NOT for reporting a crime or ongoing incidents and due to our shift pattern, is not monitored 24/7

Coffee with a Cop

If you are looking to arrange a day for officers to attend at a local café and set up a Coffee with a Cop appointment, please get in contact via the email provided.



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OPERATION PARAMOUNT – ROAD SAFETY



PC's Kinloch and Strandberg have carried out Unipar enforcement deployments in the following areas in the month of July;

**A919, St Michaels
A914 , Drumoig
West Road, Newport
Main Street, Leuchars**

This resulted in numerous stops, checks, warnings and tickets issued in relation to speeding.



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH INITIATIVE



Community Speed Watch is a voluntary scheme driven by members of the community and is supported by Police Scotland (Fife Division). Essentially, it is a high visibility deterrent which strives to encourage motorists to reduce their speed, thus improving the safety and quality of lives of the local community.

The scheme runs during the summer months with both the Guardbridge and Largoward teams being deployed during this month.

We are looking to recruit more volunteers for this initiative. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the community email box. A big thank you to the work undertaken so far by our current volunteers.



POLICE SCOTLAND COMMENCES NATIONAL ROLL OUT OF BODY WORN VIDEO CAMERAS

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The national rollout of body worn video (BWV) is one of the Chief Constables Commitments and is also a key change project to improve policing in Scotland. The roll out started in Tayside in March 2025 and is expected to be complete by Spring 2026. Police Scotland has agreed a national contract with Motorola Solutions UK limited to implement BWV for officers and staff across Scotland over the next three years. BWV can help to de-escalate incidents, improve public trust in policing and reduce complaints, support officer and staff safety, and bring wider benefits to the criminal justice system.



What is body worn video?

BWV refers to small, lightweight recording devices which are attached to an officer's uniform, usually on the chest and will be visible to people you interact with. The cameras are robust enough for frontline policing and have been approved for use in the UK by the Home Office. The wearing of BWV will be mandatory for all uniformed frontline police officers and police staff. BWV will not be used covertly or for surveillance purposes.

What do the public think about BWV?

It is important that we understand the impact that BWV may have on our officers and communities.

In 2021 we conducted one of the largest surveys that Police Scotland has undertaken in relation to the police use of BWV. Around 9,000 responses were received.

The results found that:

- **There is widespread and strong support for the use of BWV.**
A large majority (90%) of respondents felt that BWV should be worn "often" or "always".
- **BWV has the potential to increase trust and confidence in Police Scotland.**
78% of respondents reported that BWV would increase their trust in Police Scotland, and the same number reported that it would increase their confidence in Police Scotland.
- **BWV will increase feelings of safety.**
72% of respondents reported that BWV would make them feel "much safer".

What are the benefits of BWV?

BWV brings about many benefits to workforce as well as to the public and victims of crime.

Some of the benefits include:

- Improved level of public trust
- Improved operational effectiveness
- Supports officer safety and wellbeing
- Improve evidence in criminal/non-criminal investigations
- Improve partner relationship

CALLS RECEIVED

The Tay Bridgehead area 206 had calls.

Call breakdown is as follows -

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Area 17D received 12 Calls.

1 Road Traffic Offence

GAULDRY

5 calls to the police.

BALMERINO

0 calls to the police.

BOTTOMCRAIG

1 call to the police.

KILMANY & ROADS

6 calls to the police.

Area 18A received 75 calls.

12 relating to Road Traffic offences and crimes of public disorder.

BALMULLO

5 calls to the police.

LEUCHARS

35 calls to the Police

GUARDBRIDGE

30 calls to the Police

ST MICHAELS & ROADS

5 calls to the police.

Area 18B received 49 Calls.

12 crimes relating to Road traffic offences, disorder and dishonesty.

NEWPORT

20 calls to police.

WORMIT

23 calls to police.

Roads

6 calls to police.

Area 18C as a whole received 70 Calls.

21 crimes relating to road traffic offences, Misuse of Drugs Act, and dishonesty.

TAYPORT

51 calls to the police.

Tay Bridge & A92

16 calls to the police.

Drumoig

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3 calls to the police.

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