

Approved Minutes

Balmullo Community Council – Monday 8th December 2025

Committee present: Colin Finlay (CF) *Convener*, Andrew Donald (AD), Mike Fearon (MF), Sheryl Morris (SM), Moira Robertson (MR), Sue Smith (SS)

Public present: 11

Apologies: Cllr Alan Knox, Cllr Jonny Tepp, Cllr Louise Kennedy Dalby, Alan Newlands

Minutes: Mike Fearon

Summary of Action Points	ACTION

1. Minutes of previous meeting

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

	ACTION	OUTCOME
Speed survey on Clay Road	JT/LKD	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. No updates

3. Treasurers Report

- a. Account updates – work underway to obtain access to the accounts.

4. Incoming Correspondence

- a. SS provided details of the current planning applications within the community including ([25/00359/CND002](#))
- b. SS has circulated all incoming correspondence with committee members including.

- Newsletters
- Police report (*appendix 1*)

5. Updates

- a. Save Lucklawhill – The group is currently evaluating health concerns related to silica dust exposure. A comprehensive information leaflet detailing these risks and other human impacts is scheduled for distribution. Key challenges identified include a lack of consistent air quality monitoring. Regarding local operations, the council has halted activities at Dunkeld Quarry, citing concerns over biodiversity loss and the impact on residential amenity. Finally, recent public engagement efforts have yielded a highly positive response.
- b. Local Development – Easy Living representatives attended and provided an update on the Clay Road development site. Likely completion for spring 2027. Delays are attributed to a delay in stage 2 planning with Fife Council. They have a 2-year responsibility from final completion. Members of the community raised concerns regarding Clay Road and the new pavement associated with the development.
- c. Planting – no updates.

6. AOB

- a. Village welcome pack
- b. Buses

7. Date of next meeting – Monday 12th January



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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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ALFRED DUNHILL LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP



The Dunhill Cup, running on the three courses, Kingsbarns, Carnoustie and the Old Course, from 2nd to 5th October. The weather could have been better, with Storm Amy hitting and play suspended on the Friday and cancelled on the Saturday, with the eventual worthy winner Bob McIntyre. The weather held out for the fireworks display on the Saturday evening which was enjoyed by all. The eventual winner being

As with other golfing events, PCs Kinloch and Strandberg were involved with assisting the security and safe running of the event. PSYV Levenmouth youth volunteers assisted at the event with the marshalling. The event was successful and concluded without criminality.



OPERATION PARAMOUNT – ROAD SAFETY

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



**A914, St Michaels
Main Street, Balmullo
Albert Street, Tayport
Main Street, Leuchars
Elizabeth Street, Tayport**

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.



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Although the scheme is closed for the year 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.

BODY WORN VIDEO



Body worn video (BWV) cameras are the small devices our officers wear, usually on their chest, to capture both audio and visual evidence when they attend all types of incidents or are executing any police powers. Police staff in custody suites also wear the cameras and switch them on when interacting with persons in custody. The position of the camera means that the images captured show the situation from the officer's perspective. The camera acts as an independent view.

Training for Fife Division Officers is underway, with the roll out commencing in September 2025.

How do the cameras work and what are they used for?

The camera records the footage onto an internal storage device. At the end of the officer's/ police staff member's shift, the footage is uploaded to a secure cloud so it can be used as evidence at court or in other legal proceedings, or deleted if it's not needed.

When the camera is turned on it will start capturing a rolling 30-second loop of video. This can be useful in circumstances where an incident has escalated quickly and on activation of the camera by the user, the previous 30 seconds of video has been captured. There is no audio for those 30 seconds. This 30-second loop is not saved by the camera unless the officer activates the camera to record. If the camera is not activated, each 30-second segment of recording automatically overwrites itself.

Body worn video is for use when officers are responding to an incident or executing any police powers. The camera is activated by the officer to record both audio and video footage.

Police staff in custody suites will have access to cameras and will record interactions with people in custody.

How will I know that the camera is recording me?

It is routine for the officer to inform the public when using their body worn video camera and when recording a red light will be visible on the device. You may hear a loud beep as the camera is switched on. An officer will advise as soon as is reasonably possible that the body worn video camera is recording.

The body worn cameras will not be used covertly or for surveillance purposes.

Can I ask you not to record me?

Yes. If you have a genuine reason for objecting to being recorded on body worn video, it is important you let the police officer recording you know and explain the reason to them.

The presumption will always be that the police officer will continue to record unless, having assessed your request, they deem your reason for not being recorded to outweigh the benefits of them recording the incident. The police officer has lawful powers to record incidents, and, in many cases, it will be essential that they do so to collect evidence.

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If the police officer does not agree with your objection, they will continue to record but will explain their decision to you.

Will you continue to record on the camera if there are children or people are in a vulnerable situation?

Yes. In the majority of incidents involving both adults and children in vulnerable situations, police officers will continue to record.

This recording will help to capture an accurate picture of the situation the vulnerable adult or child are in and can be essential in capturing evidence for future prosecutions or in assisting partner agencies in understanding the situation and putting appropriate support measures in place.

If the police officer does not deem it proportionate, legitimate or necessary to record someone in a vulnerable situation, they may decide not to record. This decision will always lie with the police officer and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Lord Advocate's Guidelines

Find out about Lord Advocate's Guidelines on the provision of Body Worn Video evidence to the Procurator Fiscal in criminal cases (COPFS) using the link below:

<https://www.copfs.gov.uk/publications/lord-advocate-s-guidelines-body-worn-video-bwv/html/>

CALLS RECEIVED

The Tay Bridgehead area 190 had calls.

Call breakdown is as follows -

Area 17D received 8 Calls.

1 crime recorded for abusive behaviour.

GAULDRY

5 calls to the police.

BALMERINO & KIRKTON OF BALMERINO

1 call to the police.

BOTTOMCRAIG

0 calls to the police.

KILMANY & ROADS

2 calls to the police.

Area 18A received 75 calls.

13 crimes relating to Road Traffic offences, crimes of dishonesty & public disorder.

BALMULLO

11 calls to the police.

LEUCHARS

24 calls to the Police

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GUARDBRIDGE

35 calls to the Police

ST MICHAELS & ROADS

5 call to the police.

Area 18B received 43 Calls.

9 crimes relating to Road traffic offences and crimes against property.

NEWPORT

16 calls to police.

WORMIT

12 calls to police.

Roads

15 calls to police.

Area 18C as a whole received 64 Calls.

11 crimes relating to road traffic offences, disorder, and dishonesty.

TAYPORT

37 calls to the police.

Tay Bridge & A92

12 calls to the police.

Tentmuir

14 calls to the police.

Drumoig

1 call to the police.

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