

ST MONANS AND ABERCROMBIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the St Monans and Abercrombie Community Council held on Monday, 21 April 2022, at 7.30 pm in St Monans Town Hall.

Present:

M Ashworth (Vice Chair)	S Bridges (Secretary)	H Ironside
E Montador	M Syme	CLlr Docherty

Apologies: V Salvage, B Morris, V Bland, N Cowie, V Bland, PC Wallace Cllr Porteous and Cllr Holt.

Members of the public: 11

1. Welcome and apologies

No declarations of interest were noted at the beginning of the meeting and the Secretary confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2022, were taken as read. Under matters arising:

2.1 Right of way between 24 and 26 Station Road

Ms Montador had agreed to take this matter up again with the Road traffic department at Fife Council.

2.2 Railings on Station Road

Mr Bridges has not had any response from Fife Council regarding the poor state of the railings. A local resident had noticed that one of the local council candidates had been down to look at the railings and had taken some photographs. She expressed the hope that the candidate would make it an active issue in the campaign.

Mrs Syme proposed, and Ms Montador supported, the adoption of the minutes. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chair.

3. Election of a Community Councillor

Following the recent public announcement of two vacancies on the Community Council, Mrs Ashworth advised that Mr Mervyn Blank had submitted his name as a candidate. Mrs Ashworth read out the short statement provided by Mr Blank and proposed his nomination to be a Community Councillor for St Monans & Abercrombie Community Council. Mr Bridges seconded the proposal and it was

unanimously agreed. Mr Bridges will contact Fife Council to advise them of this change.

4. Vice Chair's Report

Mrs Ashworth announced that Mr Vic Bland had decided to step down from the Community Council with immediate effect. She noted Mr Bland had served on the Community Council for over 14 years. On behalf of the Community Council and residents, Mrs Ashworth expressed her appreciation to Mr Bland for his time and commitment to St Monans and Abercrombie over the years.

This meant that the Community Council still had two vacancies Mrs Ashworth then explained the process for electing new Community Councillors. Candidates can register their interest in standing with either the Chair, Vicki Salvage or the Secretary, Stuart Bridges. Candidates need to be 16 years or over and be on the electoral role. Candidates will be able to address the next public meeting if they wish or send in a short summary (approx. 50 words) about themselves. A secret ballot will be taken by the Community Councillors at the meeting.

Mrs Ashworth then provided a brief update on preparations for the community events over the Jubilee platinum weekend – “Platinum picnic in the Park”. The next meeting of the planning committee will take place on Tuesday 26 April. (subsequently changed to 27 April).

5. Secretary's Report

Mr Bridges read out the latest community police monthly report:

‘Following the launch of the Fife Coastal Path Safety panels recently, on Friday 25th March, 2022, emergency services were called to a male who had taken a turn on the coastal path. Family members were able to provide the post number nearby and the Helimed Air Ambulance was on scene within 15 minutes, with ambulance and police arriving shortly thereafter to assist. The safety panel was vital in identifying the area and emergency services were to attend and gave the male the medical attention he required.

For St Monans during the previous month, 21 calls to the police, consisting of various types including anti-social behaviour, drugs misuse, road traffic matters and concern for person, 2 crimes recorded in this period. No calls were received for Abercrombie’.

Mr Bridges also noted that the Fife Council Licencing Board had approved the liquor licence for the owners of the Giddy Gannet.

6. Treasurer's Report

Mr Bridges read out Mr Morris brief update, noting that a cheque had been sent to Fife Council for the town hall hire (burns supper) and hall hire for last Community Council meeting.

7. Members Reports

- i. *Planning matters:* Mrs Syme noted there was nothing of significant concern in any planning applications.
- ii. *Heritage Centre:* Mr Morris update was read out. Mr Morris had applied for funding from National Museums Scotland but their funding programme finished 29 January. However, they were delighted to hear from the St Monans Heritage collection and we have been added to their mailing list. Mr Morris is currently looking into getting accreditation for the collection once we meet the criteria set out (which he is confident that the Centre would get). This accreditation would potentially open the doors for further funding opportunities. Meantime, there will be an application for made for CGF for the Heritage Centre. He has also applied for funding from Fife Council arts/heritage department, but at present heard nothing back. Finally, he has emailed Fife Council for a skip for heritage garden but again I have had nothing back. The garden is now being cleared by two volunteers and despite numerous trips to the dump, if Fife Council could allow us permission to allow a pick-up truck into the recycling centre it would save around 30 plus car journeys.

8. Councillor Updates

Cllr Docherty referred to the recent Fife Council decision to consult on the Common Good Fund. He mentioned that it was extremely important for all Community Council to crucially review the proposal (consultation period estimated to be over the summer) as it had material impact on the ongoing CGF process.

He also noted that it was talking up to 6 months for Fife Council to replace road signs. A resident pointed out that the 'no campervan' sign had disappeared at the car park adjacent to the church cemetery. It was agreed that as summer approached, the need to have clear signage to deter campervans from staying overnight in the car park. Mrs Ironside and Mrs Syme agreed to write on behalf of the Community Council and the church to request Fife Council replace the missing sign as a priority.

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Public Questions

Mrs Ashworth then invited questions from the public. No questions were raised.

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- i. Beach Clean 2022 – it was agreed that the annual beach clean would be held on 22 May. Mrs Ashworth will reach out to the local primary school to see what help they would like to provide.
- ii. Playpark work – Mrs Ironside stated that Fife Council hopes to start the work to redevelop the playpark from Monday 25 April.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Monday 16 May 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, Mrs. Ashworth closed the meeting.


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Chair