

ST MONANS AND ABERCROMBIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the St Monans and Abercrombie Community Council held on Monday, 15 April 2019, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

P Copland (Chair)	S Bridges (Secretary)	V Salvage (Vice-Chair)
M Syme	W Morris (Treasurer)	H Ironside
M Ashworth	W Buchan	S Collier
G Bell	Cllr Docherty	PC Robb
Cllr Holt		

In attendance: Michael Bruce, Cox'n Mechanic RNLi Anstruther; Darren Peddie, East Neuk Salt company and Sonja Potjewiid, St Monans Community Development Officer, Fife Council

Members of the public: 15

1 Welcome and Apologies

V Bland, E Porteous and Cllr Porteous had sent their apologies.

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

All matters were considered closed, except for the following:

3.1 Poor Condition of Bus Shelter on Elm Grove

Ongoing.

3.2 Fife Council outline drawings to replace Churchyard bridge

Nothing to report.

3.3 Gully Cleaning in Abercrombie

There continues to be no progress in attempts to have the two blocked gully's, on the main road, cleared. It was also noted that the damaged wall had still not been repaired.

3.4 Grit Bins

Nothing to report.

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3.5 8 and 8a West Shore – Old Post Office

Noted that the property at 8A had been approved, subject to conditions. Details can be found on Fife Councils website. Mr Bell confirmed he had written to the owners on behalf of the Community Council, to ask when the gallery would open. To date, no response had been received.

3.6 Fence post on right of way adjacent to 24/26 Station Road

Cllr Docherty noted this continues to be an ongoing issue.

Cllr Docherty

3.7 Traffic concerns on Station Road

Mr Copland confirmed that Fife Council would finance the installation of a new 'Double D' island at the junction at the top of Station Road to the A917.

3.8 Potholes at two garages sites within St Monans

It was noted that there was a lot of rubbish and litter in the vicinity, which could be considered as fly tipping. Mrs Salvage agreed to raise the matter with council officials during the village walkabout on 17 April.

V Salvage

3.9 Sustran EN50 (Cycle routes within East Neuk)

An update will be provided under 'Any Other Business'.

3.10 Potholes in and around 15/17 West End

Mrs Syme confirmed that the potholes had been marked up for repair by Fife Council.

3.11 Repairs to railings on Station Road

Cllr Docherty has not received any update on progress. As a point of clarification, it was confirmed that the proposed remedial work would focus on the railings outside the properties of 18 -22 Station Road. However, it was also noted that the railing at the corner of Station Road with Hope Terrace was also in a poor state of repair. Mr Collier agreed to report this at the Village walkabout.

S Collier

3.12 2019 Annual Beach Clean on 26 May

Mrs Ashworth has notified relevant officials at Fife Council but is still waiting for confirmation to proceed with this date. She could then arrange the necessary publicity. Cllr Docherty suggested to copy him with any follow up emails to encourage the Council to respond promptly.

M Ashworth

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3.13 Village Walkabout

Mr Collier reminded those present of the Village walkabout scheduled for Thursday 17 April starting at 11 am from the Town hall. Council officials would take part and everyone was welcome to attend.

3.14 St Monans Tenant & Residents Group

The next meeting will be on 24 April in the Masonic hall at 6.30pm. It was noted that the group had renamed itself to the St Monans Residents group.

3.15 Treasurers report

Mr Morris circulated the latest cash flow statement to the meeting. Unallocated free funds available totals £2,140. The Floral display account (used by Beautiful St Monans) was also showing a healthy balance of £6,125. He also advised that both he and Mr Peter Peddie were finalizing the year-end accounts (the year end being to 31 March 2018).

There being no other comments, Mrs Salvage then proposed (Mrs Syme supported) that the minutes be adopted. The minutes were approved.

4 East Neuk Community Emergency Planning Team (ENCEPT)

The Chairman invited Michael Bruce, Coxswain of Anstruther RNLI to provide an update on ENCEPT. Mr Bruce explained that ENCEPT would provide co-ordination and practical assistance within the East Neuk area during severe weather conditions. He stressed ENCEPT wasn't intended to replace statutory authorities but was there to complement and support these bodies. Gillian Duncan had agreed to be co-ordinator of ENCEPT, Michael has agreed the Deputy co-ordinator role and Elizabeth Riches had agreed to be treasurer. There are also representatives from two separate Community council's on ENCEPT. In addition to St Monans, all other local Community Councils and constituted community groups approached so far were supporting ENCEPT. Each Community group would receive a memorandum of understanding ('MOU'), which would document what this support would involve (each MOU may be different due to geographical location and population of village amongst other things). A 24-hour Freephone number will be available from the official launch at the beginning of May. A network of local farmers has been established to help in the clearing of local roads and any other emergency tasks which the emergency plan covers.

ENCEPT has been registered with the National Child Rescue Alert System, which immediately alerts the team and allows it to provide assistance in searching for missing children and vulnerable adults reported in the area. Grant funding had been provided to the group and this was being used to provide each community

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recollections of St Monans seniors.

Mrs Salvage agreed to organize and produce a poster publicising this new club. If members of the public wanted to learn more, she agreed to be the point of contact.

V Salvage

15.3 The Easton family visit to St Monans

Mrs Salvage read out a letter of thanks to the community from the Easton family, following their successful visit to St Monans. Mr Morris had also received a similar letter of thanks.

15.4 Connection of a defibrillator onto the Harbour Masters office

Mr Bell advised that Fife Council had queried the electricity power supply at the Harbour Masters office. This had now been resolved and it was the intention to start the work in mid to late summer.

15.5 Litter on road between Abercrombie and St Monans

It was noted that there was a considerable amount of litter on this road. Cllr Docherty agreed to look into this matter with Mrs Ashworth.

Cllr Docherty

15.6 Sustran (National Cycle Network) 'EN 50' multi-use path

Mrs Potjewijd explained that the 'Sustran EN 50' was a region wide project to create a multi-use pathway from Kirkcaldy to Dundee. Each section of the proposed path was dependent on local community committees and Mrs Potjewijd was keen to seek local residents with an interest in cycling or walking to join a newly formed St Monans committee. Two routes were being planned to join up with the wider path network; one from St Monans to Pittenweem; the other from Elie to St Monans. If anyone would like to learn more about the project, they should contact the Secretary or Mrs Potjewijd.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Monday, 20 May at 7.30 pm.



Chair