

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm. 7th February 2022 via online Zoom

The meeting was attended by:

CCLlr F. Principe-Gillespie (FG)
CCLlr F. Whalley (FW)
CCLlr C. McLaren (CM)
CCLlr N. Robertson (NR)
CCLlr J. Leishman (JL)
Co-Opt CCLlr S. Gordon (SG)

PKCllr C. Purves
PKCllr W. Rennie
PKCllr R. Watters

two members of the community were also in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies are assumed from Margaret Traylor (Treasurer) (MT)

The Chair (FG) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their attendance.

An update has been kindly received from Andrew Mitchell

Matters arising

The previous minutes were accepted.

The council was contacted via the PK Cllrs regarding drainage at Boreland but no progress has been made. This to be reviewed in two weeks to see if progress made

Drains at Keltybridge are re-filling due to spoil from the building site and compacting. There is significant flooding due to this

Correspondence

Info from Tillhill will be discussed later in the meeting

Crime Prevention

No officers were present

Broadband update and proposal for Maryburgh / Blairforge

The Maryburgh project is now going live and fibre is being installed.

The Keltybridge Community Fibre Partnership is still ongoing and hoping to cover more of the outlying properties. Cleish and Blairadam is currently at 86% enabled or planned install. With thanks to Andrew Mitchell for the update.

It was noted from the floor that fibre is not provided with a backup battery so VOIP emergency calls could be an issue, though Openreach are not disabling the copper connections just yet.

Drainage Updates

No further updates other than from Tillhill who will be harvesting ahead of their schedule due to storm damage. This is on Cleish Hills and they have been excellent at communicating their harvesting and have undertaken to maintain the current drainage system and are willing to show the community what their plans are for re-planning. The most risky areas will be harvested last to minimise potential flooding. Tillhill are also happy to have a meeting on-site to discuss the harvesting and any potential amendments. They have said they wish to minimise any potential flooding risk and engage with the community. This excellent and much appreciated . If any member of the community is interested in attending a meeting then please contact the CC so we can arrange a single group meeting to cover all aspects of the current harvesting. Contact Borelandcabcc@gmail.com

Financial Update

In Margaret's absence no further update available other than previous balance of £354.52.

Planning report

Two applications approved for layout changes to Blairadam House.

One Refusal that has been referred to the review board, one of the parcels of land sold from Blairfordel farm for a house.

Pending applications:

Erection of Dwelling House, part retrospective land north of Winchester

Erection garden building Burnside House, Benarty Road

Equestrian proposal Benarty Road , lots of comments

Extension to dwelling house 1 Blairforddel steading has an application for Lawful Use

Renwal of permission at Nivingston for buildings and workshop

Erection of dwelling house at Hollow Cottage, has had in principle approval, this is the detailed application

Erection of a fence at Rowantree Cottage in retrospect 1.8m, was 1.2m both of which technically contravened planning with regard to the properties on the roadside.

Planning Correspondence from Perth and Kinross

Legislation going through Parliament regarding Local Place Plans. This could be of significant benefit to communities, though exactly how it will be implemented is as yet to be completely defined. This will be added to LDPs (Local Development Plans) the next version of which has just started to be worked on over the next five years. This will allow communities to comment on what they would like to have happen in their areas, though how binding and what influence it will have is as yet to be seen. It is also believed that once templates are available then the process may become more streamlined and low cost. The changes in the LDP will incorporate more of the currently supplementary information so it is hoped that Local Place Plans will have a guiding influence.

Updates

It was reported from the floor that there may be an amended planning application for the plot by Hillcrest to reduce the number of approved houses from four to two.

Lots of dumping has been taking place in some of the fields by Blairforge and Cllr Watters confirmed that the Council is looking into this and SEPA is likely to be involved due to burning of waste.

Village Update – Blairadam

The Bench and planters have been moved and subject to approval from the owner they may go on the triangle at Maryburgh. The seat will be moved elsewhere in the village. Thanks to the council for picking up litter from the B996. The Council has now managed to get enough people to work on this as Covid restrictions have eased. The Layby off the B996 by junction five will be cleaned and fence repaired as it is subject to regular fly-tipping. The private water supply at Keltybridge (believed to be the third largest in Scotland) is working hard to resolve the issues with lead in the supply and has now mapped where the pipes are and are taking steps to resolve this situation.

Village Update – Cleish

Cleish Primary is no longer facing closure and is going to progress to the next phases and should have about £3million spent on it to bring it up to specifications. Cllr Purves explained that whilst it is good that after the 6-7 years the decision has finally been made, the appropriate consultation with the community was lacking and somewhat last minute.

The roll will be dropping from three classes to two unfortunately and capacity will be capped at 50. The two classrooms will be external and the existing building will be used for dining, administration and toilets.

Cllr Watters also pointed out that the initial papers duration of 4 years was far too long and has now been reduced to two years. It was also felt that the new building should be net zero carbon standard and that was unfortunately not confirmed, but it

may also be that the council are looking at increasing the footprint of the school. Cllr Robertson pointed out that overall despite the issues this is an excellent result for Cleish and Blairadam and something to celebrate.

This is most definitely a positive result in the long term and secures the future of the school whilst providing a huge upgrade to the facilities it will have on offer.

Preparations to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee are under way in Cleish and flyers have been delivered and registration is required. Please consult your letterbox please the dedicated email address on the flyer for further details.

AOCB

Can we generate more interest in the CC meeting. Perhaps we can appeal to persons who have previously been interested . This will be looked into and perhaps and emailing list. Please register interest to receive a notice as to when the next CC meeting will take place by contacting Chaircabcc@gmail.com

The CC will be posting more information on the Kinross-shire area committee and the exciting developments in this trial of more local input of what happens. Speed controls and similar measures are able to be implemented that have real support from local residents. The key areas covered by the committee include the following Infrastructure and Economic Development, Roads, Environment, Communities.

The date of next meeting: Monday 4th April. This will be a trial hybrid meeting both in person, open to the public and using Zoom and will take place at the Cleish Village Hall due to the wifi available

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

CLEISH & BLAIRADAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notice of AGM on Monday 7th February immediately following General Meeting in Cleish Village Hall

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The Chair Welcomed those present

Apologies

CCLlr Margaret Traylor (MT)
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Chairman's Report

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as Chair of Cleish and Blairadam Community Council for another year. I wish to thank all of the Community Councillors for their continued diligence, support, guidance and for the time and effort that they give freely to our local Community.

Our role as members of Cleish & Blairadam Community Council is simply 'To represent the views and wishes of the residents within the environs of Cleish & Blairadam'. Whilst this can lead to opposing points of view, these views are always welcomed and regardless of personal opinion, it is and remains our role to reflect those views in a balanced manner.

I have really appreciated the full and conscientious support of all our local Councillors. Their continued support and swift implementation of requests have

always assisted our Community and we look forward to seeing how we can all work together in the Kinross Local Committee. They all have my thanks.

It has been a difficult year for many and whilst there seems to be light on the horizon with regard to more social meetings we should remain ever aware that there are many in our midst who are struggling and it is our role to also represent them.

Last and most important my thanks also go to all those members of the community who attend our meetings, read our notices and minutes and participate in the ongoing discussions .

I wish you all success in your endeavours for the coming year.

Sincerely

Francis Principe-Gillespie

Chair, Cleish and Blairadam Community Council

Treasurer's Report

The accounts were audited and submitted current balance £354

Resignations.

Paul Appleby regretfully has resigned from the Community Council but has continued to be a very valued member of the community

Appointment of officers

Sean Gordon will be co-opted and forms will be sorted in the next week or so.

AOCB

Date of next meeting

The Next AGM Meeting will be in December 2022