Minutes of Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam Community Council
7:30pm, 5th December 2022 – Cleish Village Hall

Present:
- Fran Principe-Gillespie
- Charles MacLaren
- Fred Whalley
- Sean Gordon
- Margaret Traylor
- Cllr Dave Cuthbert
- Cllr Neil Freshwater

Apologies:
- Cllr Willie Robertson
- Cllr Richard Watters

Previous CC Meeting

Matters Arising
Cllr Freshwater is following up regarding a question which was raised in a previous meeting, in relation to the Gairney Plantation. This was felled around 6 years ago and was meant to be replanted but has not been planted nor has it been managed in the intervening time.

Minutes
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Crime Prevention & Police Report
Officers were unable to attend the meeting but did highlight the need to keep sheds and outbuildings locked, and equipment out of site as there have been reports of suspicious vehicles driving around the area during the hours of darkness.

Correspondence

Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)
Plans have been circulated to all Community Councils with proposals created for the placing of 2 signs in Cleish. The CC will provide input into the location of these signs, but there are constraints around where the signs can be placed.

Broadband Update

Blairadam Area

Sean Gordon reported that the Local Community Fibre Project has been impacted by data quality problems due to inconsistencies of data between Openreach, Scottish Government and Ofcom. The latest refresh of data has overwritten a lot of the Keltybridge Voucher Entitlements and we are working with Openreach and the Scottish Government team to correct this.

Hatchbank

Openreach has been at work in the Hatchbank area continuing the fibre deployment in that area.

Drainage

Cleish

The verge has been cleared around several gullies to make them more obvious when the council comes to clean them out. In the past some of the gullies have been missed due to being overgrown or not obviously visible.

The problem with the gullies has been raise via the PKC portal, but the item is immediately closed say that this is part of a planned work schedule, but to date the gullies have not been cleared.

Several the gullies are blocked around Borland.

Keltybridge

There is only one drain in Keltybridge which is unblocked – all the other drains are completely choked. This has been raised with PKC on a number of occasions, but the drains have not been cleared.

Cllr Cuthbert took an action to raise the problem with the Roads Engineer in relation to Bridge House in Keltybridge, which is at risk of flooding due to the blocked drains.

Financial Update

Accounts have been audited, signed off and submitted to PKC.

Planning

Under the new guidance, an objection by the Community Council automatically refers an application to the Planning Committee; otherwise, it requires 6 objections from separate households to refer an application.

Planning Decisions

22/00707/FLL - Siting of 2 static caravans for welfare/storage use...

Siting of two static caravans for welfare, storage use, erection of an animal shelter – Land 100m Northeast of Blairfordel Farm (In part retrospect). This was refused by the planners, but a review of this decision has been sought by the applicant.

22/01264/FLL - Erection of garden building (in retrospect) | 1 Blairfordel Steading

Application Approved.

22/01333/FLL - Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse

Application Approved

22/01707/FLL - Erection of 4 dwellinghouses and 3 garages

Application Refused – The Community Council had supported this application because it was being built on a brownfield site.

Applications Pending

- 22/02113/IPL - Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle)
  - Land 30 Metres Northeast Of Craigbank House Cleish
- 22/01025/IPL - Residential development (in principle)
  - Land 140 Metres North East Of The Bungalow Benarty Road Kelty
- 22/01284/FLL - Erection of 2 dwellinghouses
  - Land 25 Metres South West Of 14 Main Street Keltybridge
  - **The Community Council will object to this development**
- 8/00694/FUL - Erection of a dwellinghouse
  - Cleish Mill Farm Cleish Kinross KY13 0LS
- 22/01924/FLL - Erection of garage building
  - 8 Middleton Park Keltybridge Kelty KY4 0GZ
- 22/01446/FLL | Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works
  - Land 30 Metres South East Of Gairney Bridge Farm Cottage Gairneybridge
- 22/01792/LAW | Erection of a storage building for domestic use (proposed)
  - 8 Abbot's Wynd Keltybridge Kelty KY4 0JS
- 22/01793/FLL | Extension to dwellinghouse
  - The Flat 6 Main Street Keltybridge Kelty KY4 0JH
- 22/01812/FLL | Extensions to dwellinghouse
  - The Thrums Cleish Kinross KY13 0LR
- 22/01945/FLL | Erection of dwellinghouse and associated works
  - Land North Of 31 Main Street Keltybridge
  - **The Community Council will object to this development**

Applications Withdrawn

- 22/01410/FLL – Erection of garage building
  - 8 Middleton Park Keltybridge Kelty KY4 0GZ

Village Updates
Blairadam

- Problems with drainage covered earlier in the meeting.
- Ongoing problems with fly tipping in Maryburgh.

Cleish

- The Cleish School project was raised at the last Education Learning Committee, and it has been confirmed that the funding is still available, with construction scheduled to start in 2024.
- Community Investment Fund (CIF) application has been submitted for acquiring equipment to improve the accessibility of the CC meetings, particularly for those people accessing the meetings remotely. There is still some debate about what funding is going to be released by the Council for the CIF.

Any Other Business

- There are still problems with the historical Cleish and Blairadam parish boundaries causing problems when searching for applications in the Planning Public Access portal as there are 2 separate boundaries in the system. One before and one after the boundary change. CC will raise this problem with the PKC planning team as properties are being missed from the weekly planning list updates.

Next CC Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next Community Council Meeting on 6th of February, at 7:30pm in Cleish Village Hall.