

Minutes of Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

7:30pm, 17th April 2022 – Cleish Village Hall

Present:

- Fran Principe-Gillespie
- Charles MacLaren
- Fred Whalley
- Sean Gordon
- Margaret Traylor
- Cllr Willie Robertson
- Cllr Dave Cuthbert

Apologies:

- Cllr Neil Freshwater
- Cllr Richard Watters

Previous CC Meeting

Matters Arising

Update on the Gairney plantation – Cllr Freshwater reported that the plantation has been inspected by Forestry & Land Scotland and found to be partly replanted. The owner has said he will complete planting this season and it will be inspected again by a Forestry & Land Scotland in March 2024.

Drainage in Keltybridge – Blocked drains reported to PKC and have since been cleared.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Crime Prevention & Police Report

The Police were unable to attend in person, but provided a detailed update:

- **Fly Tipping** on the unclassified road near to the Shank Burn in Cleish – Subject to a live investigation.
- **Dangerous Driving** on the B9097 near Gairneybridge – 1 person reported to Procurator Fiscal
- **Driving with no Insurance** on the B996 Kinross to Kelty road – 1 person reported to Procurator Fiscal
- **Driving with no Insurance, Disqualified Driving, in charge whilst unfit** on unclassified road from B996 near Kelty B996 – 1 person arrested, charged, and reported to Procurator Fiscal
- **Worrying Livestock on a farm** at Keiry Craig field, Blairadam - Subject to a live investigation.

Traffic – Community officers aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Cleish and Blairadam. The Police will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks

across the area during patrols. Traffic units from Perth have also been carrying out speed checks across the area.

Community Team Activity – Following the incident at Blairadam where 16 lambs were killed Police Scotland held a “day of action” on 12th April to raise awareness of crimes like this, and the importance of keeping control of dogs. There were also social media posts on Police Scotland Facebook & Twitter accounts as well as news articles on STV and in local papers.

Correspondence

CC received suggestions from one of our residents:

- For an organised litter picking activity – Tabernacle Hall used to arrange this regularly a while ago, but it stopped for some reason.
- Organise a walkaround of the local area to identify areas of concern – it was agreed to roll this into the “Big Place Conversation” activity which will be arranged soon.

Broadband Update

Keltybridge and Blairadam Area

Last month, after 2 years of work by the Community Fibre Partnership, Openreach completed work to enable 54 properties in Keltybridge with a Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) service. There was much rejoicing!

There are still 16 properties which were not enabled by this latest work, so the Community Fibre Partnership will continue to work to get Keltybridge and Blairadam to 100% coverage.

Openreach are currently in the process of producing a detailed quotation for the project and creating a formal offer which will be available in 2-3 weeks’ time, and which will include the exact costs for the project.

There are on-going challenges in getting a connection to the Tabernacle Hall in due to it lacking an appropriate reference number in the Royal Mail and Openreach systems. This is being raised with the Openreach Community Fibre team.

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Work is on-going, but there is confusion as to who is getting the service and when, because the various web sites are out of date. In addition, there is some confusion about the dates for the R100 roll-out in the area with some reports stating that this has been pushed back to 2024, despite all the obvious Openreach activity in the area.

- **Action** - Cllr Freshwater is going to follow up with Andrew Mitchell and to clarify the situation.

Starlink (low earth orbit satellite broadband) is now available in the UK, so this may provide another option for more remote properties to be able to obtain a faster broadband service.

Drainage

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Till Hill have been in contact with the CC to confirm that the felling operations are now complete and have cleaned the drains and reinstated any drains which were blocked.

Keltybridge

Blocked drains in Keltybridge were reported and they have now been cleared.

Financial Update

Paid 2 x Hall hires, Annual Subscription to APRS and Insurance for Cleish Phone box paid.

CC account has a balance of £612.70, with 3 outstanding invoices for hall hire.

Planning – “Big Place Conversation”

Robert Wills, a Planning Officer from PKC presented an overview of the “Big Place Conversation”, which represents the start of the next Local Development Plan and provides the opportunity for local communities to share their views on how they would like their local areas to be developed in the future.

A local session will be arranged soon to allow the residents of Cleish & Blairadam to engage with the “Big Place Conversation”. In addition, local communities can develop a Local Place Plan to outline what they want for their local area; this influences the PKC Local Area Plan and there are funding & resources available to help communities develop their own Local Place Plans -

<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/localplaceplans>

It was agreed that the Community Council would organise a local “Big Place Conversation” for the Cleish & Blairadam area – details of this event will be shared on the CC Website -

<https://cleishandblairadam.org.uk>

More information on the “Big Place Conversation” can be found here -

<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/bigplaceconversation>

Planning – Travellers Sites

A question was raised by attendees of the CC meeting regarding the planning rules relating to travellers’ sites. This was referred to Robert Wills (the PKC Planning Officer attending the meeting) to provide further information to those interested.

Planning Applications

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.

Applications Pending

- **23/00425/FLL - Renewal of permission 20/00524/FLL (Erection of 4 dwellinghouses)**
 - Land 45 Metres South of Hillcrest Maryburgh
- **23/00210/FLL - Erection of replacement garage**
 - Dunandrew Benarty Road Kelty KY4 0HR
- **23/00112/FLL - Erection of a dwellinghouse and formation of vehicle access**
 - Land 140 Metres North East Of Hardiston Farm Cleish Kinross Cleish
- **23/00034/FLL - Erection of a dwellinghouse and garage/ancillary accommodation**
 - 5 Boreland Steading Cleish Kinross KY13 0LT
- **22/02113/IPL - Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle)**
 - Land 30 Metres North East Of Craigbank House Cleish
- **22/01446/FLL - Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works**
 - Land 30 Metres South East Of Gairney Bridge Farm Cottage Gairneybridge
- **22/01334/AML - Erection of a dwellinghouse, garage, workshop, wall, fence and associated works (approval of matters specified in conditions of 20/00499/IPL)**
 - Land 60 Metres North West Of Craigbank House Cleish
- **22/01025/IPL - Residential development (in principle)**
 - Land 140 Metres North East Of The Bungalow Benarty Road Kelty

Applications Approved

- **22/02134/LAW - Extension to dwellinghouse (proposed)**
 - Gairney Bridge Farm Gairneybridge Kinross KY13 9JZ
- **22/02076/FLL - Renewal of permission 18/01331/FLL (alterations and erection of gatepiers and gate)**
 - Craignish Blairadam Kelty KY4 0HX
- **22/01410/FLL - Erection of garage building**
 - 8 Middleton Park Keltybridge Kelty KY4 0GZ

Applications Withdrawn

- **22/02027/FLL - Erection of dwellinghouse**
 - Land 15 Metres East Of Borrowdale Blairadam Keltybridge
- **22/01945/FLL - Erection of dwellinghouse and associated works**
 - Land North Of 31 Main Street Keltybridge

Applications Refused

- **23/00116/FLL Extension to ancillary accommodation**
 - 6 Main Street Keltybridge Kelty KY4 0JH
- **22/00707/FLL - Siting of 2 static caravans for welfare/storage use, erection of animal shelter and associated works (in part retrospect) (for a temporary period)**
 - Land 100 Metres North East Of Blairfordel Farm Kelty

Village Updates

Blairadam

- Reports of damage to the verge by contractor carrying out sewer works at Middleton House – verge used as a dumping area for excavation spoil and not restored.
- Suggestions from one of our residents:

- For an organised litter picking activity – Tabernacle Hall used to arrange this regularly a while ago, but it stopped for some reason.
- Walkaround of the local area to identify areas of concern – it was agreed to roll this into the “Big Place Conversation” meeting.
- Keltybridge has the only remaining Kinrossshire sign in Kinrossshire and there was a suggestion that this should be cleaned and preserved.
 - **Action** - M. Traylor to contact owners of the land where the sign is located.
- Reports of fly tipping on the Maryburgh road, these were very quickly removed by PKC once the issues had been reported. It was suggested that the use of CCTV cameras may be an option if the problem continues.
 - **Action** - Cllr Robertson will investigate the options for this.
- Ongoing problems with parking on the pavement in Keltybridge, and the collapsed pavements in Keltybridge
 - **Action** - Cllr Robertson will look again at what options there are to address this.
- The Keltybridge Dog Poo bin on the Sawmill Road has degraded and fallen off the post.
 - **Action** - Cllr Robertson to look at the options for getting this replaced.

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- New meeting technology kit has been delivered and is already helping to make the CC meetings more accessible.
- Fly tipping outside the forestry and a caravan has been abandoned on agricultural land. It was suggested that the use of CCTV cameras may be an option if the problem continues.
- Update on the Fibre Broadband from Andrew Mitchel suggests that the delay in R100 rollout may not come to pass given the amount of work which is currently going on in the area.
- PKC is checking the contents of Blue Recycling Bins and tagging any bins with the wrong kinds of materials in them – these bins will not be emptied by the council until the offending items are removed.
- CC is still awaiting an update on the plans for the upgrading of Cleish Primary School, it is hoped that there will be an update in time for the next CC meeting.
- The Friends of Cleish Kirkyard Cemetery group has been established to help maintain the cemetery.

Next CC Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next Community Council Meeting on 3rd July, at 7:30pm in Cleish Village Hall.