

# FREUCHIE



**Minutes of the  
February Meeting 11.02.09  
The Lumsden Memorial Hall**

1. **Present:** P Laughlin (Chair), E Jardine, T Hartshorne, B. Lindsay, M Brown, M Wootton.

**Attending:** Cllr Arbuckle, Cllr McDiarmid, Cllr Lothian, PC Laing and members of the public: J Thomson, Mrs Watson, Mrs Graham, Mrs Molinek, Mrs Ritchie and DRM Gordon.

**Apologies:** M Ross, J Kenyon, C Gilbert

**Action list from February meeting.**

**Secretary:** Progress maintenance on War Memorial (3 quotes required); display posters on noticeboard; inform Fife Council of potholes and bridge damage at Forthar Mill Farm; respond to letter from DE Gordon; attend Climate Challenge Fund Workshop 11 March.

**Chair:** Organise sub-committee with delegated powers to prepare a response to St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan SEA; draw up plan for recycling point

**Fife Councillors:** Organise briefing with Development Services on Freuchie settlement proposals in St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan; Progress work at Green Tree Brae/flooding study; Progress cycle lockers on A92; progress repair of gullies and potholes; progress footpaths to Lathrisk and Kettle; determine position of parking near Freuchie Stores;

**Community Councillors:** Deliver leaflet "Important message for dog owners"

**Locality Manager:** Progress Bridge/flood defences at Green Tree Brae and Freuchie Flood Study; inform Community of progress with all-weather pitch.

2. **Minutes:** Minutes of January Meeting approved with minor alteration.

3. **Matters arising.**

Attendees found Finalised Draft Local Plan Meeting useful. Improvements to Recycling Point still unresolved, Chair to draw up a plan to be discussed. Proposal re cycle lockers passed to BEAR. Misunderstanding re clearing of gullies, this is still outstanding. Footpath to Kettlebridge via Orkie Farm on Kettle CC Agenda for next meeting. Dave Manderson to consult with the youth on all weather pitch, asked to include primary school children. Draft response to Climate Change and the Forest Estate Consultation sent; acknowledged.

4. **Police:**

PC Laing reported an incident of anti-social behaviour in the last month; dog fouling on a doorstep in Church Place. The secretary reported that complaints of dog fouling had been received from a resident in Back Street. The Community Council is leafleting the village with "Important message for dog owners." PC Laing spoke of the action plan focusing on young motorists. He attended a school meeting and is to liaise with D Manderson on football for the youngsters over the

summer. Parking restrictions to the east of Freuchie Stores are being investigated by the police and Transportation Services.

**5 Fife Council matters:**

e-mail from C Gilbert re Greentree Brae bridge, money available. There is difficulty finding a suitable design to replace it.

£1000 from the planning budget has been awarded to the primary school for IT/Media equipment to allow the children to pursue further local projects. This follows the presentation by the Primary School children to last month's meeting. It is reported that a bridge/culvert under the A92 at Fortharmill Farm is collapsing, photos were presented. Councillors to contact Transportation. Freuchie Flood Action Group (FAG) is now in dialogue with Fife Council. Bear is progressing sightline at Cromdale with home owner. Secretary reported the significant potholes on the Shiels Bridge to Dunshalt Road and through Freuchie village. Showed pictures of clogged drains and where there was a dangerous hole/shaft.

**6 Treasurers Report.**

Main A/C. £1471.05; History A/C. £624.23; Gala A/C. £747.27

**7 Planning**

a) **New applications:** None advised

b) **Applications dealt with by the Head of Service under scheme of delegation:** None advised

**8 Correspondence**

**Matters for decision/action**

Scottish Government/ Scottish Gas:- Scottish Government's Central Heating Programme. Publicity for funding of central heating systems for pensioners with the criteria of eligibility clearly set out. Display on notice board.

Fife Council:- Beautiful Fife Campaign. (Passed to Freuchie in Flower).

Fife Council:- Consultation paper on Joint Management of Small Schools (for 27.3.09). Freuchie CC to make no submission.

Fife Council:- St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan - SEA First Stage Environmental Report, Consultation extended to 6.3.09 (sub committee to look at and respond). Chair to organise suitable date.

Fife Council:- St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan - SEA First Stage Environmental Report Letter and Disc with relevant documents, which are also at; [www.fifedirect.org.uk/eastfifelocalplan](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/eastfifelocalplan)

Fife Council:- Community assistance for tree planting in Oct/Nov.

e-Mail re meeting at primary school. B Lindsay & T Hartshorne attended., both were impressed with the improvements made since the new headmistress took over.

e-mail re dog fouling in Back St from a resident. Report of dog fouling in Church Place. Police informed. Some leaflets from the Dog Warden have been distributed, the rest will be placed this week.

Beautiful Scotland:- Entry form for Beautiful Scotland Campaign passed on to Freuchie in Flower.

Fife Elderly Forum:- Request to display poster (on notice board).

Scottish Government Modernising Planning:- Community Council registration for e-mail alerts on planning consultations.

Letter from David E Gordon re allocation of £25000 fund received today. To be considered.

Fife Council:- Your Community and Climate Challenge workshop. 11.3.09. Sec to attend.

### **Matters for noting**

Fife Council:- North East Fife Area Committee meeting 21.1.09

Fife Council;- Lomond Hills Regional Park Partnership Management committee meeting 27.1.09

Glasdon:- Products for local councils.

SEPA:- SEPA View Winter 2009-2-11

Fife Council:- News release for new Cultural Strategy.

Fife Council:- Planning Committee meeting 27.1.09

Fife Council:- North East Fife Area Committee Departure Hearing, Cellardyke 29.1.09

Forestry Commission:- Thanks for response to consultation.

Freuchie Parish Church;- Thanks for donation towards electricity for Christmas Tree.

Information Commissioner's Office;- How We Can Help + DVD

Directorate of the Built Environment:- Acknowledgement of representation on Fife Structure Plan Modifications.

Fife Constabulary:- Draft of Policing Plan for 2009/10

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### **AOCB**

Strategic Environmental Assessment document.

a) Freuchie Burn. The above document rates this burn as priority 5, it should be priority 1

Freuchiemill Burn is not mentioned in this document.

b) Site specific development:- Freuchie and Falkland missing from local plan.

There is significant development interest in Freuchie; Cllr Arbuckle has received enquiries which he referred to planning. He advised us that 2450 houses are allocated for NE Fife for the next 20 years. It is imperative Freuchie Community Council communicate their views to Fife Council before the end of March. The subject will be debated in April and referred back to the people in October. A sub committee of the Community Council will discuss this matter and respond to Fife Council. As the response to the SEA has to be on or before 6 March this sub-committee has delegated powers to formulate the Community Council's response. Freuchie Flood Action Group:- John Thomson reported that MSP Mike Russell had been unable to visit Freuchiemill due to Holyrood changes. The new MSP for the Environment is Roseanna Cunningham with whom John has already been in contact. He asked PC Laing to pass on thanks to Sgt Seath for her assistance. He updated the committee on work done recently and ongoing dialogue with Fife Council. All this information is on their web site. The Chair asked that Freuchie Community Council be involved in any "open" meetings held by Fife Council on flooding in Freuchie.

Allocation of funding for planning gain from Campion Homes Development at Water Lumsden Court. As reported, a letter has been received from David E Gordon regarding this. The chair responded to views from those attending and it was agreed to circulate the letter and respond to it once views of Community Council members were known.

**Next Meeting 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in the Lumsden Memorial Hall, Freuchie**