

# FREUCHIE



**Minutes of the  
November Meeting 12.11.08  
The Lumsden Memorial Hall**

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

**Attending:** C Gilbert, Locality Manager FC; and members of the public: Ron Lindsay, C Sweet, J Thomson, Mrs Dean, Mrs Suttie, I Porter, J Mullen

**Apologies:** M Ross, B Lindsay, Cllr Arbuckle, Cllr Lothian, PC John Leslie, PC Alan Tait

**Action list from November meeting.**

**Secretary:** Data Protection registration; progress War Memorial maintenance; publicity for environmental improvements meeting 1 December; police priorities for Freuchie for the next year.

**Chair/Secretary/Treasurer:** Bank signature forms.

**Chair:** response to Fife Council with Flood Action Group

**Jim Kenyon:** signs for environmental improvements meeting 1 December.

**Councillors:** Lobby for Fife Council to provide extra finance for Community Councils paying Data Protection registration; Transportation requests for flood studies and alleviation measures, improvement to surface of pavements at shop and East End, footpaths from Freuchie to Lathrisk road and to Kettlebridge and provision of cycle lockers at A92 bus stop; position of Freuchie with regard to Local Plan SEA consultation.

**Locality Manager:** Lighting for car park; meeting on all-weather sports pitch; contact youth liaison officer re input to youth presentations at next Community Council meeting.

- 2 **Minutes:** Minutes of the October Meeting approved

3 **Matters arising.**

Sec. attended Data Protection Seminar. Feels that it is incumbent on us to register.

Cost of registration £35.

Requests permission to purchase a shredder at a cost of £35. Agreed.

Sec. to progress three quotes for work to War Memorial.

Public meeting re funding for environmental improvements: Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

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Memorial Hall. Usual publicity plus J Kenyon to do posters to catch the eye of passing motorists.

C Gilbert confirmed two lights to be installed in car park as soon as possible, certainly in this financial year. Domehawk camera currently at Falkland and will be there for some time.

C Gilbert met with Falkland CC to discuss All Weather Sports Pitch. As both

villages are requesting this facility and it is unlikely that funding will be available for both. Consultation with the youth of both villages must be carried out.  
Cllr Arbuckle sent a message re waste lorry driving over grassed area and churning up the ground. The men say they need to do this to reach the bins.

**4 Police Matters:**

The police have not yet advised of the effectiveness of the Domehawk camera, but have said there have been fewer phone calls from the public recently.

**5 Fife Council matters**

No Councillors available.

Complaints about the condition of pavements and manhole covers on roads in the village being loose.

**6 Treasurer's Report.**

Not available. Secretary has obtained bank forms, Chair to sign.

**7 Planning**

**a) New applications:** : W/e 31/10/08 08/02885/EFULL Erection of general purpose agricultural shed at Home Farm, Lathrisk. Agreed to make no representations.

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

**8 Correspondence**

**Matters for decision/action**

Fife Council Licensing Board – Notice of application for Premises Licences:  
Lomond Hills Hotel

Fife Council — Draft Report on Temporary Closure of Public Right of Way at Green Tree Brae for consideration at North East Area Committee on 10 December.

Residents of Dykeside — Petition regarding reinstatement of right of Way at Green Tree Brae/Dykeside

Fife Council — Proposed reestablishment of Community Council Support Working Group

Fife Council — Fife Minerals Subject Local Plan and Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultations 3 November to 9 January.

Fife Council — Lomond Hills Regional Park Partnership AGM 7pm Tuesday 25 November in Rothes Halls. Interest groups meet at 6.30 T Hartshorne & E Jardine to attend.

Fife Council — St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan — SEA Environment Report Consultation 3 November to 12 December [www.fifedirect.org.uk/eastfifelocalplan](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/eastfifelocalplan)

Fife Constabulary — Questionnaire on policing in the Freuchie area. Sec to complete and return.

Glasdon screens and enclosures catalogue for recycling point in car park for consideration.

**Matters for noting**

Fife Council – North East Area Committee agenda, meeting 12th November 2008

Fife Council — Statement of intent to prepare alteration to Fife Minerals Subject Local Plan

Clare Baker MSP —Meet the Young Gypsy Travellers Drop in event 3 November at Rothes Halls  
Scotways — 2008 Annual Report  
Fife Council Planning Committee meeting 21 October

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**AOCB .**

Flooding in Freuchie. Members of the Freuchie Flood Action Group reported on progress with SEPA and the setting up of the Scottish Flood Forum by environment minister Michael Russell. The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill is currently going through the Scottish Parliament.

A letter from Jim Moodie of Fife Council Transportation Services outlining the discussions and correspondence with Kingdom Housing and their Consultants confirming the support of a financial contribution from the flood alleviation budget (Transportation) was received, and the cost estimates of the order of £35K. Also Transportation Services to set up a regular inspection and maintenance scheme. Freuchie Mill and Freuchie Burn to be considered for a flood risk and scoping study subject to prioritisation with other areas in Fife. The Action Group questions this as having had no consultation and disagrees that this is the best way to spend £35K. Agreed to write jointly with the flood group expressing dissatisfaction with Mr Moodie's letter.

Footpath from Green Tree Brae to Dykeside. The Freuchie Flood Action Group were disappointed that they had not received the same letter as sent to the Community Council from Fife Council as they had made representations directly to the Council for the existing right of way to be extinguished. This letter reported that an engineer from Transportation Dept had inspected the bridge at Greentree Brae and stated that "in the interests of public safety and to protect the position of the Council, the bridge should be removed without delay. This will be a temporary measure until such a time as a suitable replacement can be designed and funded." Scotways' view is that while they would wish the right of way to remain, they recognise the importance of protecting the public and support the removal of the bridge as a temporary measure pending the development of a replacement. The report recommending the removal of the bridge at the earliest opportunity and the resulting gap in the wall be secured in such a way as will temporarily prevent future flooding of Greentree Brae properties will go before the NE Area Committee 10.12.08.

The Community Council voiced doubts about this report and requested details of the cost of a flood proof barrier compared with a new bridge and what arrangements would be put in place for the other side of the bridge. Secretary to write for details on these issues.

Funding for environmental improvements. As above; Lumsden Memorial Hall booked for a public meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>. December where outline of sub committee's deliberations will be put to the villagers.

**Next Meeting 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in the Lumsden Memorial Hall, Freuchie**