

# CLEISH AND BLAIRADAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER

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Well the CC Newsletter is coming to an end. We are going to move online and there are multiple ways to follow the goings on of the CC and other items of note your local area. We will still be on <http://cleishandblairadam.org.uk> All the minutes of the CC will also be published on Facebook and will be printed and put on the community notice boards. Should you wish to have a printed copy please get in touch and we shall endeavour to oblige but the electronic versions will always be published first. Should you wish to receive notifications as new information is published this can be done on the website. We will also offer a direct email option which will be on the website soon.

In the final issue of a publication it is customary to print the selected highlights of many years of riveting scoops relating to the goings on in the community. However having reviewed all the previous newsletters I was amazingly unable to exclude anything. It therefore seemed an unreasonable ask to have something the size and weight of the Encyclopaedia Britannica printed and delivered to each household as a memento, especially, as for most, it would be merely a duplicate set of newsletters that you have already had leather bound as a treasured heirloom. So all that's left to say is, thank you for reading these introductory ramblings and for those who didn't... too late.

## DRAFT MINUTES OF CC MEETING, 1ST OCTOBER 2018 AT CLEISH VILLAGE HALL, 7.30PM

The meeting was attended by  
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and 7 members of the Community

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## MATTERS ARISING

All covered later in the Agenda. The previous minutes were accepted and signed.

## CRIME PREVENTION

PC Ashley Mitchinson (AM) reported as follows:

- Ongoing issue with speeding at Blairforge – Police are currently stretched for resource but plan to address the issue in due course.
- Reports of unmarked white van acting suspiciously – AM asked for members of the public to be vigilant and report any further sightings, together with registration number to Police.
- Various crimes recently – farm theft, van burglary, Fossoy store burglary and stones being thrown on to the Motorway. There were 19 traffic incidents also. AM encouraged extra vigilance and use of 101.
- Members of the community also raised issues of bike racing on the B996 and speeding on Benarty Road.

In relation to speeding CP advised the residential area at Lochrin is due to be reduced to a 40 MPH limit shortly.

## CORRESPONDENCE

FG raised email correspondence received from CP re realignment of CC boundaries. The outcome is that CP advised the proposed boundary changes have now been agreed and PKC records will be updated shortly

## FINANCE

FG noted that MT had advised funds of £543.71 were presently held.

## NEWSLETTER AND FUTURE CC MEETINGS

There was lengthy discussion regarding newsletter distribution and it was agreed to move from paper to digital in line with other CCs. Minutes will be posted to social media and the website, although if any members of the community raised a specific request for email or printed copy then that would be accommodated where possible.

It was also agreed that minutes should be published in the Kinross Newsletter publication (paid for version).

There will be one last paper version that will outline the go forward arrangements.

It was agreed CC meetings would continue via Zoom short term and be reassessed as the CV19 risk receded

## BROADBAND UPDATE

Following PA's approach to the local Openreach manager cabling that had fallen from its site and straddled the field entrance between Keltbridge and Maryburgh has now been relocated and made secure.

It was noted that Morrisons Data are currently surveying the Cleish area on behalf of Openreach in anticipation of R100 rollout (expected Spring 2022). Details on village noticeboard.

CP advised last 13 properties in the Cleish Exchange currently excluded from R100 would be covered by the survey

## PLANNING

FW led discussion as follows:

- Erection of a dwelling house in principle 90m South of Hillview, Blairadam – to be reviewed at Local Review Board.
- Alterations at 1 Blairfordel Steading – to be reviewed at Local Review Board.
- Cleish House alterations (listed building) – revised proposal approved.
- Erection of Folly and track creation at Inneans, Cleish Hill – there were a number of local objections and the application was refused. The Planning Officer however gave guidance on points to be addressed for a future application, which is expected.
- Beatha Cottage, Maryburgh alterations to dwelling house in retrospect – approved.
- 2 Middleton Park alterations and extension – approved.
- Hollow Cottage, Kinross (40m West) dwelling house erection – approved in principle.
- Gordon Bungalow, Benarty Road, erection of dwelling house – refused. Pre planning request and amended proposal has subsequently been submitted.
- Land 120m NE of No2 Blairfordel Farm Cottage, Benarty Road, Kelty – change of use from agricultural to equestrian business, dog exercise area, car parking and temporary residential accommodation. Numerous objections were heard from members of the community, citing issues such as visual impact, policy conformity, access restrictions, precursor to housing development, together with significant noise and light pollution.

WR advised each objector to ensure they formally raised objection with PKC as >6 objections would trigger referral to Development Management Committee (closing date is 21/6). The Coal Board has also apparently objected due to potential gas leakage. CC agreed to object, albeit this only counts as one entry.

Concern was raised, albeit various members of the community had different experiences, with regard to timeliness of responses from PKC planning department. WR suggested the issues might be CV19 related but advised the route to complain would be via the Head of Development Management (Christian Smith). WR also offered to be conduit to a complaint.

Unauthorised development at Blairforge – enforcement notices have been issued, with a requirement for site clearance (containers and caravans) by end May. No further update was available

## VILLAGE UPDATE – BLAIRADAM

PA provided an update in advance to FG.

The Blairfordel finger post at the south side of Maryburgh had fallen off and thanks to a local resident has now been repaired and replaced.

A local resident approached PKC regarding litter/pallets/waste on the B996. PK Councillor Callum Purves has actioned this as a result.

PA represented CABCC at the Kinrosshire transport group on 27<sup>th</sup> May. There was nothing affecting our council to report although attention was drawn to a new charity KMGO (Kinrosshire Move Greener) whose commitment is to reduce the environmental impact of daily travel, promote health and well-being and generate local economic activity. PA would urge community councillors and

residents to visit the website at [www.movegreener.org](http://www.movegreener.org). They can be contacted at [admin@movegreener.org](mailto:admin@movegreener.org).

A member of the community enquired about speed bumps for Benarty Road and there was further discussion on speeding, ownership of the road, whether it is adopted or not and also the issues caused by straddling Fife / PK Council boundaries. CP to visit site in the first instance

Flooding was observed (just after Middleton House) on May 24<sup>th</sup> and it appears storm drains are not working effectively. WR agreed to ask for a survey and will contact the roads superintendent

## VILLAGE UPDATE – CLEISH

FW raised frequency of grass cutting in the village (can be 3/4 week intervals). WR advised staff issues are most likely due to reallocation of responsibilities during CV19 and if we are patient then service will soon resume as normal. WR will take it up if this is not the case.

FW noted a culvert on the roadside opposite Cleish House is collapsing gradually and will eventually cause flooding in the village if not remediated. WR will raise with PKC to see what can be done.

FG noted a successful Litter Pick last weekend and expressed thanks to all involved

CP advised a School presentation to the parent council has been made. Further presentation to PKC with potential options is scheduled for November 2021, dependent on availability of a feasibility study. In any event it will be 3 to 4 years before any major works can be undertaken. Options are being explored in the interim to improve conditions and suitability.

CP has followed up on the traffic calming issues raised at the last CC meeting in the Boreland area. The suggestion can be summarised as a nameplate and further 40 MPH signs. CP has written to CM on the issue, who will revert after seeking local feedback

## AOCB

Best Kept Hamlet to be judged last week in July.

FG noted the Kinross Fund has cash available to fund qualifying community projects if there is any local requirement.

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**The date of next meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (again using Zoom online meeting facility)**

**Our thanks and gratitude go to all the selfless volunteers who have helped to create, print and, most of all, distribute the CC Newsletter over so many years.**

**Thank you for a job very well done.**