***MEARNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL***

Note of Meeting 26th June 2023

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| **Item** |  | **Action**  |
| 1.. | In attendance: J Stuart (Chairperson); C Medlock; S Brown (Sec); J Anderson; D Stewart; J Lovell; A MacDonald; A Shiach; A Lawson; K Todd; A Buchan  Ex Officio: Cllr CarnieVisitors: W Buchan; K Williams; D Dale Apologies: C Rushbridge; R Salvan; P Green; Cllrs Carr and Evison  |  |
| 2 | Approval of minute of May 2023– Proposed C Medlock; Seconded A Lawson |  |
| 3 | Declarations of Interest – None  |  |
| 4 | Matters Arising: - None |  |
| 5 | Police 1. Police reports circulated as received.
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| 6 | Correspondence – circulated as received. |  |
| 7 | Settlements 1. Auchenblae:
2. Request that the voting record at CC meetings be recorded in the minute by name, rather than purely by number.
3. Auchenblae Parks Committee thank the CC for their donation of a trophy.
4. West Cairnbeg: See under Waste Services
5. Edzell Woods: No Report
6. Fettercairn: See under Roads.
7. Fordoun: No Report
8. Glenbervie:
9. Repairs noted in the minute of the May meeting are not considered adequate and further work is needed to ensure the structure is safe and no more masonry falls onto the street.
10. Laurencekirk: See under Roads
11. Luthermuir: See under Roads
12. Marykirk: See under Roads
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| 8 | Roads Issues1. Road Closure Notices sent out as received.
2. Auchenblae still requires potholes to be filled. Some temporary repair work has been done on the Drumsleed road this will not last more than a couple of months.
3. The B974 between Laurencekirk and Fettercairn requires surface dressing.
4. Members seek a timetable for work on the High Street in Laurencekirk. The yellow markings are fading.
5. Luthermuir – a cone covering a hole in the road at Newbigging cottages has been there for about 1 year. When will a repair be carried out?
6. Marykirk – Residents on the stretch between the current 30mph sign and the railway bridge report speeding and as children must walk along the road without a footpath an extension to the 30mph (20 preferable) would be appreciated.
7. Kerbing at Laurencekirk cemetery which was damaged by landscape services some time ago has not been repaired.
8. Signs indication that the snow gates were closed following the lorry fire on the Cairn O’ Mount Road were still in place some 5 days after the fire. This caused confusion to tourists and local alike.
9. Request for a meeting with appropriate officers to discuss proposals to relieve traffic on Laurencekirk High Street. Once the flyover is in place it is likely to mean more HGV’s using the High Street. One suggestion might be for HGV’s to use the north junction then Station Road and Market Road. Deliveries to shops could be done earlier in the morning leaving the street clear of lorries by 8.00am.
10. Re the issues with the A90 junctions, Transport Scotland has failed to take any action. A MacD to prioritise dangerous junctions in the hope that they might be addressed more rapidly. SB to contact Tess White and Mairi Gougeon asking them to chase Transport Scotland and Amey.

  | **AM/SB** |
| 9 | Planning1. Weekly planning lists circulated as received.
2. It is noted that SSE has advised incorrectly that CC’s had been invited to meetings. Neither Mearns nor Inveresk received invitations or information.
3. JS, JA, and CM have approx. one hundred objections to the pylon proposal from people who do not have computer access. These to be handed in to Farm to Table who are collecting objections and keeping count of numbers sent.
4. KT to advise of precise location of the proposed met mast at Fasque.
5. There is still much concern about building in Laurencekirk and the Mearns being constrained due to slow progress at Chapelton.
 | **JS****JA****CM****KT** |
| 10 | Landscape Services1. Marykirk Cemetery, trees need cut back as the shadow is causing moss to grow on gravestones. The farmer has cut them on his side but still an issue on the cemetery side.
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| 11 | Waste services1. An ongoing survey re the booking system at Laurencekirk shows 94% support for removal of the booking system. Many respondents advise they use Angus rather than book.
2. Suggestion that the blue and orange bins be swapped as most people have more mixed recycling than paper/cardboard. This a particular comment from West Cairnbeg.
3. Question as to why farms in the area have all three bins emptied at the same time on a 3-weekly cycle with all being emptied into the same lorry? How does this encourage recycling?
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| 12 | Treasurers Report:1. Balance in account is £ 8790.69.
2. Proposal that the secretary be given an honorarium of £350.00 was agreed unanimously.
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| 13 | AOCB1. Presentation of thank you certificates were made to Ken Williams (15 years), Janette Anderson and Jim Stuart (both almost 40 years).
2. Noticeboard at Cairn O’ Mount – members agreed to take on refurbishment of the board as it is currently illegible. AS agreed, to take the lead on this project. SB has contacted the Rotary seeking a copy of the artwork to use as a starting point.
 | **AS** |
|  | DONM – Monday 28th August 2023 at Mearns Community Campus. Room TBA.  |  |