

Minutes of Newport, Wormit and Forgan Community Council		
Held in Blyth Hall on Monday 22nd June 2026		
		Action
1.	Attendees and Apologies: Andy Gillies AG (Chair), Stephen Rottger SR (Vice Chair), Caroline Penny CP (Treasurer), Rick Dunkerley RD, Kate Legg KL, Renee Hepburn RH, John Colvin JC, Trudy Cunningham TC, Frances Durward FD. Apologies: Ian Wilson IW, Liz Coote, LC, Cynthia Robb CR	
	In attendance: Cllr Jonny Tepp, Cllr Louise Kennedy-Dalby	
	Visitors: Chair welcomed two visitors Vanessa Webb and Debbie McCartney. He encouraged visitors and any others considering taking up membership of the CC to come to these meetings.	
2.	Introductory remarks: AG thanked outgoing Chair, Rick, for his energy and valiant work on several matters, most specifically road safety matters around Newport PS and Forgan Roundabout	
3	Police Report: There would be no more monthly reports as they are moving to quarterly updates, next one due end of September.	
4.	Approval of previous minutes of 22nd June. Approved by SR, Seconded by CP	
5.	Matters arising from previous minutes: Newport Primary School safety update. There was a discussion about the poor response from Fife Council after having visited the site almost a year ago. We will continue to monitor matters closely Website. IW could not be present. He is continuing to update the site. His work in this is very much appreciated. AED update. AG gave an update on the statistics around AED use. He also highlighted the plan for another three in the village and spoke about funding. He asked the view of the CC about this. There was support from the meeting to take the matter forward perhaps one at a time in the first instance. There was a majority agreement to this from the floor. LKD mentioned the Forum has plans to work together on this. AG will pursue funding Forgan Roundabout :LKD reported she was pursuing this matter regarding the overhanging vegetation at the north bound bus stop. RD stated he wanted to see if the final plan from the council was satisfactory for the community and if not to lobby locally for opinions. Nature Trail update. Work has been completed within the planned timetable. JT and Fife Council representative walked along path and noted that the handrail has been altered. There has been no update on the barrier. LKD filmed the slope gradient as she had difficulty in using her wheelchair to get up the slope. JT continues to seek traction regarding improvement of the gradient.	RD IW AG RD
6.	Topical Issues:	
	Festival Group update. AG recorded appreciation of CC members, CP and LC for their work with the Festival Committee. CP reported they had had to cancel the Blyth Hall	

	event due to poor uptake; However, the Festival day was deemed a great success with over £1K raised by the raffle alone. The Festival Committee has experienced difficulty organising the bank account due to the hoops they had to negotiate. The Festival committee continues to meet and will focus on fund-raising initially. Parking on West Road. JT to arrange a meeting to nail down the actual location of the lines in question. Victoria Park - Wild Flowers and grass cutting. A recent meeting on site with Fife Council (FC) to address the state of the flat area. The wildflower initiative has been unsuccessful. FC agreed to have the area cut. The issue of wildflower seeding remains under consideration.	
7	Appointment of new Community Council members Cynthia Robb and Frances Durward have agreed to be co-opted as CC members. AG proposed both and RD seconded both. They were duly elected as CC members. AG raised the matter of a CC member who had failed to attend a number of meetings after several prompts which gained promises of his attendance. A vote was held to remove this member from the Community Council. The vote resulted in 5 out of 7 members agreeing to his removal.	
8	Councillors Reports: LKD reported that Community Councils will have to pay bank charges. However, there is a move to re-examine Community Council arrangements. JT had nothing more to report.	
9.	Planning Matters:	
	The chair stated he was not aware of any new significant applications. AG mentioned the Braeside Road application had been amended, and drawings assert ownership of Braeside Road, which is understood to be incorrect. Visitor 2 raised the issue of the safety of the old Post Office. The CC echoes this concern and remains vigilant regarding the intentions of the developer as with the former Netherlea Hospital site	
10	Secretary's Report and Correspondence no report submitted.	
11	Treasurer's Report The current balance stands at £7143.63, including £3234.72 held on behalf of the Festival Committee.	
12	Any Other Competent Business Visitor Vanessa Webb encouraged members to watch the film "Peoples emergency briefing". CP asked LKD if she had heard anything more about the Councils official position regarding the street lighting poles and the threat that some may be unsuitable for Festive Lighting. LKD had not heard anything more at this time. Visitor Debbie McCartney, asked about land ownership as she had a problem with overhanging vegetation. JT explained this was a problem he often encountered and it can be extremely difficult to ascertain land ownership when action is required. FD advised the Tay Road Bridge Board had been asked by the community to cut their foliage which they did.	

NEXT MEETING 24th August at 7.00pm

