Minutes of Newport, Wormit and Forgan Community Council

Held in Blyth Hall on Monday 24th August 2026

		Action
	Present: Andy Gillies AG (Chair), Liz Coote LC (Secretary), Caroline Penny CP (Treasurer), Stephen Rottger SR, (Vice Chair),Trudy Cunningham TC, John Colvin JC	
	In attendance: Cllr Jonny Tepp JT, Cllr Louise Kennedy-Dalby LKD	
1.	**Apologies:** Kate Legg, Rick Dunkerley, Ian Wilson, Renee Hepburn, Cynthia Robb	
2.	**Intro Remarks:** AG welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2026/27 season and especially new members Cynthia Robb and Frances Durward	
3.	**Visitors (if any):** Trevor Kay - North Fife Rotary. Trevor seeks to retain connection with the CC and other organisations. Rotary are keen to offer financial assistance to significant projects. He listed several supported. AG asked if the CC's desire to roll out AEDs would be considered. AG will meet with Trevor to discuss	AG
4.	**Approval of previous minutes -** 22nd June. Adoption proposed by JC and seconded by TC	
5.	**Matters arising from previous minutes:**	
	Newport Primary School Safety - AG commended the work of RD for his work regrading road safety at NPS. He has previously expressed dismay at the lack of action from Fife Council following the meeting on site with the Directors of Education and Place. The issues remain and the CC will continue to press for action. FD understands that the school has not reminded parents/carers re procedures for drop off and pickup. LKD will pursue	RD LKD
	Bus stop at Forgan Roundabout - Some improvements have happened. Vegetation compromises visibility of the north bound bus stop. Responsibility for this rests with the landowner. FC to be asked to resolve this. JT will pursue	JT
	Community Council website - IW has updated various details	
	AED update – FC request to Ccs to register interest in providing AEDs. However the CC will continue to pursue independently. A minimum of three in the first instance. JT intimated that Persimmon will provide and maintain two at Naughton Meadows/Kilmany Road. Also, the Wormit Masonic Lodge have funded a unit at Spar. C welcomed both these initiatives.	AG
	Nature trail – Phase 1 is complete. Discussion re compliance with specification and acceptable gradients ensued. However JT advised that Sustrans are keen to present proposed improvements to the Flass Rd ramp. AG agreed to join a Teams meeting to discuss. CC has written in support of Forgan Arts re application for grant for art works.	AG JT
6.	**Topical Issues:**	
	Road signage visibility – AG expressed frustration re the condition and visibility of road signs in and around the community. It was acknowledged that this was a national problem. JT advised that there were safety and resource issues involved.	

	20mph extension in Cupar Road and Kirk Road - This was approved approaching two years ago. NPS pupils prepared posters advising the new arrangements. Nothing has been done. JT suggested that the work was in programme. He will pursue	
	Seasonal vegetation trimming – Several instances of overgrowth. Sitelines are compromised. Responsibilities are often unclear. Indivduals are advised to utilise the complaints link on FC's website. Has re-wilding gone to far? Tayfield have responded to Cupar Road overgrowth.	
	Street lighting poles loadbearing - FC have confirmed that the Christmas lights can be installed this year. Any amendments will not arise until 2027 at earliest.	
	Festivals Committee update - Funding of the Christmas lights is secure for this year. The Committee is considering an alternative supplier/installer/maintenance for the future. The Kiltwalk sponsorship raised £500. LC and CP thanked for CP advised that the CC holds £3200 of Festival money. Awaits new bank account	
	Bus Services – AG proposes that the campaign to ensure a suitable bus provision between Dundee/Newport/StAndrews be resuscitated. Suggestions include layby provision for the 99 service on the A92 dual carriageway and/or bus diversions for some services through Newport/Wormit. FC and Amey to to be pressed again for action. JT will seek a meeting with both. JC asked to be included	AG JT
	Forgan Arts Centre - The recent Lughnasa Festival was deemed a great success	
7.	**Councillors Reports:**	
	Cllr Tepp - Debris at Gowrie Park has been cleared - understood to be by Community payback team. He has sought clarity re responsibility for overgrown Wellgate Park on West Road. Apparently the proliferation of brambles renders it unsuitable for utilising Community Payback Team!!!	
8.	**Planning Matters:**	
	Kirk Road Sauna was approved with conditions. The related lodge was rejected.	
9.	**Secretary's Report and Correspondence**	
10.	**Treasurer's Report**	
	NWFCC funds stand at £3648. This includes £3200 held for the Festivals Committee It is suggested that bank charges may soon be levied. CP to clarify. LKD will pursue	CP LKD
11.	**Any Other Competent Business** - FD advised that a cable (electrical?) is exposed near Blyth Hall flagpole - JT confirmed that West station board is being repaired by Community Payback - Remembrance Sunday will be on 8th Nov. Members are asked to assist on the day. AG will pursue sound system - Next TBHCCF meeting - Wed 17th September in Tayport	 AG AG/LC
12.	**Next Community Council meeting - Mon 28th September at 7.00pm**	