Meeting held in Christ's Kirk

At 7 pm on Thursday 8 January 2026

Present: Wilma Page; Jenny McElhinney; Margaret Scott; Stella Bury; Anne Simpson; Ruth Smith; Maggie Murray; Sayeda Ramzan (from 8.10 pm); Cllr Lynn Mowatt.

1. Apologies

1.1 Ron Page; Cllr Jan Wincott; Cllr Peter Gulline.

2. Election of Office Bearers

2.1 Members noted Ron Page's resignation as Chair of North Glenrothes Community Council.

2.2 At this point Cllr Lynn Mowatt took the Chair for the election of office bearers.

2.3 Maggie Murray reminded members that she had taken on the Treasurer-ship only until 31 March 2026.

2.4 Election of Chairperson

2.4.1 Jenny McElhinney proposed Margaret Scott; seconded by Maggie Murray.

2.4.1 Margaret Scott was elected unanimously.

2.5 Election of Vice Chairperson

2.5.1 Maggie proposed Jenny McElhinney; seconded by Anne Simpson.

2.5.2 Jenny McElhinney was elected unanimously.

2.6 At this point Cllr Lynn Mowatt vacated the chair and Margaret Scott took over chairing of the meeting.

3. Minute of Last Meeting

3.1 Approved as an accurate record of business transacted.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Crossing on Peploe Drive

4.1.1 The originally stated problem was to allow children to walk safely to school using the walkway on Pitcairn Avenue.

4.1.2 The positioning of this crossing had mistakenly been given as at the shops at Peploe Drive; however, it is apparently going to be at the other end of Peploe Drive for access to the park area there.

4.1.3 With the crossing sited at the lower end of Peploe Drive children would have to walk down Tanna Drive, cross Pitcairn Avenue and walk the full length of Peploe Drive to access the walkway on Pitcairn Avenue.

4.1.4 The Council response was that there is an island in the middle of the road at the shops so only one line of traffic has to be crossed at a time and the traffic will be slowing down on approach to the roundabout. Both these facts are also true of the proposed crossing site.

4.1.5 Jenny McElhinney stated that the children use the play area by Collydean School in preference to the one near where the new crossing is proposed.

4.1.6 Cllr Mowatt **agreed** to investigate the siting of the crossing.

4.2 Play Area at Cardean Way

4.2.1 It was **agreed** that an update on plans for the play area at Cardean Way should be sought. Cllr Lynn Mowatt will forward information.

Action: Cllr Lynn Mowatt

4.3 Belisha Beacons

4.3.1 The Belisha Beacon at Cadham shops has been fixed, however now the beacon at Gilvenbank Park is not working.

4.4 Membership Status of North Glenrothes Community Council

4.4.1 It was noted that Christi Hardaker would not be able to serve as a Co-opted Community Councillor, as she does not reside within the NGCC area. It was unanimously **agreed** that given her local knowledge, she would be appointed as an Associate Member of NGCC.

4.5 Signage at the Entrance to Riverside Park

4.5.1 Since the entrances to Riverside Park are outwith the boundary of NGCC, it was **agreed** that Friends of Riverside Park should be contacted to advise that there was local opinion that there should be signs at the entrances of Riverside Park.

Action: Maggie Murray

5. Implication of Resignations from NGCC

5.1 It was noted that with the resignation of Alan McIntee, NGCC now had the minimum number of Community Councillors required.

5.2 It was **agreed** that recruitment of Community Councillors would be discussed at next month's meeting.

6. Application to Fife Council for Boundary Change

6.1 The procedure for applying to Fife Council for a boundary change as outlined in paragraph 4 in the revised Scheme of Establishment which is to be adopted on 19 January 2026 was noted.

6.2 It was **agreed** that the Secretary would prepare a draft letter of application to change the NGCC boundary to:

- have the south boundary being the route of the B911 from the B969 at the Leslie roundabout in the west to Preston roundabout at the A 92 in the east and
- the east boundary which follows the A 92 to be extended south to Preston roundabout to meet the B 911.

Action: Maggie Murray

7. Update on Pitcairn Strip

7.1 There has been no meeting of the Pitcairn Strip working group since the last meeting.

7.2 Margaret Scott reported that the ground for the orchard appears to have been ploughed.

7.3 The noise from the off-road bikes has reduced, however the football pitches at Gilvenbank have been churned up.

8. Housing Development on Former Tullis Russell Site

8.1 Consideration was given to progress on former Tullis Russell site. It was **agreed** that Fife Council's Planning Service should be contacted for an update on progress in developing the site.

8.2 It was also **agreed** that Advance Construction should be contacted to see if a representative could attend a meeting of NGCC to answer questions on the site's development.

Action: Maggie Murray

9. Rent Increases for Properties in Cadham Centre

9.1 Sayeda Ramzan advised that Esar Retail Investment had made a considerable increase in the charges to businesses renting shops in Cadham Centre. It appears to be due to major project works to cover the whole centre, including replacement of the roof.

9.2 The increases are such that it is likely that some of the businesses will close at the end of their leases. This will have a considerable impact on the local community.

9.3 It was **agreed** that a letter to Esar Retail Investment NGCC should be sent expressing NGCC's and the local community's concern. Maggie Murray to circulate a draft for comment.

Action: Maggie Murray

10. Fife Visitor Levy

10.1 Fife Council's consultation on a Visitors' Levy was noticed. It was **agreed** that Community Councillors should respond individually to the online questionnaire, as that would mean 10 responses rather than just one.

Action: All

11. Treasurer's Report

11.1 Maggie Murray advised that despite several calls to Patterson Boyd, and assurances that she would receive a return call, she was still to have a conversation regarding auditing of the 2023-2024 accounts. Until this was done, she could not go forward with preparing the 2024 -2025 accounts.

11.2 It was **agreed** that another accountant should be sought. Stella Bury stated that she knew an accountant and would approach him to ask if he would be willing to undertake the audit.

Action: Stella Bury

12. Signatories for Bank Account

12.1 It was **agreed** that the Chair and Treasurer and Ian Sankey would be signatories and if a fourth signatory could be added, Jenny McElhinney was be the fourth.

13. AOCB

13.1 Concern was expressed at the fact there is no only one fire engine at Cadham Fife Station.

13.2 It was **agreed** that a representative of RWE should be invited to a future NGCC meeting to give an update on the work of the Biomass Plant.

14. Date of Next Meeting

14.1 It was **agreed** that meetings would be held in Christ's Kirk at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, rather than Thursday, with forthcoming dates as follows:

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Tuesday 10 March 2026

Tuesday 14 April 2026

Tuesday 12 May 2026

Tuesday 9 June 2026