

**Monimail Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting, 14<sup>h</sup> April 2008**

1. **Present :** A. Arbuckle; C. Bache; D. Dallas; W. Fenton; B. Forrest; J. Gordon; H. Grant;  
M. Grossert; D. Hamilton; L. Harvie; C. Jones; P. Laidlaw; G. Mossman;  
N. Mossman; G. Smith; N. Stoddart; J. Vaughan.  
C. Gilbert (Fife Council)
2. **Apologies :** A. MacGilchrist; T. Nesbit; D. Smiles
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting :** minutes of the meeting were accepted
4. **Matters Arising**
  - **Letham Toll : BEAR Scotland :** There has been no correspondence however more red road markings making the junction more prominent have appeared. Question was raised about whether this had done any good as within the last few days a Motorcycle had been involved in a collision just outside Ballantager Cottages after “speeding” round the bend.  
It is certainly more noticeable that there is a junction there but overtaking is still happening through the junction on a regular basis. Along with the speed of the traffic, this is one factor that needs focus.  
As there is very little chance of getting electronic “speed indicators” at this junction, we need to contact BEAR pointing out that the speed and overtaking is still an issue now we have the red lines.  
Another major issue for exiting the village is the parking of vehicles at the front of the cottages on the Main Road – this also needs addressed.
  - **Bow of Fife Speed :** no update
  - **Twinning :** no update
  - **Whinney Park :** no update regarding the previous visit to see the problem. Colin Gilbert will chase up with Transportation
  - **Monimail Cemetery :** an instruction was issued for repair and painting to be carried out but this obviously hasn’t been done yet. Other repairs will need carrying out along the fence – Colin Gilbert to try and obtain a timescale for this
5. **Treasurer’s Report :** The account balance stands at just under £730  
A cheque has been received from Jimmy Stewart’s family for the memorial seat
6. **Planning :**
  - **Bakehouse :**  
Has been passed  
Plans have been submitted for the plot of land just behind the Bakehouse – plans were available for anyone present to look at
7. **Village Hall Report :**  
New Notice Board is now on site. Hall is currently without a cleaner however the Committee are hopeful that this will be remedied within the next few weeks
8. **The Secret Garden :**  
Currently looking at being set up and running as a Nursery from the beginning of September.  
Just about to start looking at funding for pre-school education  
Currently in discussions and working with David Stewart regarding the use of part of the field above the water reservoir. Abercorn Estates are happy for a 5-year lease to be drawn up.  
**Playpark** – have had a meeting Colin Gilbert and others from Fife Council for use of the park by The Secret Garden and others. Proposal is for Secret Garden to have some sort of outdoor classroom / shelter built along with a new play area for kids u-5’s and possible “keep fit” area. This would all require Community Involvement (school / toddlers / teenagers) and there will be a meeting in the Hall to discuss possible options. The whole project down in the park needs to be Community led for all ages  
The Council have agreed an amount of Financial Support and the plan is to tap into other funding sources.  
A number of questions were raised along with concerns over park use when the Secret Graden were in there (only likely to be first thing in the morning and late afternoon)  
Concerns about the Football Goals – “The Football Pitch will stay”
9. **Community Woodland :** There was a meeting yesterday (13/04) in the woods and there is now a “Constituted Group” been formed.  
Currently looking at “Awards For All” grants to help finance a Feasibility Study with the idea that the whole area will benefit the Community

Really in the early stages of the process and this will also eventually require Community Consultation.

Concerns were raised over the ongoing care and maintenance of a woodland area. It was pointed out that Grants may be available to help maintain paths/fences etc

Once the Feasibility Study has been completed the plan would be to bring forward for Community Consultation for everyone to make their views known and to ask questions/raise concerns.

The hope is that the Woodland will help to induce Community Spirit.

**10. Best Kept Village :**

Grant awarded and Pansies have been bought for planting up. Watering Volunteers are still required for the various beds/tubs primarily around the Hall but also elsewhere in the village. Automatic Irrigation was suggested or an outdoor tap (concerns raised before about tap being “deliberately” left on!

**11. Questions :**

**Phone Box** – we should be receiving a Consultation Notice regarding proposed removal of the phone box from the bottom of School Brae. The feeling from the floor was that we would not want it removed – the shell at the very least should be retained as it is part of the Village!

**Neighbourhood Watch** – number of stickers around the village from previous scheme – apparently schemes still exist

Police Information / Community Liaison – monthly report is obtained. Rarely anything of concern for this area however a copy will be brought to future meetings

**12. Any Other Business**

**Bow of Fife Conservation Area -**

A comment has been received about Bow of Fife being “sneakily” given Conservation Area status. It was pointed out that throughout the whole consultation process a number of years ago, all residents of Bow of Fife given copies of any correspondence the CC had received. Minutes of meetings from around the time will be obtained to confirm

**Transition Group : Peak Oil -**

A couple of films regarding the future problems with oil stocks and the implications this will have for us all are to be show in the area over the next month or so :

“A Crude Awakening”	Letham Hall	20/05/08
	Giffordtown Hall	26/05/08
“The Power of Community”	Collessie Hall	03/06/08

Posters will be posted regarding theses screenings

**13. Date of Next Meeting :** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008, Letham Village Hall, 7.30pm

## WHAT'S ON JUNE 2008 ISSUE

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# LETHAM VILLAGE HALL

**Annual General Meeting  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008  
7.30pm**

**It's YOUR Hall so come along and let us know your views**

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**FLOWER SHOW**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2pm-4pm  
Village Hall  
Letham**

Schedules now available from : Geoff McDonald (810250)

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**BEST KEPT VILLAGE TIME-TABLE**

**PRELIMINARY JUDGING      w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

**AREA JUDGING                w/c 7<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**FINAL JUDGING                w/c 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**