

**Minutes for the meeting of Kelloe Parish Council held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Phoenix Centre**

- 25.71 **Present** Leanne Griffiths, Julie Davis, Joy Richardson and Brenda Turnbull.
- 25.72 **In Attendance** Cllr Kyle Genner and Stephen White (Parish Clerk)
- 25.73 **Apologies for Absence** – Selina Kirk and Gary Hutchinson.
- 25.74 **To receive declarations of interest** – None.
- 25.75 **Opportunity for Matters Raised by Members of the Public before the meeting.** A member of the public asked some questions about various issues in the Parish area.
- 25.76 **Minutes** of the Council Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November – Agreed and signed.
- 25.77 **Matters arising** – The musician who played the Last Post kindly donated her fee to the British Legion.
- 25.78 **County Councillors Report** – Update on the speed humps. The Council approved the latest plans and requested that any money spare to be put towards the other traffic calming measures we wanted to see implemented in the village. The clerk to write to Scott Wallace at the County Council.
- 25.79 **Finance and Responsible Financial Officer update** –
- 25.80 Accounts update for 2025/26 circulated. All the bank statements were signed.
- 25.81 Steve reported that an element of the annual payment with the precept, Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) which was already being phased out was going to be cut for this year. In addition the Council had now paid off the loan to the County Council in full following the receipt of the income from the Confiscation Order. The auditor had pointed out in last years report that the Council now had too high a precept. It was therefore agreed that given the cutting of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme this would reduce the overall payment enough so there would be no change on the precept for 2026/27 Financial Year.
- 25.82 Donations agreed £100 to St Helen’s Church for help with a handrail, £200 to Kelloe School, Kelloe Phoenix Centre £150, Friends of Kelloe School £100 and £1000 towards an Adventure Playground.
- 25.83 It was agreed that the laptop bought by the previous clerk which had hardly been used and had been upgraded to Windows 11 could be used by the Chair. It could provide all the requirements needed. The laptop would have Microsoft Office installed and a new power cable was needed.
- 25.84 Christmas tree to go up on 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- 25.85 Delay in installation of the sensory boards for the playpark - Steve confirmed that a new set of posts were needed for the boards which had been purchased. They were in a queue to be installed.
- 25.86 Steve confirmed he had written an email about the birch tree in the Cemetery.
- 25.87 **Updates A.** Julie reported on the new Parish Notice Board. She is getting quotes.
- 25.88 **B. Allotments** – Discussion about the fences for the allotment. The Council had a responsibility to provide a fencing for part of the Allotments. The standard of fence (four rail) with a height of at least 4ft 6inches was lower than the fence currently in place. The fence covered was on the north and east side of the allotments, not the other two south and west side.

25.89 **C. Cemetery** – The Council was very happy with the work done on the Cemetery Gates.  
There was a discussion about a tree on the church side that might be unsettling the cemetery wall. This would need a church faculty.

25.90 **D. Remembrance Sunday.** £228 received for the wreaths paid into the bank.

25.91 **E. Parish Christmas Tree.** Christmas tree to go up on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

25.92 **Issues:** Social Media Policy and website discussed.

25.93 **Issues:** Progress had been made on the new flagpole. Kyle had established what was needed and Steve had confirmed and been briefed. This will be implemented as quickly as possible with the issue about the insurance to be covered.

25.94 **Correspondence** – None

25.95 **Planning Applications** – None

25.96 **Any Other Business** – None

Stephen White

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