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**Dalgety Bay and Hillend  
Community Council**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 10th APRIL 2017 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

This meeting was not open to the public.

## 1 ATTENDANCE LIST APOLOGIES and DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

**Community Council** - J Wootton (Chairman), R Green (Secretary), S Iveson (Treasurer), K Leslie, J Hutchison, A Barratt, P Franklin

**Fife Councillors** - D Dempsey, A McGarry

**Apologies** – K Whitfield, Cllr L Laird

**Declarations of Interest** – None

## 2 POLICE REPORT

Report provided by PC J Bell as follows.

### POLICING PRIORITIES

Tackling violent crime and anti-social behaviour and improving road safety are some of the key priorities outlined in this period's policing plan.

- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
- Serious Organized Crime
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Protecting people at risk of harm
- Counter Terrorism

### CALLS AND CRIMES REPORTED

Between 13th March and 10th April 2017, a total of 100 calls were recorded by Police Scotland relating to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area. As always, a wide array of calls were recorded, including public nuisance, concern for person calls and road accidents.

During the same period, 7 Crime files were created. Crimes included:-

- 3 x assault
- 2 x shoplifting
- 1 x theft
- 1 x vandalism

### NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS

- 04/04/2017 – Moray Court, Dalgety Bay – vandalism to a Kia motor car. Some person smashed the glass roof panel on the vehicle by means unknown. Undetected, enquiries continue.
- 03/04/2017 – Ross Avenue, Dalgety Bay - Suspect did steal a solid steel hydraulic breaker approx 40-45kg which was directly in front of the excavator at locus by exact means unknown. Undetected, enquiries continue.

- 27/03/2017 – The Clubhouse, Harbour Drive - Suspect did assault 39 year old female by punching her to the left side of her face with his right fist. Male charged and reported to the PF.
- 01/04/2017 – outside Tesco, Regents Way - suspect did assault 15 year old male by punching and kicking him to the head and body to his slight injury. Male cautioned and charged and a report will be submitted to the PF.

#### INITIATIVES

- Community Speedwatch – vetting procedures being carried out for volunteers at present. Any volunteers from Dalgety Bay/Hillend?
- Operation Caber – Youth disorder operation around the local area to deter and prevent anti-social behaviour at the weekends. Please call in any youth problems on 101.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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**\*(not staffed 24/7)**

**\*\*if you require an officer to attend a meeting to discuss a specific issue please do not hesitate to contact us\*\***

#### REMINDER

Incidents can be reported anonymously on Crime stoppers by dialling 0800 555 111.

All notable crimes/incidents are publicised via Twitter, Facebook and the Police Scotland website.

Emergency number: 999

Non-emergency number: 101

Website: [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

Twitter: [@policescotland](https://twitter.com/policescotland)

Local Twitter: [@SWFifePolice](https://twitter.com/SWFifePolice)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/policescotland](https://www.facebook.com/policescotland)

### 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

The March 2017 meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Hutchison and seconded by K Leslie.

#### REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Secretary confirmed he had contact SEPA and requested more details on the discussions with MoD and land owners in addition to the report covering the on-going monitoring.

**Action : Complete**

Kirsty wrote an article for April's Diary requesting anyone interested in taking part in Christmas Lights Group to contact the secretary.

**Action : Complete**

Developing the on-going task of setting up an informal meeting of community groups, Shirley suggested arranging a drop-in session style of meeting where all community groups could attend,

display their activities and meet with other groups. It was agreed this should take place in September.

**Action : Treasurer**

Secretary has checked what shredding activity had been done in Bluebell Woods and reported that the brash left by recent felling had all been cleared. Thanks go to John McQueen for arranging that.

**Action : Complete**

Secretary has contacted Ex Jubilee committee chairman about the state of the jubilee plaque. To date he has not received a reply.

**Action : Complete**

Kirsty confirmed stalls at both DBSC open day and Gala are booked.

**Action : Complete**

## 4 CORRESPONDENCE and LOCAL ISSUES

### HILLEND FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS

The secretary reported that Mike Gourley, chairman of DBHS, has met with Hillend residents to discuss floral enhancements for the village as follows:

- wild flower planting between the Hillend village sign and the start of the village
- hanging baskets to five of the lamp posts at the beginning of the village
- potential of a beech hedge semi-circle at the bus turning circle

All the relevant permissions have been requested of and granted by Fife Council. Residents Mike spoke to are willing to maintain the hanging baskets and are up for getting something higher than a bronze in the Beautiful Fife competition.

To facilitate this Mike has requested that an application for a grant to the South West Fife Area Local Community Planning Budget is submitted in the CC's name. The secretary has checked that the insurance the CC has through the Fife Council Scheme will cover this and the work to be carried out by volunteers. Although the insurers are not imposing any policy conditions, it was recommended for good practice that risk assessments are completed and controls put in place to prevent an incident occurring e.g. regular recorded inspections of the hanging baskets and timely remedial action implemented to respond to any defects identified or reported, consent obtained from property owners, including local authority if hanging baskets are to be attached to buildings, street furniture or lighting columns.

It was agreed by all to allow the application to be processed in the CC's name.

## 5 AIRSPACE CHANGE PROGRAMME

The chairman and secretary reported on the Public Meeting that K Whitfield had arranged with the attendance of Edinburgh Airport representatives Gordon Robertson, Director of Communications ; Erik Geddes, Communications Manager ; Tony Kirkbright, from NATS ; Doug Meyerhoff, ATC Consultant.

It was a lively meeting with over 35 people filling the two halls. The four Edinburgh Airport representatives received quite a grilling and it was pointed out that it was difficult to make an informed response due to the lack of specific noise data. Gordon Robertson agreed to provide cumulative noise information for Dalgety Bay. That information was emailed to the Chairman. It is not any more than can be found in the Airspace Change Programme consultation document but the information is overlaid on Google Earth images and so it may appear easier to understand. As agreed at the meeting the secretary will make it available on the CC website.

It was agreed that Community Council will submit a response to the consultation based on the feedback received from residents. At the time of this meeting the feedback amounted to ten against and one neutral.

## 6 TWINNING

The chairman and secretary reported that they had attended the Twinning Association public meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Attendance was low and it was felt that more evidence of community commitment to the Twinning is required. The provisional September date for the reciprocal signing in Dalgety Bay was seen to be too ambitious by both Alastair Mutch Fife Council's Area Manager South West Fife, Community Provision Service and attendees from the CC. The chair will write to the TA voicing these concerns on behalf of the CC.

**Action : Chairman**

P Franklin gave CC members a brief history of the Twinning with Ocsa and other twinings with which he is involved.

## 7 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP

The secretary reported that so far one person has come forward as a result of the appeal in the April Diary. The treasurer is waiting to hear if there is any grant funding available from Fife Council. It was agreed to investigate if this would be eligible for the grants available from ASDA and Tesco.

**Action : Treasurer**

## 8 CONSULTATION ON FRACKING

Talking Fracking is a Scottish Government consultation running until 31 May 2017. The response to this takes the form of 10 questions. The secretary provided copies of the questions for CC members to consider before discussing the response it should make at the next meeting.

## 9 RBS BRANCH CLOSURE

Further to the announcement that the Dalgety Bay branch of RBS is to close in October, Cllr Laird had told the secretary that the local CEO, Jane Paxton, would like to work with the community to work out optimum times for a mobile bank to visit Dalgety Bay. She had asked to meet with some members of the CC to expand on this.

Cllr Laird was told that there is no possibility of the decision to close being reversed. The reason for the closure is due to the relatively low use in terms of transactions per week.

No CC member was willing to accept this invitation from RBS at this time. There is significant lobbying being conducted and the preference is to see the outcome of that before committing to meeting with RBS.

## 10 FINANCIAL

### SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

It was agreed by all that three requests for sponsorship from Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society, Dalgety Bay Bowling Club and Inverkeithing High School will be granted and paid from the residual funds from previous years' Participatory Budget grant.

### DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR 2016-17

The secretary received confirmation from W Allan that the CC accounts for 2016/7 have been submitted for examination and will be included in the annual report published for the AGM in June.

#### **BANK MANDATES**

The mandate for the new signatories had been completed by the secretary and was signed by the treasurer and chairman. The secretary will hand it into the bank. The two new office bearers will hand in their individual mandates to complete this.

#### **11 MEMBERSHIP**

The secretary reported that 4 people have shown an interest in joining the CC and he has provided them with information about what we do and how to get involved.

#### **12 AOB**

It has been pointed out to the secretary that in previous minutes, references to the investigation into the need for an additional bus stop may have been misleading.

For the sake of clarity the study was for one bus stop on Harbour Way adjacent to Peter Vardy showroom. As previously reported the subject is now with Stagecoach for its consideration.

#### **13 NEXT MEETING**

The May meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

These minutes were proposed to be a true record by S Iveson and this was seconded by A Barratt at the 8th May 2017 meeting of the Community Council.