
**Dalgety Bay and Hillend
Community Council**



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 14th AUGUST 2017 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

1 ATTENDANCE LIST APOLOGIES and DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

Community Council - J Wootton (Chairman), R Green (Secretary), S Iveson (Treasurer), J Hutchison, P Vincent, N Napier, A Napier, D Coleman, L Rennie, P Franklin, A Saunders, G Cochrane

Fife Councillors – D Dempsey, A McGarry

Apologies –A Barratt, Cllr D Barratt

Members of the Public - 3

Declarations of Interest – None

2 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was given by PC Bell.

POLICING PRIORITIES 2017/18

Improving road safety, tackling violent crime and protecting people at risk of harm are some of the priorities outlined in the Annual Police Plan for 2017/18. The Plan sets out priorities for Policing Scotland's communities for the 12 months ahead. The 6 priorities are:-

- Violence, Disorder and Anti-social Behaviour
- Serious Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
- Protecting People at Risk of Harm
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Acquisitive Crime (bogus workmen, fraud etc.)

CALLS AND CRIMES REPORTED

Between the 12th June (last meeting) and 14th August 2017, a total of 216 calls were recorded by Police Scotland for the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area. During the same period, a total of 35 crimes were recorded for the area. 10 of these crimes have been detected at the time of writing.

Breakdown of crimes:-

Threatening or abusive behaviour – 3 ; Vandalism – 9 ; Assault – 4 ; Classified crimes – 2 ; Drink driving – 1 ; Miscellaneous Motoring Offences – 4 ; Theft – 2 ; Theft by shoplifting – 1 ;

Wilful fireraising – 1 ; Miscellaneous crimes – 8

NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS

- Drink driving – Moray Way North - 04/08/17 : 67 year old male arrested for drink driving after being caught by officers 5 times over the legal limit.
- Youth disorder – Ridge Way – 02/08/17 : A small group of young boys were reported throwing stones and shouting abuse at a local business. A member of staff suffered a serious health scare in the wake of this incident. A crime file has been raised for this incident and a positive line of enquiry is being pursued.

- Graffiti “tag” vandalism – numerous locations and dates : The tag “TONE” has been marked on numerous locations around Dalgety Bay and beyond. Enquiries are ongoing.
- Counterfeit currency – Asda, Fulmar Way - 20/07/17 : An unknown male tendered 3 x counterfeit Clydesdale Bank £20 notes to obtain goods. Several similar incidents reported within the West Fife area.
- Large house party – Letham Rise – 06/07/17 : 17 calls to police were received regarding a large house party involving a large number of persons. One crime was recorded at the property in question.

INITIATIVES

- Anti-social behaviour and vehicle noise nuisance – Harbour Place : A domehawk has been deployed at Harbour Place in relation to regular complaints from local residents that vehicles are parking up at the seafront car parking and causing a general nuisance (music, loud engines, litter etc.). Community officers are now sending the registered keepers of these vehicles a warning letter by post to make them aware of the complaints. More robust action will be taken for repeat offenders.
- Youth disorder – community officers in the process of investigating several incidents involving youth disorder and are interviewing several youngsters regarding these incidents.
- National Drink and Drug Driving Campaign – ongoing.

CONTACT DETAILS

Inspector Ian Stephen	Ian.Stephen@scotland.pnn.police.uk *	01383 318911*
PS Gordon Hood	Kenneth.Bow@scotland.pnn.police.uk *	01383 318920*
PC Richard Duncan	Richard.Duncan@scotland.pnn.police.uk *	101
PC Jim Bell	James.Bell2@scotland.pnn.police.uk *	101

***(not staffed 24/7 and not for reporting crime)**

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

Local Twitter: @SWFifePolice

Facebook: www.facebook.com/policescotland

RESIDENT REPRESENTATION

Three Dalgety Bay residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the on-going anti-social behaviour in Dalgety Bay, referring to incidences of under-aged smoking and drinking at the new skate park. The police are taking action as per the report above but in order for more to happen residents must play their part by taking time to report all incidents no matter how trivial they may seem.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

The July 2017 meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Wootton and seconded by S Iveson.

REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The treasurer reported that she has held back on making any funding applications for festive lights until we hear if we are to be included in the Fife Council contract for festive lights for Inverkeithing and Rosyth.

Action On-going

ON LINE APPEALS – A Barratt agreed to draft wording for a ‘crowd funder’ type appeal.

Action On-going

The treasurer will contact Fife Council requesting an update on Dalgety Bay being considered for inclusion in the Fife Council contract. We have been told that a decision will be made at the end of August.

Action Closed

Festive Lights – investigation if the lights can be repaired and maintained by local businesses / electricians and the cost of alternative storage will also be investigated. Refer to Environment Subcommittee report in these minutes for further details.

Action Passed to ENV S/C

The secretary to request K Leslie to liaise with A Barratt to transfer the CC Facebook page to his account.

Action On-going

Secretary confirmed he had advised DBCWG that the CC has no objection to the siting of a memorial bench for the Dickson family at the heritage viewpoint seating area.

Action Closed

The subject of the discussion about transferring the 3 woodlands owned by the CC to a community land trust will be referred to the Environment Subcommittee at the next CC meeting. DBCWG chairman has written to the CC stating a desire to commence discussions on this subject.

Action On-going

Secretary confirmed he had asked DBCWG if they wrote to residents adjacent to the Heritage Viewpoint site informing them of the plans.

Action On-going

20MPH MEMBERS BILL CONSULTATION - Discussion of the invitation to sign up to this was deferred to the September meeting.

Action On-going

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS - Cllr Dempsey reported that there appeared to be a call for additional pedestrian crossings in the town. How this is investigated will be discussed at the next environment subcommittee meeting.

Action On-going

4 CORRESPONDENCE AND LOCAL ISSUES

FARMERS' MARKET

D Coleman suggested that the CC should have a stall at the Farmers' Market part of the DBHS Show if possible to present the CC and what it does to residents.

The chair agreed to investigate if there still a vacant slot.

Action Chair

The secretary will inform the insurers that the event is taking place on CC land but with no responsibility for any organising of the event.

Action Secretary

DIARY

The secretary reported that he and the Chair met with Scottish Print Services (PSS), the Diary producer, to discuss the Diary printing and delivery process. In order to give PSS a better chance of delivering the Diary as early as possible in the month, an agreement was reached to bring forward the deadline for receiving input to the Diary to the 10th of the month. Secretary to put an announcement to this effect in the September Diary.

AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSALS

The secretary reported that last month, Edinburgh Airport submitted its proposals to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for consideration. In brief whilst they have made some concessions with flights at certain times of day there will still be a massive increase in the number of flights in the vicinity of or over Dalgety Bay and Hillend at a time of day where it will likely cause disturbance to a great many residents. Any resident that would like to do more on this subject should write to the CAA and MP voicing any concerns. More about the proposals that were submitted and route usage can be found on Edinburgh Airport's website <http://www.letsstofurther.com/proposal>

Related to this, Edinburgh Airport has set up a Noise Management Board. It is a forum involving the airport, its neighbours and partners to ensure communities are involved, engaged and informed through open dialogue and clear data. Louise, who played a big part in raising awareness of the consultation and what it meant to Dalgety Bay and Hillend, has kindly agreed to represent the community at its meetings. The first one is scheduled for 7th September. So hopefully an update from that inaugural meeting will be available for the next CC meeting.

Still on Aircraft Noise - the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is currently running a survey for members of the public who are annoyed by aviation noise to tell the CAA which issues they feel should be prioritised when it comes to acting to reduce noise. The CAA are keen to understand what communities think they should be doing as they develop their work programme. The survey can be accessed at <https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/aviation-noise-impacts> It is open for a few months.

CORRESPONDENCE

The secretary received the following questions from a Dalgety Bay resident.

1 – Pointing out that the 28 March 2018 will mark the 20th anniversary of the opening of Dalgety Bay railway halt he asked if there are any intentions of commemorating this anniversary.

This was discussed and the consensus was that the 25th anniversary would be considered.

2 – Are there any plans for the upkeep of the Donibee sculpture at the halt because it is looking the worse for wear?

The secretary has investigated this and a straightforward cleaning of the deposit on the plaque is all that is necessary initially. This will be carried as soon as possible.

Further maintenance of the overall sculpture will require investigation.

Action : Secretary

3 – What maintenance provision is there for the number of benches that he assumes are the responsibility of the CC?

As there is no record of this, the secretary will investigate this and any resultant liability on the CC.

Action : Secretary

4 – Is there any further information about the proposal for the additional bus stop on Harbour Way?

It was recorded in the March minutes of DB&HCC that the response from Stagecoach was that they will include the request in their process of reviewing the feedback from the Rosyth open day they held in February. The CC has not heard anything further from them on this matter.

TOWN CENTRE ENHANCMENT

The chair and secretary met with Kieran Fagan, owner of Louie Browns, to discuss proposals in general for using the CC owned land for festive decorations. This is on-going and will be discussed further when the CC knows Fife Council's decisions about festive lights.

5 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The subcommittee met on 10th August to discuss various options open to the CC regarding the Festive Lights that it owns. They have been collected from storage to avoid further charges and they are now stored locally on a very temporary basis. The first task is to investigate if the lights can be repaired and maintained by local businesses/electricians. The cost of alternative storage will also be investigated and the CC has a request on this issue asking if anyone can provide such storage, preferably free of charge for the community. In parallel to this the CC awaits Fife Council's decision on considering the inclusion of Dalgety Bay in the three year contract currently being drawn up.

The subcommittee meeting agreed that a survey be carried out on the existing lights to determine whether they should be repaired or disposed of. Should Dalgety Bay be included in the Fife Council Christmas lights funding then the existing lights could be sold or scrapped dependant on the outcome of the survey.

Further consultation should take place with Kieran Fagan to agree a way forward regarding a Christmas tree and any associated potential landscaping on the community land between the Church and Louie Browns

As a result of the above the following actions were placed:

A survey is to be carried out the existing lines to determine the extent of any repairs required to the Festive Lights.

Action : P Vincent

A note is to be put in the Diary and on Facebook to see if anybody in the community is prepared to store the Festive Lights.

Action : Secretary

Meet with Kieran Fagan to discuss a mutually agreeable plan for a Christmas decoration(s) on the CC owned land.

Action : Chair & Secretary

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

The treasurer will circulate the financial statement by Email

Action : Treasurer

The treasurer asked the Ward Councillors if they knew when the Administration Grant from Fife Council would be paid. Cllr McGarry suggested contacting Beth Flynn.

Action : Treasurer

6 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Dempsey

Continues to be involved with tree issues and has written an article for the Diary addressing a potential way forward. Referring to a comment received about the uncut grass in Moray Park, Cllr Dempsey has contacted Scottish Power.

Cllr McGarry

Has been addressing more tree issues, some issues about the new street lighting and anti-social behaviour.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 11th September.

These minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Hutchison and this was seconded by A Barratt at the 11th August 2017 meeting of the Community Council.