



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

1 SEDERUNT LIST

Community Council

C McPhail (Chair), R Green (Secretary), W Allan (Treasurer), J McFarlane, K Leslie

Others

Fife Councillors - D Dempsey, G Yates

SEPA - Dr Paul Dale

Members of the public

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Apologies

P Franklin, G Walker, J McColl, R Doyle, L Laird

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In connection with the request by the Dalgety Bay Friends of Engcongolweni to the Community Council for a grant the Chair declared an interest due to him being a trustee of the group on behalf of the Community Council.

3 FORESHORE RADIATION

For the DIO

Iain Robertson of the DIO advise the Chair by email that he would not be attending this meeting and was unaware of any replacement or written report. He requested that future correspondence should be directed to Kieran Ward, DIO's lead on the Dalgety Bay Project Board unless advised otherwise by DIO.

Action - Chair

For SEPA

Dr Paul Dale reported that SEPA continues assisting where it can with the DIO programme by checking intervention measures. Monitoring on the beach has been increased because of Food Standards request. He reminded us all that the signs are there for a reason.

The Chair reported that he had attended the Sailing Club AGM where he was concerned about the lack of progress since the Management Strategy was agreed at a public meeting in July 2014.

Noted- The Sailing Club is receiving payment from the DIO's Monitoring Contractor for the use of their welfare facilities.

The Chair also reported that in response to a letter from Gordon Brown, the Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP stated that the DIO continues to work with SEPA and Fife Council to

improve the agreed long term management of radium and that following meetings between the key landowners, MOD, SEPA and Fife Council draft agreements are due to be exchanged. He made reference to SEPA's continued involvement with monitoring the beach and foreshore and said that the next step is for DIO to complete the detailed design of the scheme that will require access to the Sailing Club and Moray Estate.

4 POLICE REPORT

There was no representative in attendance from Police Scotland.

The Secretary relayed a report of inconsiderate parking on Couston Road and Drive from a resident who had reported it to the police but was told to report it to the Community Council. The concern was not only about potential dangerous situations but also about emergency vehicle access. Cllr Yates agreed to pass the matter on to transportation officers to be examined and decide what action if any can be taken.

5 ATTENDANCE BY SHELL

The proposed attendance by Shell representatives to discuss survey results has been overtaken by the announcement by Shell that the decision has been made not to proceed with the sale of land at Barns Farm.

6 FUTURE DIARY DISTRIBUTION

A replacement is still to be found for the main Diary distribution point. 4500 copies of the Diary is delivered from the printer in boxes of 200. These are then divided into the sub-distributors' allocation who collect them and further distribute them to the army of house to house deliverers.

The following suggestions are to be considered

1. Secretary to ask the Scouts if this is something they could take on
2. Secretary to investigate using the Community Centre and achieve the first point of distribution with a team working to a rota.

Action - Secretary

7 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The minutes were proposed to be a true record by W Allan and seconded by K Leslie.

8 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING

The approval of the Inaugural Meeting minutes of Nov 2014 was deferred awaiting detail of the members of each sub-committee.

9 PUBLIC FORUM

No additional topics were requested from the members of the public.

10 REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 7/2 – The Secretary reported that it would be possible to post approved minutes on the DB&HCC website. It was agreed that this will be done.

Item 7/3 – An Environment Sub-committee discussion on a way forward with the Community Orchard was deferred to January 2016.

Action – Environment Sub-committee

Item 8a – The Treasurer reported that the person he spoke to about Diary distribution was not able to take on the task in its present form. See Item 6 of these minutes.

Item 8b – The Treasurer reported that he had spoken to 3 people who had shown an interest in the Diary Advertiser Manager's role. He plans to start working with one next year but doesn't rule out the involvement of all three. It was agreed for the Treasurer to meet with all 3 to ascertain what they can contribute to the Council.

Action - Treasurer

Item 8d – Discussion with the Diary editor ref diary letters right to reply is deferred to next month.

Action - Chair

Item 9b – The Chair confirmed he had shared the results of the call for comments on Barns Farm with Shell and that Shell have agreed to produce an electronic file of the spreadsheet, include it with their survey results and provide a copy for CC retention.

Item 13 - The Treasurer is still to receive clarification from Fife Council about his request for information concerning the CC's insurance.

Action - Treasurer

Item16b – The Chair reported that he had written to residents with gardens bordering CC owned woods.

11 LOCAL ISSUES

- a) The Secretary reported that he had received a report from a resident in Cramond Place about cars parked on the grass on Moray Way South. Police advice is to report this with car registration details as it happens.
- b) The CC has received numerous emails from one resident objecting to the way the bus timetables and routes have been changed in Dalgety Bay without consultation. Cllr Yates told the meeting that Fife Council is notified of changes but not consulted. There is not a mechanism for Councillors to comment on a change.
- c) The Secretary reported that he had received a call from the owner of Aqua Car Wash voicing his concern about the letter in the Diary that tells of an unsatisfactory experience with a car wash company in Dalgety Bay. His concern is that because the car wash company was not named then potential customers will not know that it does not refer to his business. The Chair agreed to include this when discussing the subject of right to reply with the Diary editor.

Action - Chair

- d) Christmas lights failures. The Secretary reported that we are not getting a good service from the supplier. It was agreed that for next year there needs

to be a formal handover inspection and acceptance when the lights are put up. The Secretary is currently waiting for a reply from Blachere explaining the level of service they offer.

12 PLANNING

- a) Planning Co-ordinator report – The Chair received notification about a Planning Application Notice, 15/04122/PAN, submitted on 07/12/2015 by Springfield properties for the site next to the recycling centre. They plan to host a consultation event in the library between 2-7pm on Monday 1st February 2016.
- b) Gateway Development – it was agreed that the CC response for this consultation related to the landscaping should be taken from the CC's original response. Response required by 16th December.

Action - Secretary

- c) Barns Farm - The Chair read out the letter he received from Mr Bonino, Shell Chairman, stating that Shell had decided not to continue with the sale of land at Barns Farm. A letter from the tenant farmer was also read out. In it he acknowledged how the community regarded the woods and fields of Barns Farm as part of its living space and thanked the CC for its hard work. He also hoped we can move on and repair the hitherto excellent relationship between Shell and the community.

Cllr Yates had also been briefed by Shell and he had pressed them to go back to Persimmon and ask them to remove the objection Persimmon had submitted when the Barns Farm site had been removed from the Local Development Plan. This is currently under examination by the Scottish Reporter and Cllr Yates confirmed that objections can be removed at this stage.

A member of the public asked how can we believe the Scottish Government Reporter won't do the same as the recent granting of the appeal by Taylor Wimpey at Spencerfield.

- d) Spencerfield – The Scottish Reporter has rejected Taylor Wimpey's appeal against the rejection of the planning application in full for 39 homes but allowed the appeal for the application in principal for the whole site with conditions. The Secretary took an action to pass on details of an objection the Save Spencerfield group is requesting residents to send to the DPEA and Scottish Government.

Action - Secretary

13 JUBILEE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Chair reported that the Jubilee Committee has an additional £95 from the sale of memorabilia to add to its bank balance.

14 APPOINTMENT OF CC REPRESENTATIVE ON MOSSMORRAN COMMITTEE

The Chair confirmed that John McColl had taken up the role of CC representative on the Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay Safety Liaison Committee.

The Chair made note of the thank you he had sent to Exxon on behalf of Dalgety Bay's Senior Citizens for the pantomime tickets they had provided.

15 TREASURER'S REPORT

- a) The Treasurer had circulated his report to CC members and briefly explained it to the meeting that we are on track as far as spending goes and that there may be an underspend.
- b) He told the meeting that he had chaired a brief Finance Sub-Committee meeting prior to this meeting to review the application for a grant for £500 made by the Dalgety Bay Friends of Engcongolweni and that this had been approved. The grant request is to help fund a visit to Dalgety Bay by 6 people from Engcongolweni in September 2016
The Chair gave a brief summary of what the group does.
- c) It was agreed that a request for a grant from a student to help fund an overseas education event did not fit within the guidelines and will be turned down.
- d) The Treasurer proposed to replace the previous Secretary with the new Secretary as a new signatory for the CC. This was agreed and the bank forms were given to the Secretary for processing.

Action - Secretary

16 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a) Cllr Yates reported that the skate park had received a grant of £15000 and now that all funds are in place building will commence Feb/Mar 2016.
- b) Cllr Yates reported that £5000 towards funding the completion of Robbie's Path has been awarded by Muir Dean Trust and is now approved.
- c) Cllr Dempsey reported that he continues to follow up issues with trees.

17 CORRESPONDENCE

This has been included in the various items discussed.

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Secretary reported that he and the Treasurer had met with Tesco's store manager and services manager in connection with her community liaison role. It had been a meeting to discuss the role of the CC what Tesco can do for the community. An offer to come to the next meeting was made to discuss this further.
It was agreed that we will accept this offer.

Action - Secretary

- b) The Secretary made the following statement:
For the past 5 weeks I have been investigating a complaint made by George Walker against the Chair, Colin McPhail, relating to the way the Town Twinning was managed by the Community Council, Town Twinning Sub-Committee and the Twinning Association.

I have followed the procedure in the Scheme for the Establishments of Community Councils in Fife, acted on advice from Bill Welsh, committee administrator, and have completed my investigation in terms of Stage 1. I have been unable to resolve the complaint to George's satisfaction who has requested that it goes to Stage 2. It has now been passed it over to Fife Council.

The Chair added that we had had a meeting that had failed to reach a resolution. He also added that George had been assisted by the Treasurer who pointed out that the research into issues around the twinning after the Fife Council Twinning meeting had been his work but that he was not a co-complainant.

Note: - These minutes were proposed to be a true record by W Allan and this was seconded by K Lelsie at the 11th January 2016 meeting of the Community Council.