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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 13th February 2017 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

## 1 ATTENDANCE LIST APOLOGIES and DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

**Community Council** - R Green (Secretary), G Walker, J Wootton, K Leslie, S Iveson, J Hutchison, A Barratt, K Whitfield

**Fife Councillors** - D Dempsey, L Laird

**SEPA** - Dr P Dale

**Members of the public** - 4

**Apologies** – W Allan, P Franklin, Cllr G Yates, Cllr A McGarry, S Ritchie(DIO)

**Declarations of Interest** – None

The secretary proposed that in W Allan's absence he would chair the meeting. He also proposed a revised agenda and referred the Airport, Fracking and Planning System Consultations to the Environment Subcommittee to allow for a closed session at the end of this meeting to discuss a recent communication he received from W Allan.

## 2 POLICE REPORT

Report provided by PC R Duncan.

### POLICING PRIORITIES 2016/17

Tackling violent crime and anti-social behaviour and improving road safety are some of the priorities outlined in the Annual Police Plan.

The Plan sets out priorities for policing Scotland's communities for the 12 months ahead. The 5 Policing priorities:-

- 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 the 10th of January and the 13th of February 2017, a total of 99 calls were recorded by Police Scotland in relation to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area (75 in last period).

During the same period, 22 Crime Files were created for the area (10 in the last period). Persons have charged for the following offences:-

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| • Theft by shoplifting              | x2 |
| • Assault                           | x2 |
| • Threatening and abusive behaviour | x2 |

- Careless Driving x1
- Possession of Class A drugs x1
- Possession of Class B drugs x2

Enquiries are still on going in relation to several other incidents including further shopliftings, thefts, theft from a motor vehicle, theft by housebreaking and an intended theft.

#### NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS

Enquiries are still on going in relation to the following incidents:

On the 15th of January, a theft occurred at the Peter Vardy garage on Regents Way, Dalgety Bay, with £850.00 worth of car parts being stolen. An unknown male was captured on their CCTV system about 2200hrs that night taking the parts.

Between 2300hrs on the 26th of January and 0710hrs on the 27th of January, a van in Strathbeg Drive, Dalgety Bay was broken in to. Approximately £2000.00 worth of tools were then stolen from within.

Between 1830hrs on the 31st of January and 1915hrs on the 2nd of February, a theft by housebreaking occurred in Wayfarers Drive, Dalgety Bay. Unknown persons gained entry to the property there by forcing open the rear patio doors before stealing over £6000 worth of items. About 1520hrs on the 1st of February, the occupant of an address in Carcraig Place, Dalgety Bay, disturbed two unknown males within their property. The occupant was upstairs within the property when they heard two persons speaking downstairs. Although nothing was stolen at this time, it is believed that the males were there to commit a theft.

#### YOUTH ISSUES

Operation Caber has been set up in the West Fife area in order to deal with anti-social behaviour. Officers are being dedicated to the operation every weekend specifically to target anti-social behaviour and are working closely with Community Wardens and other agencies. The operation has proven to be a success over the past weeks; however police are aware that there are still on-going problems.

Youths have been charged for several offences including possession of controlled substances and alcohol. Numerous letters have also been sent home to parents to inform them that their child has been involved in anti-social behaviour.

The Co-Op at Lt. Sales Avenue has been subject to numerous shopliftings recently, with youths also being responsible. Several bottles of spirits are being stolen during individual incidents, which is a major concern. A number of youths have already been identified and charged for shopliftings and enquires continue in relation to others. A multi-agency meeting took place last week to discuss the shop premises, which was attended by police, licensing officers and senior staff members from the Co-Op. The spirits section of the store has now been moved and other steps have been put in place to deter further incidents.

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY

The Public Consultation Survey is accessible all year round to evidence seasonal trends and emerging priorities for communities in the year ahead. Survey can be found at:

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

#### COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

To be discussed at meeting. No further information promoting this has been forthcoming. There are ongoing discussions within Police Scotland about its administration.

## STAFFING CHANGES

Inspector Ian Stephen has now been announced as the new South West Fife Community Inspector and he is due to start on the 28th of February. His contact details have been added below.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Inspector Ian Stephen	<a href="mailto:Ian.Stephen@Scotland.pnn.police.uk">Ian.Stephen@Scotland.pnn.police.uk</a>	01383 318911*
Sergeant Gordon Hood	<a href="mailto:Gordon.Hood@scotland.pnn.police.uk">Gordon.Hood@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a>	01383 318920*
PC Richard Duncan	<a href="mailto:Richard.Duncan@scotland.pnn.police.uk">Richard.Duncan@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a>	101
PC James Bell	<a href="mailto:James.Bell2@scotland.pnn.police.uk">James.Bell2@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a>	101

\*(not staffed 24/7)

## 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.

<b>Emergency number:</b>	999
<b>Non-emergency number:</b>	101
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk">www.scotland.police.uk</a>
<b>Twitter:</b>	@policescotland
<b>Local Twitter:</b>	@SWFifePolice
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/policescotland">www.facebook.com/policescotland</a>

Following the delivery of their report, two members of the public referred to the growing numbers of acts of anti-social behaviour and vandalism perpetrated by youths and asked PCs Duncan and Bell if it would be possible for them to set up an SMS alert system to warn others and alert the police when such acts were being carried out. They had seen such an arrangement working well in South Africa. PC Duncan said this wasn't something that could be supported by Police Scotland given the limitation on resources. This whole topic was discussed in a broader sense and Cllr Dempsey offered to get details of the idea that the two residents have brought from South Africa and raise it with the Council and Police.

With the limitations on resources and the apparent increasing youth crime the secretary suggested the CC could write to the incoming Inspector voicing the concerns of the community.

**Action : Secretary**

## 3 FORESHORE RADIATION

S Ritchie from DIO reported that Work is progressing slowly at the moment but DIO has an investigation contractor ready to start work and is shortly to submit a planning application as noted previously. Due to the revised agenda the secretary suggested that Dr P Dale need not attend the meeting.

## 4 PRESENTATIONS – TIMMS Trophy and Janice McFarlane

These presentations will be rescheduled.

**Action : Secretary**

## 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

The January 2017 meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and seconded by K Leslie.

## REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Late Distribution of December's Diary

K Leslie to follow up reason for the late distribution of the Diary. This action is closed but K Leslie took a follow up action to ask the printers not to delay the delivery of future Diaries that span two months.

**Action : K Leslie**

Ref discussion related to more bus stops on Harbour Drive – S Iveson to send another email to Stagecoach. Cllr Dempsey provided the email address of a contact within Stagecoach company he had met at the Bus Workshop.

**Action : S Iveson**

K Leslie to advise decision made following request for a grant from 2 IHS pupils.

**Action : Closed**

### Christmas Lights

G Walker to look into the cost of going forward with the Christmas lights. This cost investigation is on-going in order to review all aspects including compatibility of the connectors on the lights the CC owns.

**Action : On-going**

### Playpark land ownership issues

Two Playpark Group representatives attended the meeting to raise this issue once more with the Ward Councillors. The explanation is that Fife Council is satisfied that Barratt Homes owns the land but still awaits confirmation of this from Barratt Home's solicitors and whether approval will be given for the land to be used for the playpark. Strategies to raise the profile of this within the Barratt Homes company were discussed and the Playpark Group decided to write to both Barratt Homes and the local press with a view to an on-site interview with the Courier and Dunfermline Press.

As a fall back it was suggested the land beside the new skate park could be an alternative. Cllr Laird agreed to investigate this possibility.

**Action : Cllr laird)**

S Iveson looking to set up informal meetings of community groups in the New Year. The discussion on this subject was deferred to the February meeting.

**Action : On-going**

### Additional Dog Poo Bins

Reference the request from Barns Farm for additional dog poo bins to be emptied if S Milne provides them. Cllr McGarry has spoken to Jim Stenhouse of Assets ,Transportation & Environmental at Fife Council who has told her that there are no resources to empty additional bins.

**Action : Closed**

On the above subject it was agreed to put a request in the Diary for those dog owners to be more considerate.

**Action : K Whitfield**

Cllr Dempsey will continue to see if anything can be done to clear the tree felling waste that has been left in Bluebell Woods.

**Action : On-going**

The secretary to submit the annual insurance renewal form.

**Action : Complete**

## 6 PUBLIC FORUM

Dalgaty Bay resident Brian Malcolmson pointed out that the flooding at the roundabout adjacent to the church still needs to be addressed. Cllr Dempsey agreed to look into what can be done to stop the flooding.

**Action : Cllr Dempsey**

Brian also raised the issue of the second round of consultation by Edinburgh Airport running until 30<sup>th</sup> April and asked for confirmation that the CC would be responding. He also asked if Fife Council would be submitting comments. The CC assured him that it will be responding and also encouraging individuals to respond. Cllr Laird said that Fife Council did not submit comments in round one and so far her understanding is that FC will not be doing so this time either.

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

For the record the three consultation issues that were referred to the Environment Subcommittee are as follows:

### CONSULTATION ON FRACKING – running from 31 Jan to 31 May 2017

Details of this can be found at:

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/energy-and-climate-change-directorate/fracking-unconventional-oil-and-gas/>

this includes access to the consultation document, consultation guidance notes and the consultation itself.

The ten questions asked in the consultation are:

Q1: What are your views on the potential social, community and health impacts of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

Q2: What are your views on the community benefit schemes that could apply, were an unconventional oil and gas industry to be developed in Scotland?

Q3: What are your views on the potential impact of unconventional oil and gas industry on Scotland's economy and manufacturing sector?

Q4: What are your views on the potential role of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland's energy mix?

Q5: What are your views on the potential environmental impacts of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

Q6: What are your views on the potential climate change impacts of unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

Q7: What are your views on the regulatory framework that would apply to an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

Q8: Overall, and in light of the available evidence, what do you think would be the main benefits, if any, of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

Q9: Overall, and in light of the available evidence, what do you think would be the main risks or challenges, if any, of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

Q10: If you have any other comments on the issues discussed in this consultation, please provide them here.

### CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE SCOTTISH PLANNING SYSTEM running until 4 Apr 2017

Details are as follows:

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the plans for the future of the Scottish planning system. It has published information about this on the Community Councils website (<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/consultation-on-the-future-of-the-scottish-planning-system.html>)

Access to the consultation paper and the consultation is via this link.

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultation-on-the-future-of-planning/>

### CONSULTATION - AIRSPACE CHANGE PROGRAMME running until 31 May 2017

Details of round 2 of this consultation can be found at the interactive website [letsgofurther.com](http://letsgofurther.com)

## 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There then followed a closed session to discuss a communication received by the secretary earlier in the day from W Allan stating that he was stepping back from front line CC activities because he felt that the CC workload was falling on too few people and he was overloaded. This was discussed and the unanimous agreement was that the problem lies in the absence of the allocating of specific tasks to individual members, all of whom are more than willing to take on tasks or projects that they feel they can achieve within the limits of the time they have available.

It was agreed to look at the current workload the CC faces in the next few months and how the subcommittees could be better employed. To this end the members present agreed to meet before the next full CC meeting to discuss this and advise W Allan of the outcome. The secretary will book a meeting room for 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm and draft some preparatory workloads for discussion purposes.

**Note:** - These minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Wootton and this was seconded by A Barratt at the 13th March 2017 meeting of the Community Council.