



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2016 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

1 SEDERUNT LIST

Community Council

C McPhail (Chair), R Green (Secretary), W Allan (Treasurer), Peter Franklin,
J McFarlane, G Walker, K Leslie, R Doyle

Others

Fife Councillors - D Dempsey,

Members of the public

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Apologies

Paul Franklin, J McColl, L Laird, A McGarry, G Yates

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3 FORESHORE RADIATION

The Chair reported that he wrote to Kieran Ward, DIO's lead on the Dalgety Bay Project Board voicing the concern in the Community Council about the absence of DIO representation at our meetings to report on the progress in programming the remedial works. It is now some 18 months since the DIO's Management Strategy was agreed at a special Community meeting that was arranged by the Community Council. The understanding at that time was that the works were due to be completed by 2018 and he asked if this is still the case and pointed out that the situation has become more of a concern with the recent find of a radioactive particle in the mussel beds off shore in the Bay.

In the same email the Chair informed Mr Ward of his attendance of the Sailing Club AGM in November and considered the report given on the progress of the project as unsatisfactory.

He concluded by inviting Mr Ward to attend the next Community Council meeting on Monday 8 February and to provide a report on progress.

4 POLICE REPORT

There was no representative in attendance from Police Scotland.

There was a brief discussion about the continuance of parking in Steeple Crescent on the junction with Moray Way causing dangerous situations. The advice always given by the police is to report specific incidences by phoning 101.

5 FUTURE DIARY DISTRIBUTION

Following up the actions from last month's meeting the Secretary reported that the Scouts representative had said that Diary distribution is not something that could be taken on by the Scouts and that after checking with Fife Council the Community Centre is fully used 5 days a week.

The Chair suggested that the Kabin may be available for the initial distribution task. The Diary would be delivered to the Kabin and divided up into the 10 sub-distributors' allocations by yet to be determined volunteer or rota of volunteers. The Chair took the action to follow up his initial investigation about its availability.

Action - Chair

A replacement still needs to be found for one of the sub-distributors and replacement for delivering to The Moorings (157 copies) and Oxcars Drive area. It was agreed an advert for these would be placed in next month's Diary.

Action – J McFarlane

6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

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

7 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING

The Secretary reported that he hasn't identified all the necessary details of sub-committees and members and so this was deferred until the next meeting.

Action – Secretary

8 PUBLIC FORUM

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

9 TESCO COMMUNITY LIAISON

Alison Connell, Services Manager of the local Tesco Store attended the meeting to discuss how Tesco could get involved with various activities in the community. Alison is responsible for community liaison and she told the meeting that funds are available for community groups as well as the offer of help in other ways.

A number of issues were discussed in relation to the CC community notice board, the street lighting in the car park and walkways and vacant units. Alison gave the Secretary a key for the notice board and told the meeting that she was looking into why some of the walkway lights are not lit and repairs to potholes and broken monoblocs.

10 REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 7/3 – Environment Sub-committee to discuss Community Orchard way forward. Because an agenda item for this meeting is to appoint an Environment Sub-committee convenor and that this is also connected with the details of all sub-committees it was decided to defer this until February's meeting when all the necessary details should be available. In relation to this the Secretary said that he planned to arrange a formal handover of CC files from the previous secretary this week.

Action – Secretary

Item 8b - Diary advertising manager - the Treasurer reported this subject is on-going and suggested a separate meeting to discuss this and wider issues concerning the Diary.

Action – Treasurer

Item 8d - Diary letters and right to reply – the Chair reported that he had discussed this with the Diary editor and that the number of letters appearing in the Diary is determined by what space is available. Letters are checked for accuracy and if necessary the Chair or Secretary is consulted. It was agreed that it was not good practice to publish letters that do not provide specific details such as those related to bad experiences. The Chair agreed to discuss this further with the Diary editor.

Action – Chair

In relation to the above it was agreed a note will be included in February's Diary stating that the reference to a car wash company in November's Dear Diary letter was not Aqua Cleaning Car Wash.

Action – Secretary

Item 13 - The Treasurer has still not receive clarification from Fife Council about his request for information concerning the CC's insurance. Cllr Dempsey agreed to follow this up.

Action – Cllr Dempsey

Item 12b - Gateway Development – the Secretary confirmed that he had responded to the planning application with a repeat of the comments previously submitted.

Item 12d – Spencerfield - the Secretary confirmed he had passed on details of an objection the Save Spencerfield group is requesting residents to send to the DPEA and Scottish Government.

Item 15d - The Secretary confirmed he had submitted the new signatory request forms to the bank and the Treasurer reported that the bank had confirmed they had been processed.

11 LOCAL ISSUES

- a) The Chair reported that the Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group had not received formal approval from the CC for it to proceed with the proposed remedial work to the Coastal Path. The Secretary said he had not yet received the formal request as agreed at October's CC meeting and agreed to send a reminder email.

Action - Secretary

- b) The road works on Moray Way South opposite Cramond Place appear to be complete but there remains a 2-3 metre gap in the metal railing on the pavement. Cllr Dempsey agreed to investigate.

Action – Cllr Dempsey

- c) As a result of the poor performance of the Christmas Lights it was agreed we need to meet with Blachere to discuss the way forward.

Action – Secretary

- d) The Treasurer reported that the chestnut tree at Etive Place needs to come down. FC are discussing with Barratts how to proceed.
- e) R Doyle requested an update on progress with the completion of Robbie's Path following the approval of a grant from the Muir Dean Trust. The Chair reported that the cheque has not yet been received and that we cannot proceed until this happens. He confirmed that the plan is to finish it with an asphalt top layer.
- f) Peter Franklin reported a problem with debris washed down onto the road and path into Cramond Place. Cllr Dempsey agreed to meet with him to see the problem in daylight.

Action – Cllr Dempsey

- g) G Walker raised the issue of the poor level of lighting in the Regents Way shops car park and in particular in the vicinity of the crossing to the library and surgery. Cllr Dempsey took the action to investigate with FC.

Action – Cllr Dempsey

12 PLANNING

- a) Springfield Properties has withdrawn its PAN for the site next to the recycling plant. So the consultation event on 1st Feb has been cancelled.
- b) Spencerfield – The CC has been asked to respond to a request for comments by the Scottish Reporter. The examination of the LDP has reached the specific sites stage. Although another Reporter has given the green light to Taylor Wimpey for Spencerfield the examining Reporter is investigating whether the site should be included in the plan or not. Having provided comments in the past the CC has been asked to comment on the site assessment document provided to her by FC. Comments are required for this one by 20th Jan.

Action – All and Secretary

13 TIMMS TROPHY

The Secretary reported that he had received 12 nominations for four individuals for the award and proposed that because 50% of them are for the same person then the award should go to that person instead of having a secondary secret ballot with CC members. This was agreed and seconded by P Franklin.

It was decided that the TIMMS TROPHY for 2015 should be awarded to Michael Gourlay. Mike has over many years been the chairperson for Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society and through this society has done so much to enhance our local environment as well as encourage a community spirit by involving many local groups. The Annual Flower show in September is very much the window for the society. The flower show requires a lot of work not only on the day but also for many the months beforehand,

and Mike is very much the driving force behind this event. Over the years Mike has involved various groups such as local primary schools and youth organisations such as scouts and guides, encouraging them to enter displays of various kind as well as helping in many ways and in 2015 being a member of the Jubilee Committee. The Chair will arrange recalling the trophy and having it and a quach engraved and the Secretary will write to Mike inviting him to February's meeting to receive award.

Action - Chair

Action - Secretary

14 APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE CONVENOR

This is deferred to February's meeting

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 this year there will be a shortfall in the floral enhancements budget but would be looking into the full terms of reference for the Fife Council participatory grant.

Action - Treasurer

- c) The only outstanding expenditure for the Jubilee Committee is the cost of mounting the Jubilee tiles. Any money left after that would be topped up by the CC and spent a 'yet to be decided' commemoration of the Jubilee by the Jubilee Committee.

16 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Dempsey reported that he continues to follow up issues with trees.

17 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Secretary received an email from a resident reporting vandalism to trees in Crowhill Woods. Three trees had been cut down with an axe. Cllr Dempsey agreed to report this to Fife Council.

Action – Cllr Dempsey

- b) The Chair reported that he had received a letter from a pharmacy company Apple Pharmacy requesting the CC's support for its plans to open a pharmacy at the shops next to Pentland Rise. Details will follow with an invite for their representative to attend the February CC meeting.

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) R Doyle told the meeting about a drop-in event being run by the Play Park Group in Louie Brown's on 26th Jan between 7-9pm.
- b) JEANETTE GRAY- A special presentation is being arranged in recognition of her 25 years service as the Community Council Secretary.

Note: - These minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and this was seconded by W Allan at the 8th February 2016 meeting of the Community Council.