



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 13th June 2016 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

1 ATTENDANCE LIST APOLOGIES and DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

**Community Council**

W Allan (acting Vice-Chair and Treasurer), R Green (Secretary), J McFarlane, G Walker,  
K Leslie, P Franklin

**Fife Councillors** - L Laird, D Dempsey, A McGarry, G Yates

**DIO** - S Ritchie

**Members of the public**

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**Apologies**

None

**Declarations of Interest**

None

2 POLICE REPORT

Report provided by PC James Bell.

**POLICING PRIORITIES**

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

- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
- Serious Organised Crime
- Road Safety and speeding
- Protecting people at risk of harm

**CALLS AND CRIMES REPORTED**

Between 1st May and 13th June 2016 a total of 141 calls were recorded by Police Scotland relating to the Dalgety Bay area.

During this period 20 Crime files were created. 8 of these crimes have been recorded as vandalisms, including spray paint on road signs, Donibristle Chapel and Dalgety Bay Library. At present 10 of these crimes have been detected and enquiries are ongoing to detect the remainder.

**NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS**

- Youth interviewed and charged for the vandalism of St Bridget's Kirk. This followed a massive police investigation with around 30 youths interviewed regarding the incident. Report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- Vandalism to Donibristle Chapel between 30/04/16 and 02/05/2016. No person has been detected for this act to date, however enquiries are ongoing.

- Vandalism to numerous items of street furniture between 01/05/16 and 19/05/16. Some person has signed in excess of 35 different items of street furniture with the name "RUSTY". To date no person has been detected for this and enquiries are ongoing.
- Anti-social behaviour – Harbour Place. Several calls have been received by police regarding vehicle nuisance/littering/general noise at the seafront car park at Harbour Place. Patrols in the area have been increased and residents advised to record number plates of repeat offenders.

#### INITIATIVES

- High visibility patrols throughout Dalgety Bay have been increased due to increased levels of anti-social behaviour in recent months. PC Bell has carried out several hours of foot/cycle patrol and engaged with numerous youths and members of the public in areas which are not typically covered by patrols.
- Divisional policing units have also been tasked with patrolling Dalgety Bay in light of recent vandalisms and nuisance calls.
- Parking issues – Couston Drive. Cllr Dempsey has had involvement with residents in the area and police are monitoring complaints of dangerous parking/vehicle obstructions. Despite numerous visits from officers, no dangerous parking has yet been observed. PC Bell and PS Hood are also in contact with the council to try and find a solution to the problem.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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

#### CEM

PC Bell then held the first integrated Community Engagement Meeting. This was mainly concerned with anti-social behaviour from car owners using the car park and roundabout at St David's Harbour for noisy recreational purposes late into the evening and during the night. In order to get police presence at these out-of-hours times, the clear message is to report all instances with as much information as possible.

### 3 FORESHORE RADIATION

Report provided by Nina Patton, Senior Policy Officer - Radioactive Substances Unit, SEPA.

#### BRIEFING NOTE: RADIUM CONTAMINATION

The MoD continue to undertake a programme of monitoring and recovery of radioactive sources on the intertidal areas at Dalgety Bay which coupled with the signs and restriction of an area of the beach mean that the public is afforded a suitable level of protection from the radium contamination whilst long term management plans are being developed and implemented.

Further survey work has been carried out by SEPA to assist Dalgety Bay Sailing Club Ltd with managing their land.

Regarding planning, SEPA have been involved in initial discussions regarding the EIA required for the Planning Application and Marine Licence for the remediation works. Any consultation by Fife Council regarding any documentation submitted as part of the EIA will be dealt with in line SEPA policy and procedures and SEPA Radioactive Substances Unit will be working closely with SEPA Planners to ensure that all of the issues pertinent to the EIA regarding radioactive contamination are adequately covered.

DIO Project Manager – Steven Ritchie reported that the scoping document is in place and the planning application is making progress. Granting of access to the site is still not fully agreed by two of the three land owners. DIO are due to update Roger Mullin MP soon and will copy the report to the CC.

It was agreed that the vice-chair will write to the landowners to request an update on when access will be granted and Cllr Yates will raise the issue at the next area meeting.

When asked by the secretary if each week of delay pushes the end date out by the same amount, Steven Ritchie pointed out that due to the impact that winter weather and sea conditions have on the planned work the programme cannot be determined until a start date is agreed.

#### 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

Apart from a few typos the minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and seconded by K Leslie.

##### ACTIONS ARISING

8a) Parking on Couston Road/Drive is covered in the Police Report.

6) Previous item 15 - Community Orchard – G Walker reported that he had had no further contact with Peter Collins to discuss the community orchard but will keep trying.

The vice-chair agreed to contact Peter.

**Action G Walker**  
**Action Vice-Chair**

There followed a discussion on what had been agreed at the inception of the community orchard. The general opinion was that agreement had been informal with no firm plan for its sustainability.

10) The secretary reported that after a lengthy exchange of emails between him and the insurers via the risk management section Fife Council Corporate Services, the CC now has an endorsement for Office Bearer indemnity added to its insurance and the DBCWG's policy will have an addition of Trustee Indemnity for the CC's office bearers in their role of trustees of the woodland owned by the CC.

**Action closed**

On the subject of land ownership the Vice-Chair reported the cost of transferring the three woods to a Community Land Trust would cost about £1500. This would include buying an already set-up company and conveyancing fees.

**Action – W Allan**

Cllr McGarry made reference to Newburgh and the community trust purchase of a local reservoir and suggested we contact them for advice.

**Action - Secretary**

10) Robbie's Path - The outcome of G Walker's discussion with Kane Smith about the finish path is that it would be suitable for this application. The secretary had requested a revised quotation to show just this option and presented it along with the contractor's insurance policy summary to G Walker for his further scrutiny.

**Action - G Walker**

On the subject of the cheque from Muir Dean Trust, it had been sent to the secretary and was passed to W Allan for processing.

5)1 Peter Vardy vans parked on the grass verge - The vice-chair reported that he had not spoken to the manager yet. The question of ownership of the land and Fife Council's maintenance of it and its usage was discussed. Cllr McGarry agreed to enquire if the land belonged to Peter Vardy and if its usage was valid. This was confirmed later in the meeting.

5)2 Boulders on footpath at junction of Fulmar Way and Ferris Way - Cllr Laird reported that it had been discussed with the HADIE Group and work is in progress to get them moved.

**Action - Cllr Laird**

6) Bus shelter Fordell Gardens – Cllr McGarry reported that further to investigations about the cost of this it was decided it would be too expensive. Cllr McGarry has considered other options and the favourite, suggested by former Parks Manager Peter Howden, is for a live willow shelter. Cllr McGarry will follow this up.

## 5 PUBLIC FORUM

*Beautiful Fife judging* – Mike Gourlay reported that the Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society has agreed to take on the task of preparing Dalgety Bay for the judging and that work on this has already started. The vice-chair proposed that the floral enhancement grant from Fife Council be used to fund this. Mike proposed that DBHS has plants from its entry in Gardening Scotland that were bought on a sale or return basis and cannot be returned because they were removed from the packaging. These could be used and the monies raised given to the charity the DBHS supported in this year's GS entry.

This was agreed on a majority decision.

*Bluebell Woods* - A resident of Seton Place has been making enquiries about how to get trees with branches overhanging his property made safe and had been directed by Fife Council to the Community Council. The secretary had suggested he came to the meeting and speak directly with our Ward Councillors. Bluebell Wood had been owned by Barratt and managed by Fife Council but the current ownership situation was not clear. Cllr Dempsey agreed to look into the safety aspect and arrange an inspection visit.

**Action – Cllr Dempsey**

The secretary reported that he received a similar report of overhanging branches from the same woods from a resident of Dalgety Gardens. This adds to the list of similar complaints from residents with properties backing onto Steeple Clump and Longhill Park.

Cllr Laird again raised the subject of a need for a town wide Woodland Management Plan that had been under discussion for the past 3 months. She explained that not all the title for the woods in Dalgety Bay is known.

**Action – Cllr Laird**

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

*Woodland Survey funding* – The secretary reported that at the last DBCWG management committee meeting a request was made for the CC to fund 50% of the cost of a survey of the woodland. This type of survey is a requirement of the insurance cover provided through Fife Council. After some discussion the Community Council agreed to paying half the cost of the survey as requested by DBCWG but it was suggested that first the DBCWG apply for a Muir Dean Trust grant for part or all of the cost of the survey. At the meeting he will attend on 14<sup>th</sup> June he will make the suggestion about applying for a grant.

**Action – Secretary**

The secretary suggested the CC could be eligible to apply for a Shell Community Grant for its share and agreed to look into the guidelines.

**Action – Secretary**

*Pavement barrier A921 for Inverkeithing High pupils* – The secretary had received a request that such a barrier is needed. Cllr Dempsey reported that the Inverkeithing High School Parent Council Travel Plan Group are already on the case but the response from Fife Council was not positive.

An alternative suggestion of reducing the speed limit to 40mph was discussed and this will be suggested to Fife Council for consideration.

**Action – Cllr Yates**

Shell Questionnaire – The secretary had responded to the Shell questionnaire regarding what we think of shell and the role they play in the community.

## 7 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no subcommittee reports this month.

## 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The secretary spoke to the five people interested in joining the CC and gave each a Declaration of Acceptance Form, required by Fife Council, to complete and bring to the next meeting. He also asked the five to provide a mini CV stating what each person could bring to the CC including a brief background summary.

**These minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and this was seconded by K Leslie at the 8th August 2016 meeting of the Community Council.**