
**Dalgety Bay and Hillend
Community Council**



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 12th JUNE 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, A Barratt, K Whitfield, G Cochrane, P Vincent, N Napier, A Napier, D Coleman, A Saunders

Fife Councillors - D Dempsey, A McGarry, D Barratt

Apologies – P Franklin

Members of the Public - 14

Declarations of Interest – None

2 POLICE REPORT

The report provided by PC Duncan as follows.

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 8th of May and the 12th of June 2017, a total of 129 calls were recorded by Police Scotland in relation to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area (61 in last period).

During the same period, 10 Crime Files were created for the area (8 in the last period), containing a total of 15 charges. Persons have been charged for the following:

- Assault to injury x3
- Threatening or abusive behaviour x1
- Driving with no excise licence x3
- Driving with no licence x1
- Driving with no insurance x1
- Driving with no MOT x1
- Driving with no number plate x1
- Careless driving x1
- Fail to provide the identity a driver x1

Enquiries are still on going in relation to counterfeit currency being used at the BP garage on the 8th of May, where a fake £20 Clydesdale bank note was used. Any information in relation to this can be passed to police via 101, quoting crime reference number CF0094950617.

Enquiries are also still on going in relation to a theft from a motor vehicle in the area of The Moorings, which occurred between the 17th and 18th of May. Unknown persons gained entry to the vehicle by smashing a window, before stealing several items from within. Again, any information can be passed via 101, quoting call reference PS-20170518-0489 or crime reference CF0087500517.

NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS

None.

REPORTING INCIDENTS TO POLICE

Since the last Community Council meeting, there have been 10 calls regarding youth disorder in the Dalgety Bay area. Although this is a slight improvement in reporting since the last period, we are still hearing about other incidents, which have been discussed on social media but not reported to Police.

As discussed at previous meetings, if these incidents are going unreported then we may not be aware of them even happening. If we check our systems and see very little in the way of disorder in Dalgety Bay, then we will focus our attention on other areas.

We would encourage residents to phone 101 at the time of any incidents so that Police can attend if they are not committed with emergency calls.

INITIATIVES

Public Consultation Survey

This 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

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PC James Bell	James.Bell2@scotland.pnn.police.uk *	101

***(not for reporting crime)**

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

REMINDER

The public counter at Dalgety Bay Police Station is usually open Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm (closed between 12.30pm and 1.30pm). This can sometimes change at short notice unfortunately.

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 *

Twitter: @policescotland *

Local Twitter: @SWFifePolice *

Facebook: www.facebook.com/policescotland *

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

A large representation of St David's Harbour residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the on-going antisocial behaviour they have to endure on a nightly basis. The situation is not being resolved and they need support to get a solution. Cllr McGarry agreed to request that the Domehawk camera/recording system is fitted in the area and as a result of the discussion it was clear that the profile of this situation needs to be raised within the police. Being wakened from sleep is not the best of time to be making phone calls but residents were urged to ensure they request an incident report number when reporting issues to the police. Cllr McGarry will also raise this issue with Inspector Stephen as will the CC.

Action : Cllr McGarry

Action : Secretary

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

Subject to an amendment to the Twinning Update, adding "in principle the Community Council is supportive of the Twinning", the May 2017 meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Wootton and seconded by S Iveson.

REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Advice from Fife Council is that because K Leslie is now an elected Fife Councillor her staying on CC is not be possible.

Action : Closed

Ref request for assistance from Thornton Tomasetti Defence for its volunteering day J Hutchison has liaised with the company and will make some suggestions on who to contact.

Action : J Hutchison

Ref request about keeping bees and chickens in Dalgety Bay. Secretary replied suggesting title deeds will provide information about any restrictions.

Action : Closed

Cllr McGarry agreed to request an update from Parks, Streets and Open Spaces about the upkeep of the orchard in Longhill Park.

The response from John McQueen is that when they were first planted it was agreed that Peter Collins would maintain a 1m strip around each tree. The area surrounding the trees was left to grow last year because of the wildflower planted in the area. This was cut down by Fife Council at the end of the year and they continue to cut the surrounding area but have no plans to remove the trees.

A Barratt reported that on inspection he noted that the bark on some of the trees has been eaten by deer. Other trees are healthy and showing signs of bearing fruit. He offered to cut the grass in the 1m strip around each tree to allow them to develop. Further consideration of this will be taken up by the Environment Subcommittee.

Action : Closed

Ref email voicing concern about the state of the road surface on Moray Way South especially adjacent to Lumsdaine Drive junction. The response Cllr McGarry received from Roads Network Management was that there are no defects around the Lumsdaine Drive/ Moray Way junction. This area has recently been extensively patched.

Action : Closed

Funding investigation actions:

S Iveson reported that she has held back on making any applications to Muir Dean Trust, Tesco and ASDA until we hear if we are to be included in the Fife Council contract for festive lights for Inverkeithing and Rosyth.

Action : S Iveson

On line appeals – A Barratt reported that he had looked at a number of online appeal providers and concluded that GoFundMe seemed the best for community projects. It charges 8.5% + 24p per donation and donations are forwarded as they are made. It was agreed to wait as per previous action. Previous estimates will be used to allow budgets to be set for the various festive lights options.

Action : A Barratt

A member of the public who had introduced herself to the CC at the gala offered her assistance in raising funds through bingo sessions and asked if a CC member would be willing to work with her. K Whitfield with her fund raising experience offered to follow up this offer.

Action : K Whitfield

K Whitfield added that the gala committee may be willing to facilitate a separate fund raising event for the Christmas lights for the CC.

Ref Fracking Consultation - secretary posted the information in usual places.

Action : Closed

Chair and secretary met with Scottish Print. The content of the meeting will be discussed at the end of this meeting.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

The group of attendees representing St David's Harbour residents raised their concerns about the construction activity at the harbour that commenced recently but has quickly stopped. Their concerns include conditions of the consent that have apparently not been met in connection with the harbour wall and contaminated land. They are concerned about the state in which the land has been left, the potential for contaminated dust and contaminated runoff and the security of the site in general given that it is adjacent to housing and the coastal path.

Cllr Barratt took the action to check the situation with Council Planning Officers and the Coastal Ranger and report back to the group and the CC.

Action : Cllr Barratt

5 CORRESPONDENCE and LOCAL ISSUES

TREES AT STEEPLE CRESCENT/MORAY WAY

The secretary had received an email referring to a complaint about trees on the verge next to a garden in Steeple Crescent. They significantly overhang the garden, affect light, leave lots of debris and attract wasps during summer. This was reported last year but nothing was done about it.

Cllr Dempsey agreed to contact the tree expert in Fife Council to see if anything could be done. The discussion then made reference to the Tree Survey report that was conducted for Dalgety Bay last year. We were told that this is not available to be viewed because it is too complex.

Action : Cllr Dempsey

20MPH MEMBERS BILL CONSULTATION

Discussion of the invitation to sign up to this was deferred to the next CC meeting.

Action : Secretary

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. He told the meeting that there is a crossing in the programme for the dual carriageway section of Harbour Drive.

Action : Secretary to appoint

STAGECOACH SERVICE CHANGES

The secretary had received two emails about the recent bus service changes and in particular the loss of the X60 coming through the town.

The secretary requested information from Fife Council about how bus service changes are effected. The response was as follows. The process of making a change takes 70 days. In the first 28, Local Authorities are notified of a bus company's intentions. During that time Local Authorities can provide feedback to the bus company based on its local knowledge and previous issues. During the remaining 42 days the amendments are input to the system that produces bus stop information and other information services. Fife Council advise Elected Members and Community Councils that a service change is happening. Additionally, 21 days prior to the change the bus company must display notices within their buses advising passengers of any impending changes and where information can be obtained on the changes. Bus stop information is printed and erected up to 1 week before the changes commence.

During the notification period the issue of the X60 being removed from Dalgety Bay was raised with the bus company, given that it had been removed and reinstated previously. The bus company said that the main changes to the express network were due to the congestion between Fife and Edinburgh. They were asked if they would consider reinstating the service via Dalgety Bay when the new bridge opens and the congestion has eased. The bus company said they would be willing to look at it again. However, as this is a commercial service any final decision is for the bus company to make.

Current legislation does not require bus companies to consult prior to changing their network, but for the past 4 changes, Stagecoach has in fact consulted with their bus users. They have done this by setting up a dedicated page on their website, visiting town centres and holding sessions at bus stations. These consultations have proved very useful to them and they have taken on board passengers' feedback and altered some proposals.

TWINNING AGM ACTIONS

The chair summarised the Twinning Association AGM that he and the secretary attended in May. It was attended by 4 TA members and Fife Council's Alastair Mutch - Area Manager South West Fife, Community Provision Service. Following the second delay in the reciprocal meeting, the Mayor of Ócsa had told the TA Chair that they need to decide if they really want the twinning to go ahead. The TA badly needs community commitment and additional members to take the twinning

initiative forward. It was agreed they would start a recruitment drive and if nobody comes forward by the 24th August meeting the process of twinning with Ócsa would be brought to a close. This meeting will be advertised at the CC stall at the Gala, on the notice boards and the CC website and Facebook page. The TA chair was urged to draw up a plan of how the twinning would be achieved and how it would continue to operate for the years after the signing.

6 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr McGarry has been appointed Area Convenor for South West Fife Area Committee.

Cllr Barratt has been appointed a member of the Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee.

7 AOB

None.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 14th August.

The next meeting open to the public will be on 11th September.

These minutes were proposed to be a true record by S Iveson and this was seconded by J Wootton at the 10th July 2017 meeting of the Community Council.