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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 MARCH 2017 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

The secretary opened the meeting with an announcement that since the last meeting, George Walker has resigned from the Community Council. George has served on the CC since June 2006 and his valued input will be missed. The CC also received an offer of resignation from Willie Allan. This was discussed at a separate meeting last week and the outcome was that it was accepted. Willie has committed many hours to the CC and we thank him for his hard work in, among other things, keeping the CC finances in check, formulating our own constitution and bringing order to the definition of subcommittees and their remits. Willie has served on the CC since August 2014 in the role of Treasurer and for the past year also as Vice-chairman. John Wootton and Shirley Iveson have offered to be interim chairman and treasurer respectively. The secretary proposed that the CC accept these offers and this was agreed with approval from all attendees.

## 1 ATTENDANCE LIST APOLOGIES and DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

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

**Fife Councillors** - D Dempsey, A McGarry

**DIO** - S Ritchie

**Members of the public** - 4

**Apologies** – P Franklin, Cllr G Yates, Cllr L Laird, Dr P Dale (SEPA)

**Declarations of Interest** – None

## 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 14th February of and the 13th of March 2017, a total of 69 calls were recorded by Police Scotland in relation to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area (99 in last period).

During the same period, 13 Crime Files were created for the area (22 in the last period). Persons have charged for the following offences:-

- Theft by shoplifting x2
- Driving under the influence of alcohol x1
- Attempted fraud x1
- Threatening and abusive behaviour x2
- Police assault x1

Enquiries are still on going in relation to several vandalisms in the Hillend area, further shopliftings and a theft.

#### NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS

Enquiries are still on going in relation to a series of vandalisms at Main Street, Hillend, which occurred between 2230hrs on the 6th of March and 1000hrs on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Several cars were vandalised by unknown persons, who have scratched an "X" on the bonnet of each vehicle. Any information in relation to these vandalisms can be reported via 101.

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY

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

#### POLICE SCOTLAND 2026 CONSULTATION

The 2026 Consultation was launched on 27/02/2017 and will run for a period of 10 weeks. The main focus of the survey will be improving the effect of our policing services and working more intelligently with partners and the public. The survey can be found at:

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/>

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**\*(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.

Emergency number: 999

Non-emergency number: 101

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

Twitter: @policescotland

Local Twitter: @SWFifePolice

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/policescotland](http://www.facebook.com/policescotland)

### 3 FORESHORE RADIATION

No SEPA staff were available to attend the community council meeting this month and Nina Patton, Senior Policy Officer - Radioactive Substances Unit at SEPA provided a written update as follows:

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.

An Implementation Group Meeting was held on 17th January. Further discussions and meetings with MoD and landowners are continuing.

MoD contractors have submitted the Planning Application for the remediation works to Fife Council for consideration.

S Ritchie from DIO reported that DIO continues to assist SEPA in its monitoring role and that the level and number of hot spots is reducing.

A planning application has been submitted and details of this can be viewed on the Fife Council website. There was good feedback on the Environmental Impact Assessment submitted for approval last year. The secretary noted that this application is not yet able to be viewed on the planning application section of Fife Council's website.

The chair asked what the scale of the delay is and S Ritchie explained that the start date has now been pushed out to summer of 2019 from the most recent intended start date of summer 2018.

Work is planned for a 6 month window and the earliest this can start is summer because of restrictions due to nesting birds. Delays this year have caused that window to be missed.

SEPA is included in the discussions with MoD and land owners and it was agreed that the secretary will contact SEPA and request more details on this aspect in addition to the report covering the on-going monitoring.

**Action : Secretary**

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

The February 2017 meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Wootton and seconded by A Barratt.

#### REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Secretary to write to the incoming Inspector voicing the concerns of the community ref staffing levels and increase in anti-social behaviour.

**Action : Complete**

Ref discussion related to an additional bus stop on Harbour Way – S Iveson will send another email to Stagecoach.

Shirley reported that Stagecoach responded saying that this request will be included in the process of reviewing the feedback from the Rosyth open day it held last month.

**Action : Complete**

G Walker on-going investigation into the cost of going forward with the Christmas lights.

After the George's resignation the secretary pulled together the information that the CC had on costs for different options for Christmas lights and presented them to the meeting. This was not for discussion at this meeting but if the plan is to have Christmas lights this year then fund raising needs to start as soon as possible. The three options used as examples and their costs are as follows:

Using all 20 CC owned motifs	£6150 Including necessary repairs
Using all 10 CC owned motifs	£3556 Including necessary repairs
Hiring 20 new motifs from Galalights	£8110 Year one based on a 3 year contract

All three options include a non-recurring cost to upgrade the existing connectors and timers at the designated lamp posts. The cost for each of years 2 and 3 for the Galalights option would be £4618 + VAT.

Kirsty pointed out that there had been some interest via social media to make this happen and this could possibly be achieved by a stand-alone group overseen by the Community Council. Kirsty agreed to put an article in April's Diary requesting anyone interested in taking part in this to contact the secretary.

**Action : K Whitfield**

CLlr Laird agreed to investigate if the land beside the new skate park could be an alternative location for the playpark.

CLlr McGarry reported that this is looking like it will not happen for reasons of expansion limitations and proximity to the football pitches.

**Action : Closed**

S Iveson – on going looking to set up informal meetings of community groups. Shirley reported that this is work in progress and Kirsty offered to help increase the pool of potential participants.

**Action : On-going**

On the subject of Dog Poo Bins K Whitfield will write a request to go in the Diary for those dog owners to be more considerate.

**Action : Complete**

CLlr Dempsey had agreed continue to see if anything can be done to clear the tree felling waste that has been left in Bluebell Woods. This has been passed on to John McQueen. The secretary said that a lot of cutting and shredding had been done in the woods recently but nothing had been done with the piles of cuttings that are the subject of this action. Secretary agreed to check this week if this is still the case.

**Action : Secretary**

CLlr Dempsey agreed to look into what can be done to stop the flooding at the church roundabout. A tank vehicle had been sent to clear the drain. There was a general agreement to report any recurrences.

**Action : Complete**

## 5 PUBLIC FORUM

Two Otterston Grove residents attended to ask for clarification about the approval of the planning application for the Muir Homes Development that has access via Otterston Grove. It was unclear to them why the version with access onto Fulmar Way was rejected in favour of the access route being via a quiet cul-de-sac.

This was discussed at length with the outcome being that the decision has been made and for it to be reversed would need a judicial review. This however is only for considering legal aspects of the consideration. With regards to the lock-ups, a member of the public suggested a community buy out could be considered if the street as a community group wanted to retain the lock-ups for their intended use.

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

### DALGETY BAY SAILING CLUB

The secretary reported that he had invited a sailing club representative to the meeting but the invitation was declined. Instead a copy of the recent press statement issued last month was provided for the CC to use as necessary.

### SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

The CC has received three requests for sponsorship from Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society, Dalgety Bay Bowling Club and Inverkeithing High School. It was agreed that these will be considered in the new financial year.

### CONSULTATIONS

#### Future of the Scottish Planning System - running until 4 Apr 2017

In the absence of an Environment S/C meeting the secretary reported that he had worked through the response to this consultation and has completed about 75% of it. He will attend the Planning Aid Scotland (now simply PAS) presentation on Tuesday 14 March in Edinburgh to hear what guidance and advice is available and has accepted the offer of help from a Dalgety Bay resident who is a chartered town planner. When this is complete it was agreed the CC will meet to review the response.

#### Airspace Change Programme - running until 30 April 2017

The CC's response to this consultation is work in progress. Kirsty being the point of contact for stage one had requested copies of the output of stage one and these are available at the library. It was discussed how it would be good not to be selfish on this but for the good of Dalgety Bay and Hillend residents it was agreed that our response must favour the routes with the minimum impact on the air space above and adjacent to this area. Cllr Dempsey had attended the meeting in Dunfermline this evening. He reported that the meeting was similar to that held for stage one. Vectoring had been discussed and it is this activity that could result in more aircraft overflying this area. Kirsty agreed to draft a response for review at our next meeting.

#### Talking Fracking – running until 31 May 2017

The response to this takes the form of 10 questions. It was agreed that the CC's response will be discussed at the next meeting.

It should be noted that all residents can participate in these three consultation as individuals and the CC encourages this.

## 7 DRAFT FINANCE STATEMENT

W Allan had provided a draft projected year end finance statement to the secretary that he circulated earlier. The CC account has a year-end balance of £4400 taking into account committed costs. This results in a year end deficit of expenditure over income of £616. When finalised, the statement will be certified and submitted to Fife Council with the 2017/18 Administrative Grant application.

## 8 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr McGarry reported that in an attempt to stop the anti-social behaviour at Lt Sales Avenue a request had been made to install the Domehawk wireless camera system in this area.

Cllr Dempsey reported

- 1 The section headed by John McQueen, Team Manager - Parks, Streets and Open Spaces - South West Fife Area has been awarded extra budget.
- 2 An investigation is being conducted to find out why and to stop heavy goods vehicles being wrongly directed into Moubray Road.
- 3 In connection with the Otterston Grove lock-ups a freedom of information request has been made in connection with any historic discussion or agreements that might exist.

## 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### JUBILEE PLAQUE

It has been brought to the attention of the CC that the plaque on the roadside banking opposite the allotments on Western Access Road is showing signs of deterioration. It was unclear who is responsible for its upkeep or even if it was meant to remain in place after the jubilee year. It was agreed that the secretary will ask for details from the chairman of the Jubilee Committee that arranged its installation.

**Action : Secretary**

### DIARY DELIVERY

It has been reported that for some areas the Diary is being delivered up to two weeks into the month. The initial indication was that it would be up to five days. It was agreed that K Leslie will contact Printing Services Scotland to see if this can be improved and to request a meeting to review of the Diary status now that it has been wholly managed by PSS for 7 editions.

**Action : K Leslie**

### DBSC OPEN DAY

Kirsty suggested that the CC has a stall at the sailing club open day on 6<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed that this would allow the CC to present its recruitment case to members of the public on a personal level. Kirsty took the action to book this.

### GALA STALL AND PROCESSION - 10 JUNE

The secretary reported that the CC has been invited to join the Gala Day procession. This was discussed and decision deferred until the next meeting. It was agreed that the CC would have a stall.

Kirsty agreed to book both stalls.

**Action : K Whitfield**

The secretary told the meeting that a stock of the book written by historian Eric Simpson, Dalgety Bay – Heritage and Hidden History, had been found. The printing of these books was funded by the CC and so these are available for the CC to sell at various opportunities like the open day and the gala.

The secretary briefly went through other correspondence received in the month:

- 1 Damage to a pill-box at Braefoot Point has been reported to Historic Scotland.
- 2 The demolition of Maxwell Building is due to start in the next 2 – 3 weeks.
- 3 The Scottish Reporter dismissed the appeal lodge by Springfield Properties in connection with its planning application for developing the land next to the recycling plant.
- 4 A request to pass on information regarding Stagecoach bus fare increases was received.
- 5 Notice of another planning related consultation was received. This one is for the four Supplementary Guidance documents : Planning Obligations, Making Fife's Places, Affordable Housing and Minerals. These provide guidance in the implementation of the

Local Development Plan, LDP, that was being considered for adoption at the end of February.

- 6 A report about the amount of litter on Fulmar Way was received. Cllr McGarry agreed to investigate this.
- 7 The secretary received an email voicing concern about the instances of disruption to BT cables during the Virgin Media installation work. Cllr Dempsey passed this on to Fife Council and the following response was received. The contractor should be taking the necessary precautions to minimise cable strikes under its Health and safety plan. Virgin Media had advised they had had some cable strikes in the Dalgety Bay area and none in the Dunfermline area. The indication was that the number of strikes were not excessive given the scale of the project and that the contractor is following procedures to minimise the risk to operatives and apparatus.

#### YOUTH GROUP

Andy reported that he had attended a meeting hosted by an ex-billboard group, to discuss setting up a youth group. It's at a very initial stage, considering how it should be set up. Andy plans to continue being involved with the group.

#### NEXT MEETING

There are a number of organisational issues that the CC needs to discuss and so it was agreed that the April meeting will not be open to the public. The secretary agreed to put a note in the Diary stating this.

**Note:** - These minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Hutchison and this was seconded by K Leslie at the 10th April 2017 meeting of the Community Council.