



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 9th MAY 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

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

***Members of the public***

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***Apologies***

P Franklin, Sgt K Blackwell, Cllr G Yates

***Declarations of Interest***

G Walker declared a connection with the Muir proposal for Fulmar Way.

2 FORESHORE RADIATION

In the absence of an official report W Allan reported that Roger Mullin had told him that the Defence Minister plans to visit Dalgety Bay in June and hopes to meet with residents.

3 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.

Our third Annual Police 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 20th March and 8th May 2016 a total of 227 calls were recorded by Police Scotland relating to Dalgety Bay area.

During the same period 12 Crime files were created of which 5 of those Crime files have been detected with 7 still currently being investigated. Of these crimes, 5 are recorded as vandalisms (including a car windscreen smashed, damage to shed roof at Dalgety Bay Primary School, other vandalisms to motor vehicles).

## NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS

Vandalism – St Bridget’s Kirk - 24th March 2016 I am sure everyone is aware of the spray paint to the Kirk, which has thankfully now been removed by Historic Scotland at a total cost of £5,000. Enquiries are ongoing, however two youths have been named as responsible and statements are still being noted by PC Bell.

Theft by Housebreaking – 4th April 2016 – Forth Reach, Dalgety Bay. Some person(s) did gain entry to said house by smashing the conservatory window with a broken stone from bird table in garden, enter thereat and steal items from within before egressing using true key via rear conservatory door. This crime is undetected and enquiries are ongoing to trace the person(s) responsible.

## INITIATIVES

Local action plan to tackle anti-social behaviour/youth issues in and around the Dalgety Bay. At present patrols are focusing on

- St Bridget’s Kirk
- Playpark – Seafire Place
- Skate park – Ridge Way
- Harbour Place – vehicle noise issues.

## NEXT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Next planned CEM is Tuesday 31st May 2016 (may be subject due to change due to restructuring of CEM’s in line with CC meetings – to be confirmed).

Secretary note – the intention is that the CEM will be included in the CC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Further to this report PC Bell reported today the following.

Unfortunately there are further development today to add to the report. Donibristle Chapel has been vandalised by graffiti, which extends the full length of the building. A crime report has been created today and enquiries are under way. PC Bell requested the CC share photographs/information on its Facebook page/newsletter. At present the timing of this crime is between 1600 hours on Saturday 30th April and 1530 hours on Tuesday 3rd May.

Quick action by Cllr Yates and Fife Council saw the graffiti being cleaned off today.

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

The minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and seconded by J McFarlane.

### ACTIONS ARISING

7c) Previous Item 11f - Cllr Dempsey met with Peter Franklin to be shown deterioration I road surface in Cramond Place. The meeting arranged on site between Cllr Dempsey and Nigel Hampton on 13<sup>th</sup> April was held as planned. The outcome is that much of the deterioration doesn't reach "defect" level but some action will result.

**Action Complete**

8a) Couston Drive and Place parking - Cllr Dempsey reported that the School Run isn't the issue. Problems arise when everyone is home and parked. For now, Fife Council's Traffic Management team don't see the Coustons as exceptional and have not been informed of any problems with bin lorries or emergency vehicles. Consequently they're against instituting any additional measures. Cllr Dempsey reported that he hadn't finished with this yet but was not confident of achieving anything.

**Action – Cllr Dempsey**

6) Previous item 15 - G Walker reported that he had contacted Peter Collins to discuss the community orchard. After an initial email exchange there still some progress to be made.

**Action G Walker**

10) Further to the enquiry into the status of the CC insurance cover with respect to its ownership of land the secretary reported that the insurers confirmed that it did not include Trustee Indemnity. The secretary has received the relevant proposal form and will complete one each for the woodlands and town centre and submit them to the insurers.

**Action – Secretary**

On the subject of the land ownership and insurance issues Cllr Laird gave her encouragement to the Community Council on the calm and thorough approach it was taking in achieving a satisfactory resolution.

W Allan said that a more realistic way forward would be to transfer the ownership to a Community Land Trust. He agreed to investigate the cost of doing this.

**Action – W Allan**

10) The secretary reported that he had received only one response to the request for tenders for the path rectification. The response included two options other than what was requested. One was for a lower cost compacted whin dust top layer commonly used in rural footpaths. Advice from Fife Council's Kane Smith is that this would not be sufficiently durable for a town centre. Because R Green and G Walker had visited a demonstration path site at Oatridge College near Broxburn and thought whin dust would be suitable, G Walker took the action to discuss the finish with Kane Smith and put it into context.

**Action G Walker**

On the subject of the path Cllr Laird reported that the Muir Dean Trust cheque had been signed and sent to P Franklin.

## 5 PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public, Joe Budris, asked the following questions.

1. Why is Peter Vardy allowed to park cars on the grass verge on the planted daffodils and overhang the pavement. The recent discussion on the parking issues were reiterated and W Allan took an action to speak to the manager.

**Action W Allan**

2. He also asked why boulders had been left on the footpath near the junction of Fulmar Way and Ferris Way in addition to the gate that has been erected to limit vehicular access to the end of Ferris Way. Cllr Laird agreed to take this up with the HADIE group.

**Action Cllr Laird**

3. Joe is a resident of Otterston Grove. He asked why the plan is to use Otterston Grove for access to the proposed housing development at Fulmar Way. Cllr Laird explained the situation with the plot of land and how it had been allocated for housing against Fife Council's wishes by the Scottish Reporter. She heard that a second application is to be submitted showing access via Fulmar Way. Both will be considered by the West Fife Planning Committee and Cllr Laird assured the meeting that this would be done in the allocated time and not result in a case of non-determination.

One of our potential new members on the Community Council had the following questions.

1. As well as the graffiti at St Bridget's there was a lot of broken glass lying around in the building. The secretary said that this had been cleaned up as part of the whole exercise by HES.
2. Is something being done about the problems the trees in Longhill Park are giving to some residents. Cllr Laird referred to the work being done in Glenrothes in terms of a town wide plan. Fife Council now has a trained arboriculturist and these problems can be considered. It has been discussed with John McQueen (Team Manager, Area Services, Parks, Streets & Open Spaces) and a visit will be arranged to consider pruning, thinning and lighting issues. These are the immediate issues, for the longer term an planned approach is needed.
3. Has the CC given any grants to the Playpark Group. W Allan confirmed that the CC had given £500 in the past.

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr McGarry reported that she had been approached by residents of Fordell Gardens requesting if bus shelter can be provided at the (uphill) bus stop opposite the entrance. The Council has no budget for this as the numbers involved are small. Nonetheless, the need is there. Cllr McGarry asked the CC to consider making an application to the Muir Dean Trust for funding. If this is agreed then she will investigate costs. So far Fordell has not benefited from the Trust in the way originally envisaged. Dalgety Bay itself has benefited, only because Fordell was directly affected by Muirdean.

The CC agreed in principle to submit an application but issues such as who owns the land and would Fife Council adopt a shelter and maintain it and pay the business rates would have to be part of the consideration.

Cllr Laird said she would send an application form to the secretary.

## 7 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Environment Subcommittee Report for April 2016

The reduction of personnel of the sub- committees has caused the subject matter of this report to be curtailed to pre-planting activities.

The planting budget has been seriously reduced this year because the Fife Council grant is less than last year, together with the general lack of available CC funds. As a consequence I must propose that the hanging baskets are omitted this year and also propose that the entry into the annual Beautiful Fife Competition be dropped. This is unfortunate, however there is the possibility that the DBHS take up that mantle.

Prior to the decision regarding the hanging baskets I made two enquiries from local nurseries with only one (Lady Helen Nursery) submitting costs. These can be provide

on request. Prices were also sought and received for bedding plants which again can be provided for scrutiny should anyone wish.

The final subject on the subcommittee brief is the Longhill Park Orchard and Wild Flower Meadow. I regret to report the condition of this area last autumn and again this spring has been disappointing. Messages have been exchanged between the Contractor Peter Collins and myself. It is unfortunate that I must report this exchange of opinions has only lead to disharmony and doubts as to what work was agreed and is intended to be done this year by the contractor and who responsible for the maintenance and upkeep thereafter. This will remain as an item for CC deliberation.  
G Walker – Convenor Environment Subcommittee.

## 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The secretary reported that he had met with planning officers for both the Fulmar Way and the Prattis site applications. Comments have subsequently been submitted for both on behalf of the Community Council.

**These minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and this was seconded by K Leslie at the 13th June 2016 meeting of the Community Council.**