
**Dalgety Bay and Hillend
Community Council**



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 8th MAY 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

Fife Councillors - D Dempsey, A McGarry, D Barratt

Others

Dr P Dale – SEPA

S Ritchie – DIO

K Hughes and Bradley Turner – Virgin Media Liaison Officers

Apologies – K Whitfield, Cllr L Laird, P Franklin, K Leslie

Declarations of Interest – None

2 POLICE REPORT

The report provided by PC Duncan as follows.

POLICING PRIORITIES

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 10th of April and the 8th of May 2017, a total of 61 calls were recorded by Police Scotland in relation to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area (100 in last period).

During the same period, 8 Crime Files were created for the area (7 in the last period).

One person was charged for driving with no insurance and no MOT. They also had their car seized.

Enquiries are still on going in relation to several shopliftings at Asda and theft of a bike from Dalgety Bay Railway Station.

NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS

None

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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***(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

Twitter: [@policescotland](https://twitter.com/policescotland)

Local Twitter: [@SWFifePolice](https://twitter.com/SWFifePolice)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/policescotland

Cllr McGarry said further to her report for the March meeting the Domehawk camera had not been moved yet. PC Duncan said this was in hand.

3 FORESHORE UPDATE

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.

Dr Dale reported that another drone survey to check for any movement has been carried out.

Further to the CC's request to provide more details on discussions SEPA is party to with MoD and land owners in its role of broker, Dr Dale said it would not be beneficial to the process and so would not be providing any details.

The planning application is well advanced and access in principle to all places is agreed. DIO await the availability of its chosen contractor to start the ground investigation. There is no change to the start date of 2019 with the work being carried out over two summers as explained at previous briefings. Current delays are concurrent with the planning application process and so are not affecting the programme.

4 VIRGIN MEDIA UPDATE

Kevin Hughes and Bradley Turner provided an outline of the community information events that the newly appointed liaison team are conducting. Kevin stressed that the quickest way to report

an issue or a complaint is through Virgin Media. The fastest route is to go direct to the build team if possible. This can also be done by calling 0870 8883116 and selecting option 3, or by email to ExpansionWorks@virginmedia.co.uk The service level agreement for this means that they have to respond to issues within 24 hours. Kevin explained that residents should receive a notification postcard of impending works 7 days before work commences. The postcard replaces the letter used previously in an attempt to separate it from junk mail. Once the work starts, in situations where the installation team doesn't speak English there will be a poster "How's My Digging" on the digger that provides contact details.

In addition residents can get further information by registering for Virgin Media services at virginmedia.com/cablemystreet.

Virgin Media plan to host a Community Information Event on 19th May in the Church Halls.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

Subject to a correction to the name of the month the April 2017 meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by S Iveson and seconded by A Barratt.

REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Community groups' forum - Shirley has booked the Church Hall for this to take place on 30th September. Full details of the event will be developed over the coming months.

The chair wrote to the Twinning Association voicing the CC's concerns about community involvement and will be meeting with its chairman later in May.

Investigation if Christmas lights funding would be eligible for the grants available from ASDA and Tesco is on-going.

6 NEW MEMBERS

Five Dalgety Bay residents with an interest in becoming Community Councillors attended the meeting. The chairman explained how the meeting was conducted and introduced the Community Councillors and our Ward Councillors to them. He also welcomed newly elected Cllr Barratt. The secretary provided each with the recently updated Fife Council's declaration form. It was agreed that at the next CC meeting in June all those still interested will be invited to join.

Still on membership the secretary told the meeting that K Leslie had been elected as a Councillor to represent Ward 9 - Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy. Her remaining on the CC was discussed and the secretary agreed to seek advice from Fife Council on this matter.

Action : Secretary

Following the outcome of this the CC will discuss how the Diary will be edited.

7 CORRESPONDENCE and LOCAL ISSUES

Volunteer Day – Thornton Tomasetti Defence has requested assistance in organising a volunteering day for its staff in the local community. It is looking for information about local projects needing practical assistance from a team of engineers and support staff, eg maintenance of paths, school projects, etc.

Suggestions from those present included the two primary schools and the playpark. J Hutchison took the action to follow this up and liaise with the company.

Action : J Hutchison

The CC received a request about keeping bees and chickens in Dalgety Bay. There are no guidelines from Fife Council unless it became an animal welfare issue and it was suggested that title deeds will provide information about any restrictions. Secretary to reply with this information.

Action : Secretary

The CC received a request for information about the upkeep of the orchard in Longhill Park. Cllr McGarry agreed to request an update from Parks, Streets and Open Spaces. Following receipt of this, if appropriate the CC will consider suggestions for its upkeep.

Action : Cllr McGarry

The CC received an email voicing concern about the state of the road surface on Moray Way South especially adjacent to Lumsdaine Drive junction. Cllr McGarry will report the issue to Roads Network Management.

Action : Cllr McGarry

The CC received notification of the application to the Fife Licensing Board for provisional premises licence for Marston's pub restaurant at Ridge Way. It was agreed that there is no grounds for objecting to this at this stage.

8 TWINNING UPDATE

The Chair reported that the Twinning Association's AGM had been rescheduled for 25th May. The secretary told the meeting that the agenda for this meeting includes a proposed change to its constitution as follows – "The Community Council should be represented by electing one member to serve on the Committee."

In principle the Community Council is supportive of the Twinning but it wasn't clear how this constitution amendment could be implemented and so it was agreed that the CC chairman and secretary will attend the TA AGM and suggest that the TA sends a representative to CC meetings on a regular basis to update the CC with progress made towards making the twinning a success.

9 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP

Varying degrees of funding / provision of Christmas lights for Dalgety Bay is currently being considered by Fife Council. It was agreed to investigate applying for a Muir Dean Trust grant for the non-recurring cost of £1500 to upgrade the connectors at each lamp post.

Action : Treasurer

The setting up an appeal such as Go fund me, Just Giving and EZfund was discussed and A Barratt agreed to investigate how to go about it.

Action : A Barratt

Investigating Tesco and Asda fund raising is on-going.

Action : Treasurer

10 CONSULTATION ON FRACKING

Talking Fracking is a Scottish Government consultation running until 31 May 2017. It was agreed to continue publicising this on Facebook and the CC website.

Action : Secretary

11 FINANCIAL

The bank mandate forms have been handed into RBS but have yet to be actioned. The treasurer will keep checking until the new signatories have been authorised.

The secretary reported the examined accounts for 2016/17 will be ready for the AGM.

12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CLlr Dempsey stated that we have a new Council and he looks forward to what difference that will make unfolding over time.

CLlr Barratt said he was pleased to have been elected to represent this Ward.

13 AOB

Diary - The secretary has been in email communication with the printer in the past month trying to arrange a meeting to discuss bringing the Diary's delivery forward. For the May issue the printer, SPS, made some changes to the scheduling of other print jobs and had managed to bring the completion and hence the delivery forward. This cannot be promised for each month and so there remains an action to discuss how delivery earlier in the month can be achieved.

Action : Secretary

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 12th June immediately following the AGM that will start at 7pm.

These minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Wootton and this was seconded by S Iveson at the 12th June 2017 meeting of the Community Council.