



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2015 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

1 SEDERUNT LIST

Community Council

C McPhail (Chair), P Franklin (Vice Chair), R Green (Secretary), W Allan (Treasurer), J McFarlane, Paul Franklin, G Walker, J McColl, K Leslie, R Doyle

Others

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

SEPA - Dr Paul Dale, N Paton

Members of the public

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Apologies

DIO – S Ritchie on behalf of I Robertson

Resignations have been received from Jeanette Gray and Margaret Willis

The Chair applauded the service that Jeanette Gray has given to the Community Council as Secretary for the past 25 years and her dedication and service to the Community over this period.

Preamble

The Chair told the meeting he had laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service on behalf of the Community Council. The Chair also paid his respects to Robbie Russell who recently passed away. Robbie was a former Community Councillor and ardent lobbyist for the path across the Community Council owned land in the centre of the town.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In connection with collating the response to the Community Council's request for views on Shell's plans for Barns Farm, R Green and J McColl declared an interest due to the proximity of where they live to the fields in question.

3 FORESHORE RADIATION

DIO apologised for non-attendance and provided a written report. Government Agencies continue to progress the strategy for the long-term management of the radium contamination at the foreshore. Draft access agreements are due to be exchanged between key landowners, MOD, SEPA and Fife Council. Potential risk to members of the public remains very low.

Dalgety Bay Sailing Club Ltd (DBSCL) reported by email that its radiation sub-committee still await agreement from MOD and SEPA on various matters and that a representative will attend a CC meeting when there is an update to provide.

SEPA representative Dr Paul Dale reported to the meeting that in its 'monitoring only' role SEPA has no control over the design or progress of the plan.

He reported that following SEPA's attendance to the CC October meeting, the ongoing protection measures including signage, demarcation and monthly monitoring and removal of radioactive sources continues to offer the public an appropriate level of

protection whilst the long term management plan continues to be developed. Although the responsibility of the management plan lies with the DIO, SEPA continues to facilitate and assist its development where appropriate and recently attended a meeting between DIO, Fife Council and DBSC Ltd on 26 October, where further progress was made. Separately SEPA has undertaken a further drone flight over the intertidal area to establish beach heights and determine whether further erosion/accretion of the beach is occurring.

Discussion continued around access approval, concern about not knowing where and how any heavy plant and materials would gain access to the site and is the delay now affecting the overall programme. On the latter point Cllr Yates thought it had not reached that stage yet.

Cllr Yates was grateful for SEPA attending the meeting and advised that DIO is due to attend FC's Area Committee meeting next week. The chair agreed to circulate the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October when received and apply pressure on the DIO to urge them to attend future CC and FC West Area Committee meetings.

4 POLICE REPORT

In the absence of a report Cllr Yates stated that although the spate of break-ins had quietened down we still need to be vigilant about locking patio doors etc.

Post meeting note : There was no representative in attendance from Police Scotland but a late report by email was received at the end of the meeting apologising for this, stating it was due to last minute operational commitments. It said there is not too much to report since the last meeting, some calls of note: youths gathering at Eastern Access Road – no trace on police arrival, vandalism to car parked within driveway at Spinnaker Way - no suspects at this time or lines of enquiry, youths gathering and causing a general nuisance - no trace on police arrival.

Community Team will continue to monitor issues with youths in the Bay.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The Chair provided two corrections as follows. Item 10 should read “. . . jointly by Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (FCCT)” not Fife Council and in Item 13 “non-recoverable” should be deleted. By way of explanation the Chair told the meeting that the cost incurred by the Community Council with respect to hotel accommodation has been put on hold until the end of March 2016 and if not required by then it will be refunded.

With these changes the minutes were proposed by G Walker and seconded by J McColl.

6 PUBLIC FORUM

Sara Hay, representing the Dalgety Bay Playgroup, attended the meeting to present the case behind it requesting a grant from the Community Council to fund a nappy changing area and a portable hand washing station. The Playgroup has lost its funding from Fife Council and also needs to extend the age range of the children it can accommodate. These items are needed for the latter. Staff are also attending training courses that would allow planning for the future to be brought in line with Fife Councils criteria for partnership agreements.

Although the Playgroup has lost its funding from Fife Council for children of nursery age, Cllr McGarry stressed that FC is happy to work with the Playgroup to help it achieve the necessary accreditation.

It was agreed that the Community Council needs to see details of the Playgroup's overall plan to achieve accreditation before it could award the requested grant.

7 REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 2 – The Secretary confirmed receipt of the resignations of Corrie McPhail and Paul Branagan.

Item 5 – How minutes are reported in the Diary was discussed and it was agreed that it should not be changed. Concern had been raised that the minutes are published in the Diary prior to their approval. It was noted however that these are presented as draft in the Diary. The Secretary proposed that amended and approved minutes could be archived as a complete record of a meeting on the Community Council website. It was agreed he would investigate this.

Action - Secretary

Item 6 – The Chair has received confirmation from P Collins that the Community Orchard will soon be strimmed in preparation for next season. Further discussion on this was referred to the Environment Sub-committee.

Action – Environment Sub-committee

Item 7f – The Secretary confirmed that the manhole cover frame has been set in concrete.

Item 8c – Chestnut tree at Etive Place. The householders who raised this issue and Fife Council officials are arranging an on-site meeting to review the situation.

Item 10 – The Secretary has received a copy of the plan for proposed remedial work on the coastal path and awaits an official request for the CC's approval.

Item 11d – The Chair's input to SESplan's Main Issues Report consultation was circulated to all CC members.

Item 13 – The Secretary confirmed he had forwarded details of the Twinning Meeting that took place on 22nd October.

8 LOCAL ISSUES

- a) J McFarlane stated her intention to give up her duties as Diary distributor after the next issue. W Allan offered to speak to a potential replacement. The Chair commended Janice for all the work she has done in ensuring the 4,500 copies of the Diary are distributed to her network of deliverers. G Walker made the suggestion of asking advertisers to assist in the distribution but this was not seen as viable.

Action - Treasurer

- b) Diary Advertising Manager – Two people have shown an interest. The Chair will pass the details to W Allan to follow up.

Action - Treasurer

- c) Letter in Diary ref Ice-House – The Secretary confirmed that he had received assurance that the gate on the Ice-House had been welded shut.
- d) Letter in Diary ref PKD notice – It was confirmed that the notice has been removed. However it raised the issue that persons named in letters should be given the right to reply. The Chair agreed to discuss this with the Diary Editor.

Action - Chair

9 PLANNING

- a) Planning Co-ordinator report – The Secretary reported that Fife Council had refused Springfield Properties' planning permission application for Ridge

Way. Cllr Laird explained the tension that exist between developers and planners is due to the need to retain employment land and prevent encroachment on to it that would be seen by businesses as a threat to them being able to go about their business without upsetting nearby residents.

- b) Barns Farm – The Chair informed the meeting that the call for comments had resulted in a good response with 96% in favour of no housing development. It was agreed that the Chair will collate the results and forward a report to Shell's John Raine. Sending a copy to Shell Chairman Mr Bonino was discussed. Some thought this would be pointless but the agreement was to send to both Messrs Bonino and Raine and at Cllr Yates suggestion follow it up with an article in the press.

Action - Chair

Referring to minutes in the October Dairy (September's CC meeting) a member of the public asked what Shell had reported at the Mossmorran / Braefoot Bay Liaison Meeting and when would Shell be attending a CC meeting as stated. The Chair responded that a meeting had taken place between Shell and the CC office bearers and at that meeting Shell had advised that it had received 20 comments as a result of the invitations in the local press. No detail about these comments had been provided.

[Secretary note : the report that this meeting had taken place was circulated to CC members after the October meeting. Hence it not being reported in the minutes.]

Cllr Laird suggested because Shell had met with the Ward Councillors they could ask Shell for a progress report.

10 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports

11 JUBILEE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Chair reported that the Jubilee Committee will be disbanded at the end of December. Most recent activities have been the over 70's entertainment by the choir and also the choir performing at Henderson House. The last activity is the negotiation of putting the ceramic tiles produced by school children onto a panel and installing it at the Sports Centre. Finally the results of the treasure trail will be announced and prizes awarded.

The Chair reported that all indications were that the Jubilee programme has been fully self-funded and proposed that any resultant profit be disbursed at Jubilee Committee discretion towards the benefit of the community. The Treasurer proposed that the Community Council round any final profit figure up to the nearest £100. No objections were raised towards these proposals.

12 APOINTMENT OF CC REPRESENTATIVE ON MOSSMORRAN COMMITTEE

The Secretary nominated J McColl and G Walker seconded this. As John had attended previous meetings standing in for Colin he was willing to take on the role. The Chair pointed out it was more than attending four meetings a year and both agreed to meet to discuss the extent of the role. Both G Walker and W Allan offered their assistance to John if he took on this role.

13 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer had circulated his report to CC members and briefly explained it to the meeting. He also voiced his concern about the CC having adequate public liability insurance given that the CC owns land and woods. Paul Franklin said it had been checked by the DBCWG and the Chair said the woods were included and additional cover existed for DBCWG members when working in the woods. The Treasurer has a request into Fife Council for clarification and will report on it when he receives it.

Action - Treasurer

14 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a) Cllr McGarry reported that residents of Fordell Gardens have request a bus shelter on the main road opposite the entrance. Due to the cost it will be referred to the Ward Meeting.
- b) The resident who brought the issue of overgrown vegetation and tree problem at the rear of Dalgety Bay Primary school to Cllr McGarry's attention thanked her for keeping him informed during the process of finding a solution.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) An offer of native wild flower seed kits from Fife Council's Parks and Community Event Officer was passed on to the Horticultural Society and DCCWG.
- b) Details of the community greenspace grant programme has been received. The treasurer identified that these were for up to 25% of a project's cost.
- c) A request from a resident to make a third flower bed in Jubilee Park was circulated for consultation and due to the mixed response it was agreed with Fife Council's Lead Office, Area Services to put it on hold and to monitor the private maintenance and planting of the two existing beds.
- d) The offer of training for CC members was given by Fife Council's Community Council Liaison Officer. There was no take up of this offer.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The issue of the funding of the completion Robbie's Path was raised. R Doyle asked to see a detailed plan of what was proposed. The Chair pointed out that the plan had been circulated. G Walker contested that this could not be regarded as a detailed plan. No agreement was made to change this. The grant for funding is with Muirdean Trust. Due to illness a decision has not yet been made.
- b) At a recent DBCWG meeting the Chair agreed to write to residents whose gardens border the CC owned woods asking them to stop dumping garden waste and cutting trees in this area.

Action - Chair

Note: - These minutes were proposed to be a true record by W Allan and this was seconded by K Lelsie at the 14th December meeting of the Community Council.