
**Dalgety Bay and Hillend
Community Council**



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 14th November 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), G Walker, J Wootton, K Leslie, A Barratt, S Iveson, J Hutchison, P Franklin, J McFarlane, K Whitfield

Fife Councillors - D Dempsey, Cllr G Yates

SEPA – Dr P Dale

DIO – S Ritchie

Fife Council Area Manager – A Mutch

Dalgety Bay Fair Trade Group – R Arnott

Members of the public - 0

Apologies - Cllr L Laird, Cllr A McGarry, K Dodd (Virgin Media - Community Liaison Officer)

Declarations of Interest - None

2 POLICE REPORT

Report provided by PC R Duncan

POLICING PRIORITIES 2016/17

Tackling violent crime and anti-social behavior 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 Behavior
- Serious Organized Crime
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Protecting people at risk of harm
- Counter Terrorism

CALLS AND CRIMES REPORTED

Between the 11th of October and the 14th of November 2016, a total of **89 calls** were recorded by Police Scotland in relation to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area (134 calls in last period). During the same period, **13 Crime Files** were created for the area (8 last period). One person has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for assault to injury.

Enquiries are ongoing in relation to 3 vandalisms in the area, which include a smashed window at Dalgety Bay Parish Church. Enquiries are also still on going in relation to theft of alcohol from the Co-Op, theft of alcohol from the BP garage, theft from a motor vehicle and the indecent exposure incident at St. David's Harbour.

NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS

About 2000hrs on 19/10/2016, Police Scotland received reports that a male had indecently exposed himself to members of the public in the St. David's Harbour area of Dalgety Bay. The male responsible has only been described as approximately 30 to 40 years old, 6 feet tall and of a medium build. He had very short, light coloured hair and was wearing a black top. If anybody has

any information in relation to this male then please contact 101. The crime reference number is CF0184121016. Enquiries are still on going.

INITIATIVES

Public Consultation Survey (currently ongoing). 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.

SCHOOLS

Community Officers are continuing to engage with schools in the area.

On 27/10/2016, Richard Duncan and Jim Bell attended at Donibristle Nursery, where they accompanied pupils on two road safety walks in the Dalgety Bay area.

Officers will be attending at Dalgety Bay Primary School on 17/11/2016 to take part in a "Careers Day".

The pupils at Dalgety Bay Primary and Donibristle Primary will also receive inputs on road safety during Road Safety Week, which is running from the 21st to the 27th of November.

CONTACT DETAILS

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***(not staffed 24/7)**

If you require an officer to attend a meeting to discuss a specific issue please do not hesitate to contact us.

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.

Website: www.scotland.police.uk

Twitter: @policescotland

Local Twitter: @SWFifePolice

Facebook: www.facebook.com/policescotland

3 FORESHORE RADIATION

S Ritchie from DIO reported that the project is moving along as planned. The Environment Impact Assessment has been conducted and the report is being assessed by Fife Council.

The chair asked what level of consultation the Community Council would be receiving from DIO on the forthcoming Pre Application Consultation (PAC). It was explained that DIO was following standard protocol for this and had informed the Community Council that it would be taking place. No additional consultation will be provided at this stage.

The chair advised DIO that BBC Scotland had contacted the secretary asking for information about the consultation. On this matter the secretary will forward DIO's email address to BBC Scotland.

Action Secretary

S Ritchie continued and explained that after the PAC a report of comments received at the event will be vetted for relevance and provided to Fife Council.

DIO was hoping for a long term view on storage of what will be removed from the foreshore but this is taking longer than anticipated to finalise. The fall back is the storage facility at Rosyth. The chair asked what will be taken in and out and by sea or road. S Ritchie said that the method with least impact on the environment was by sea but the assessment of the EIA will determine which. If by sea, then the rock armour sourced from a central Fife quarry will be transported to Kirkcaldy and then by barge to Dalgety Bay.

Dr P Dale of SEPA reported that routine monitoring and recovery of sources from Dalgety Bay continues to be undertaken by DIO, this work coupled with other public protection measures (signage, demarcation and prevention of access) remains sufficient to protect the public from radioactive contamination whilst long term remediation works are developed. MoD is progressing with development of long term remediation works (see DIO update) which includes a public consultation which SEPA will attend.

SEPA will on Wednesday be undertaking further monitoring of the mussel beds, SEPA has recently monitored the sentinel areas (as advised by COMARE) to the East and West of the contaminated area and found no sources indicating that there has been no further spread of the contamination at present. We are also scheduled to undertake a further drone flight to determine changes in the coastline and beach heights over the next few days, although this is dependent on wind speed.

4 DALGETY BAY FAIRTRADE GROUP – briefing from Robin Arnott

The reasons for Robin's briefing were to inform the Community Council of the work the Group does and to request for a member to represent the CC at the FT Group's meetings.

Robin told the meeting that with support of Dalgety Bay Parish Church and Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council, the Dalgety Bay FT Group was established in 2012 resulting in Dalgety Bay being awarded Fairtrade Town Status in August 2013 and through the efforts of the Group retaining it in 2014. This has to be renewed every two years and the application for 2016 is already in place in the queue awaiting approval.

Robin went on to list the 5 criteria towards becoming a Fairtrade Town

- Support of Fife Council
- Fairtrade products stocked in shops and supermarkets
- Fairtrade products in use at meetings (such as coffee)
- Events promoting Fairtrade
- Existence of a steering group

Why Fairtrade – it puts a little humanity back into the produce we use by helping to develop the community providing the produce.

Community Council members were asked to consider Robin's request for a representative and one member agreed to give this serious consideration and contact Robin once decided.

5 ALASTAIR MUTCH – Area Manager South (ASM) West Fife

The chair introduced Alastair who told the meeting that his letter to the community councils earlier in the year was to introduce himself, make us aware of who he was, meet community councillors and highlight what he does.

Alastair started in post on the 14th March and is a member of staff from Fife Council's Communities Directorate, based within the Community & Corporate Development Service. The Service covers Area management, Community planning, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety, Funding and Policy.

His job purpose as ASM is to lead and manage local community planning within the SWF area committee boundary. This will be achieved through the promotion of integrated, locally responsive council and partner services as well as developing policy, designing strategies through local community planning that will improve the quality of life in the area.

His work includes supporting the Area Committee, Area Leadership Team and the Local Community Plan.

6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

The October meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and seconded by K Leslie.

REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Vice Chair and Secretary have posted information about the Foreshore pre application consultation on the notice board, the Diary and Facebook.

Action Complete

Vice-Chair, Secretary and P Franklin signed copy of the new constitution for sending to Fife Council for its records.

Action Complete

S Iveson created a dedicated email address and put an article in the Dairy requesting residents' views on the subject of a new bus stop on Harbour Way. There has been little response to date and it was decided to let it run for another month. Cllr Yates suggested researching other bus user forums.

Action Ongoing

Secretary spoke to Blachere and explained that the Christmas lights will not be used this year and arranged for them to be uplifted by another company offering storage facilities.

Action Complete

HARBOUR DRIVE – overgrown foliage - Cllr Dempsey reported that Ian Jones, of Transportation, has told him the initial approach has to be to the property owners and this will be done.

Action Ongoing

The chair has been informed by John McQueen that the grass has been cut at the wild flower meadow three times by his team and is now back under full Fife Council control.

Action Complete

SETTING DATE FOR EGM – with no nominations forthcoming for office bearers there was no discussion on this matter.

Action Ongoing

7 PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing to report.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

SESplan PROPOSED STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The consultation for this has requested comments by 24th November.

The chair proposed that the 3 main issues for Dalgety Bay are:

1. Accommodating Edinburgh Housing Demand
2. Minimum levels of affordable housing in new developments
3. Green networks - central or local prioritising

It was agreed he would produce a response to the request for comments.

TAYLOR WIMPEY

The CC has been invited to meet with TW to be shown the plans for its Spencerfield development. The secretary reported that this had been discussed at the Environment Subcommittee meeting on 3rd November and it had been agreed that he would accept this invitation. A development of this is that TW has submitted more detail to its planning application for 295 houses on this site. It was agreed that the CC will not be commenting in connection with this application.

REVIEW OF UK PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCIES

The CC acknowledged receipt of the notification of the proposed new boundaries.

EDUCATION GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The secretary reported that he had given the posters and fliers provided to him on this subject to the library and placed a poster on the community notice board. The discussion on this resulted in agreement that the Community Council will not be submitting any comments.

ALDI LICENCE APPLICATION

There was agreement that the Community Council has nothing to add to the consultation for this application

FIFEplan LDP RELEASE DATE UPDATE

The secretary reported that he had been informed that the delayed issuing of the Local Development Plan is hoped happen w/c 14th November.

UPDATED ENFORCEMENT FORM

The secretary advised the meeting that there is an updated online Enforcement Form that should be used when reporting any breach of planning regulations.

DO THE HONOURS

The secretary reported that we are being encouraged by the Assistant Clerk to the Lieutenancy in Fife to raise the profile of the Honours nomination process locally in order to encourage more nominations from Fife. He has received information and a one page flier that has been posted on the CC's Facebook page and the local notice board.

LITTER SITUATION IN DALGETY BAY

The secretary had received an email from an Aberdour resident voicing his concerns about the litter situation in Dalgety Bay and in particular along the stretch of the A921 between the traffic lights at the junction to the High School and the end of the footpath at the rear of Maxwell Building. Over the past 18 years he has been voluntarily clearing litter at various locations and he is requesting the CC to seek volunteers to assist in this task. It was agreed that this subject would be discussed at the Environment Subcommittee.

FOOTPATH AVOIDING A921

The secretary had received an email requesting assistance in seeking public access to the footpath between the stables opposite the ex-Havelock Europa site and the rail bridge near the Eastern Access Road end. The resident feels it would provide an alternative and safe route for walkers. Currently, access to the path is denied by a large metal gate. Cllr Yates agreed to speak to the access officer about this request.

9 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS

K Leslie had circulated the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November and presented the report to the CC meeting.

Diary Laptop

One issue requiring CC approval is the purchase of laptop in support of the editing work required for the Diary. Due to large volumes of data it was considered appropriate that a laptop dedicated to this should be purchased, this would also allow handover to another if the Editor is not available at any time.

The planned purchase was given full approval.

ENVIRONMENT

G Walker had circulated the minutes of the meeting held on 3th November in the meeting room at Louie Brown's and presented the report to the CC meeting.

Christmas Lights

During the meeting Kieran Fagan, the owner of LB, enquired about the lack of Christmas Lighting this year. RG explained about the storage agreement with Gala Lighting and a subsequent offer of free lighting from Gala with the CC paying for delivery and erection for up to 10 displays. The total cost associated with this arrangement would be in the region of £1,100. WA explained even this was outwith the reach of present CC Funds.

On hearing the offer from Gala Lighting, Kieran offered to contribute £500 towards the cost, with the CC paying the remainder. Further to the meeting WA agreed that RG canvass other businesses in the area asking for contributions towards the cost of the lights.

Gateway Development Update

The secretary met with William McAlister of Muir Group who showed him the plans for the Gateway Development. These showed the Dalgety Bay town coat of arms on pillars at the entrance to a footpath into the Aldi car park. This was felt to be an inappropriate location for the coat of arms and the secretary suggested that it should be in a position facing the on-coming pedestrian and road traffic entering Dalgety Bay. William agreed to look into this. This suggestion was met with agreement at the S/C meeting and later at the CC meeting. Secretary to advise William McAlister of this decision.

Action Secretary

FINANCE

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer summarised his report for the month that he had distributed earlier.

10 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Fraser Avenue demolition has begun
- Inverkeithing High School Travel Plan launches on Wednesday 16th – takes in routes to/from DB
- I've been helping to get some of the paths in the town rendered guide dog friendly by getting shrubbery cut back
- Trees continue to be an issue
- The ward councillors are meeting reps from Barratt on Wednesday 23rd to take forward issues round the ownership and maintenance of grassed areas and woodland

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5 MORAY WAY NORTH

The secretary reported that the owner/developer of 5 Moray Way has submitted a change of use application for these premises from class 1 to class 2 (Estate Agent). It was agreed that the CC will not submit any comment on this application.

NEXT MEETING 12TH DECEMBER

As he won't be able to attend the next meeting the secretary requested a member to agree to take the minutes and produce the summary for the Diary.

TESCO OFFER

In connection with the request for additional contributions to offset the cost of the Christmas Lights, Tesco had offer to organise an in-store collection. The chair suggested that perhaps we shouldn't be competing with charity collections at this time of year. This was met with full agreement and the secretary will inform Tesco community champion of this decision.

These minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and this was seconded by P Franklin at the 12th November 2016 meeting of the Community Council.