



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 IN DALGETY PARISH CHURCH HALLS

**1 ATTENDANCE LIST, APOLOGIES and DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**

**Community Council** - J Wootton(Chairman), R Green (Secretary), J Hutchison, P Vincent, D Coleman, L Rennie, N Napier, A Barratt, A Saunders, P Franklin, S Leckie

**Fife Councillors**, A McGarry, Cllr D Barratt

**SEPA** – P Dale

**DIO**– S Ritchie

**Police Scotland** – PCs Duncan and Bell

**Apologies** – S Iveson, A Napier, G Cochrane, J Grycuk, Cllr L Laird

**Members of the Public** - 11

**Declarations of Interest** – None

**2 POLICE REPORT**

**POLICING PRIORITIES 2017/18**

Improving road safety, tackling violent crime and protecting people at risk of harm are some of the priorities outlined in the Annual Police Plan for 2017/18. The Plan sets out priorities for Policing Scotland's communities for the 12 months ahead. The 6 priorities are:-

- Violence, Disorder and Anti-social Behaviour
- Serious Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
- Protecting People at Risk of Harm
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Acquisitive Crime (bogus workmen, fraud etc.)

PCs Bell and Duncan were in attendance at the CC meeting on 13th November and provided the following report.

**CALLS AND CRIMES REPORTED**

Between the 10th of October and the 13th of November 2017, a total of 99 calls were recorded by Police Scotland in relation to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area (70 in the last period). During the same period, 10 Crime Files (some containing multiple charges) were created for the area (9 in the last period). Persons have been charged for the following:- Threatening and abusive behaviour (4); Assault (1); Resisting arrest (1); Driving under the influence of alcohol (2)

Enquiries are still on going in relation to 2 vandalisms, a theft by shoplifting and a theft by housebreaking.

**NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS**

About 2:50am on the 10th of November 2017, an unknown male forced entry to a property at Whites Quay, Dalgety Bay, by smashing a glass door panel. He then stole a key to the property and a car key from within. The male was disturbed by the occupants and fled the area on foot. He has only been described as wearing dark coloured clothing. If anyone has any information in relation

to this incident then it can be reported to police via 101, quoting reference number PS-20171110-0301, or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

We would also like to encourage residents to report any suspicious activity to police and remain vigilant. Do not keep car keys near to doors or windows, as these can be stolen within seconds of a window being smashed.

### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

St. Bridget's Kirk, Dalgety Bay – There continues to be youth disorder at the Kirk, despite extra attention from police. Once again, we would like to remind adults that it is an offence to purchase alcohol for anyone under the age of 18. If convicted, this offence can carry a prison sentence of up to 3 months, a fine of up to £5000, or both.

We have been made aware of comments on social media, particularly Facebook, where local residents have criticised Community Officers for targeting this type of anti-social behaviour. Given that groups of drunken youths can be a regular cause of noise nuisance, vandalisms, general anti-social behaviour (including targeting houses with eggs and stones) and assaults, we will continue to target them. Local youths have also been found in possession of controlled substances on previous occasions, including ecstasy tablets. One youth, under the age of 16, was recently hospitalised after taking one of these tablets.

Residents have also stated that police should be dealing with "real crime" instead of youth disorder. The majority of crimes recorded are investigated by Response Officers or, in more serious cases, the CID or other specialist departments. Community Officers will continue to tackle anti-social behaviour, carry out as much intervention/prevention work as possible and, where required, assist with investigating local crime.

We would encourage anyone who has an issue with this process to attend at Dalgety Bay Police Station to discuss, instead of being a "keyboard warrior".

Houses being targeted – A small number of properties are being regularly targeted by youths. This includes them banging on doors and windows, throwing stones and shouting at the occupants in an effort to get a reaction. We have moved two Domehawk cameras to the areas most affected and would encourage parents to know where their children are. Being targeted constantly can have a severe impact on elderly residents or those with health conditions.

### **SCHOOLS**

On 24th and 26th of October, Community Officers delivered assemblies at Dalgety Bay Primary School, which covered the role of the police, who to contact in an emergency, anti-social behaviour and general safety.

On 2nd of November, Community Officers attended at Dalgety Bay Primary School along with a veterinary nurse from the PDSA. Workshops were delivered to all pupils surrounding dog safety, which are ultimately designed to reduce the number of children being bitten by dogs.

On 10th of November, Community Officers took a group of P7 pupils from Dalgety Bay Primary School on a 6 mile cycle around the local area. Pupils put their Bikeability skills to use on some roads and cycle paths, where road safety was reinforced and highlighted.

### **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)

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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\*(not for reporting crime)

\*\* (not staffed 24/7 and not for reporting crime)

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

### 3 FORESHORE UPDATE

Dr Paul Dale from SEPA and Steve Ritchie from DIO reported that the programme of monitoring of 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. There have been no major changes to the programme except that the contractor may change. The investigation work prior to construction concluded 4 weeks ago. They confirmed that there are no access issues and the next big event will be ministerial permission to commence the construction work. They saw no reason for the duration of the programme to change.

With regard to both DIO's and SEPA's on-going presence at the DB&HCC meetings it was noted by Cllr McGarry that there did not appear to be much benefit from this due to the success of the current regime.

### 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

The October 2017 meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Hutchison and seconded by D Coleman.

#### REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Our community police have confirmed we can post the crime reporting content of the monthly report they provide on the CC Facebook page.

**Action : Closed**

Festive lights funding initiatives and crowd funding wording are shelved following Fife Council's decision to include Dalgety Bay in the Blachere contract

**Action : Closed**

With the work load on the Environment Subcommittee at present it was agreed that the discussion about transferring the 3 woodlands owned by the CC to a community land trust will be deferred to early 2018.

**Action : On-going**

The secretary will investigate what cleaning of the deposit on the plaque of the Donibee sculpture is required and what ongoing maintenance is needed.

**Action : On-going**

The need for festive lights storage and all remaining sets of festive lights to be tested has been superseded by Fife Council including Dalgety Bay in the contract placed with Blachere and the continued use of the CC owned lights as part of that contract.

**Action : Closed**

Reference the potential for Louie Brown's installing a Christmas tree on CC land - the insurers have confirmed that as long as the CC carries out a risk assessment with the bistro owner prior to any work being done and if there is a need for a temporary electricity supply that this meets all relevant

regulations then there is anything else the CC needs to consider. Secretary to convey this to Louie Brown's owner.

**Action : Secretary**

The secretary confirmed that the request for community involvement for Beautiful Fife went in the November Diary. To date there has been only one response.

**Action : Closed**

Residual PB funds - it was decided to put a note in the Diary that there is some residual PB funding available and invite requests for grants of up to £300.

**Action : Secretary**

Existing rental agreements and income from future use of Community Council land be reviewed. CC to discuss.

**Action : Finance S/C**

In connection with the CC owned land, S Leckie asked what progress had been made with the plans to develop the CC owned town centre land. Cllr Barratt agreed to investigate what had happened to the proposal titled "Dalgety Bay, Town Centre Framework, Town Square" produced by IronsideFarrar in March 2015.

**Action : Cllr Barratt**

The secretary confirmed that he had distributed the list of tasks associated with the secretary's role throughout the year to all CC members. Further to this he agreed to show how the role could be shared by three people and ask for volunteers to take up the role(s).

**Action : Secretary**

## 5 CORRESPONDENCE AND LOCAL ISSUES

### **GAS POWERED GENERATING PLANT APPLICATION**

Residents from Hillend attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the planning application for a gas powered generating plant to be situated at the far end of Growforth Nursery. Full details can be found on the Fife Council Planning Website, reference number 17/02960/FULL. Stan Green from Growforth and owner of the proposed site attended the meeting to give some background on how this application developed from numerous cold calls from the developer to what it is now. The attraction to the developer is the proximity of the site to the substation and the gas main. This was discussed at length and the outcome is that the CC will submit comments to Fife Council based on concerns about noise, health issues, pollution, topography and the Scottish Government's Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme (LCITP).

**Action : Secretary**

### **NEW STREET LIGHTING**

A Dalgety Bay resident contacted the CC voicing his concerns about the lack of spread of light from the new LED street lights, leaving dark patches on the pavements. Cllr McGarry agreed to contact the relevant person in Fife Council with a view to arranging a meeting with the Environmental Subcommittee to discuss the issue.

**Action : Cllr McGarry**

### **THE MOSSMORRAN AND BRAEFoot BAY COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The CC's representation on this committee has lapsed for a few months and the secretary was reminded of this and was told how to nominate a CC member to attend the quarterly meetings.

Cllr Barratt summarised the function of the committee as follows : preferred route to communicate with the community, awareness of issues from the community, awareness of funding that could be available to the community.

P Franklin and S Leckie offered to represent the CC. The secretary will email their details to the secretary of the Liaison Committee.

**Action : Secretary**

#### **BEAUTIFUL FIFE**

Cllr McGarry reported that she had discussed the broad topic of Beautiful Fife with M Gourlay and W Allan at her surgery prior to the meeting. It had been suggested that a subgroup attached to the Environmental Subcommittee could be responsible for the floral enhancements to Dalgety Bay and Hillend and manage any grant moneys made available to the CC from Fife Council. Cllr McGarry agreed to set up a meeting with the Local Community Planning Support Officer.

**Action : Cllr McGarry**

#### **DALGETY BAY GATEWAY**

The CC received the following update, dated 10th November 2017, from Scarborough Hermiston.

“Scarborough Hermiston Limited are very much committed to undertaking the Dalgety Bay Gateway development. Currently, a detailed Planning Application has been submitted to Fife Council which we expect will be determined before the end of 2017. The Planning Application includes details of the family pub restaurant, some minor elevations changes to the parade of units like increasing the number of skylights on the commercial units and changing the use class from Class 3 to “hot food” and Class 2 which is based on specific occupier requirements. We have been busy securing occupiers for the remaining units and once timescales to start on site have been confirmed on receipt of the detailed Planning Consent, we will confirm who all the occupiers including timescales which the construction works will commence and complete.

In the meantime, essential utility diversion works have been instructed and will commence in due course.

We are aware there is some speculation on social media that existing neighbours have objected to the development and technical problems with surrounding road infrastructure. We can confirm that none of the speculation is factually correct.”

## **6 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

The subcommittee convenor P Vincent reported that the Environmental Subcommittee met last month to formulate the outline of the agreement that will be in place between the CC and the Enchanted Wood Early Learning Years and Childcare for its Forest School proposal. This outline will be developed into a Memorandum of Understanding and discussed with the Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group to finalise it before meeting with the Forest School representatives.

**Action : Secretary**

## **7 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

**Cllr Dempsey** reported on the Edinburgh Airport Consultation Committee and summarised the current situation as follows;

- the CAA has paused the examination of the report due to technical issues
- a Noise Management Board has been set up to examine and report on local issues

- the Edinburgh Airport Community Board gets the first £120k per year of the airport drop-off charge to distribute to good causes
- currently there are no major changes to flight paths

On the subject of trees, Cllr Dempsey said that Fife Council will investigate Longhill Park for making a start to resolving tree issues.

**Cllr McGarry** reported that she continues to be involved with youth disorder issues. Domehawk cameras have been repositioned but the underlying problem is that there are no youth workers.

**Cllr Barratt** reported that there is an encouraging high demand by expanding businesses for locations on the Hillend and Donibristle Industrial Estate.

Demolition of the auction house site and the remainder of the ex-Bourne's site is due to start in December.

## 8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

These minutes were proposed to be a true record by N Napier and this was seconded by S Leckie at the 13th November 2017 meeting of the Community Council.