

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th October 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

Fife Councillors - D Dempsey, L Laird

Muir Group – W McAlister

Members of the public

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Apologies

P Franklin, J McFarlane, K Whitfield, Cllr G Yates, Cllr A McGarry,

Declarations of Interest

None

2 POLICE REPORT

Report provided by PC Richard Duncan after the meeting.

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 12th of September and the 9th of October 2016, a total of <u>134 calls</u> were recorded by Police Scotland in relation to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area (103 calls in last period).

During the same period, <u>8 Crime Files</u> were created for the area (8 last period). Persons have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for charges including driving with no licence, driving with no insurance, possession of an air weapon in a public place and for threatening and abusive behaviour.

Enquiries are still on going in relation to a theft of fuel, use of counterfeit currency and vandalism to a vehicle. Counterfeit currency has recently been used in the Dunfermline area, which may be linked to the incident in Dalgety Bay.

NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS / LEGISLATION UPDATES

Nil

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.

Community Speed Watch is still at the very early stages and more information will be passed on when available.

Community Officers will continue to visit Dalgety Bay and Donibristle Primary Schools after the October holidays. Richard Duncan and Jim Bell attended to speak with the pupils at Donibristle Nursery on the 4th of October, where they were introduced to the children. They will be accompanying nursery staff and pupils on two Road Safety Walks after the school holidays.

High visibility patrols and speed checks will also continue around schools after the holidays.

CONTACT DETAILS

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PC Richard Duncan	Richard.Duncan@scotland.pnn.police.uk	101
PC James Bell	James.Bell2@scotland.pnn.police.uk	101

*(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

There were no reports from SEPA and DIO this month.

The secretary reported that the Marine Licence application for the investigation stage had been updated most notably with the start and end dates of 1st November - 16th December. There is also notification of a Public Exhibition Event supporting the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) submitted to Fife Council by Aecom in September. This event will be in the church hall on 21st and 23rd November from 3pm to 9pm.

Information about the public exhibition will be posted on the notice board, the Diary and Facebook.

Action – Vice Chair and Secretary

4 GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

William McAlister of Muir Group was invited to the meeting to give an update on progress with the development. He told the meeting that work had been in progress for a number of years and is now working towards the start of construction by the end of this year. He confirmed that the site will include an Aldi store, a Marston's family pub and classes 4 and 3 business and leisure units.

The construction will comprise two five month phases: the first being site enabling followed by building. Each separate development will run in parallel towards the same end date. Details about trees and placement of the town coat of arms will be discussed with the CC over the following weeks.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

The August meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and seconded by S Iveson.

REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Secretary submitted a nil response in connection with the marine licence application related to the foreshore remediation works.

Action Complete

A copy of the new constitution now has to be signed by the Vice-Chair and Secretary and sent to Fife Council for its records.

Action ongoing – Vice Chair and Secretary

Secretary repeated the email to Andrew Arbuckle to the address provided by Cllr McGarry.

Action Complete

DBCWG Heritage Viewpoint Project approval. The Vice-chair reported that in connection with this topic and related liability/insurance issues, he and the secretary had a very productive meeting on 6th October with the chair and vice-chair of the DBCWG. This resolved issues such as public liability insurance, agreeing wording for a memorandum of understanding between the CC and DBCWG citing its constitution as the managing document and agreeing a clearer definition of the role of the CC office bearers and the DBCWG management committee.

Action Complete

CllrDempsey took an action to see if the high hedges ruling would apply and agreed to meet with Mr Preston.

Action Complete

Vice Chair and Secretary met with DBCWG ref CC/DBCWG relationship.

Action Complete

Cllr McGarry agreed to investigate if it was at all possible for a new bus stop to be placed on Harbour Way. The response from Fife Council is that more information is required regarding position and need. S Iveson agreed to follow this up and collect more information. K Leslie will include the necessary link on our Facebook page.

Action – K Leslie, S Iveson

K Leslie called a meeting to discuss suggestions for new content for the Diary.

Action Complete

K Whitfield submitted CC comments to the airport consultation.

Action Complete

Via Cllr Yates the Chair requested the removal of PKD signs. The request has been made but at the time of this meeting no action to remove the signs has been taken.

Action Complete

Instead of re-submitting the CC's response to the Pharmacy consultation he arranged for the original submission by W Allan to be associated with the CC.

Action Complete

SETTING DATE FOR EGM

The issue of office bearers was briefly discussed and members asked to consider if they would want to take up the vacant positions. This will discussed further at November's meeting that will be also incorporate an EGM. Also to be discussed at that meeting is the proposed adoption of the Standing Orders recently circulated to members by the chair.

The chair felt that each member should take on a role on the CC and the following sub-committees were reformed.

Finance - W Allan (convenor), P Franklin, S Iveson and J Wootton.

Environment - G Walker, A Barratt, R Green and W Allan

Communications - K Leslie, K Whitfiled, J McFarlane and J Hutchison

The convenors of the Environment and Communications subcommittees will be decided at the first meeting of each.

6 PUBLIC FORUM

Evelyn Leatham came to the meeting, supported by family and friends, with a request to the CC to consider the siting of a memorial bench adjacent to the Coastal Path in the woodland owned by the CC. The bench, that is a memorial to her son, has been removed from its original place in the grounds of the Bay Inn and to be refurbished. The proposal is that the bench would replace an existing bench that is broken and in a state of disrepair. The cost of installing the bench and its upkeep is included in the proposal. Initial discussion had been with A Brown of the DBCWG who had referred it to this meeting. There was a unanimous agreement for this to go ahead and further liaison to be directed to the DBCWG.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

DBCWG HERITAGE VIEWPOINT PROJECT

Refer to the completed action on this topic in section 5.

VIRGIN MEDIA BRIEFING

The briefing provided by Virgin Media about the introduction of fibre optic broadband to Dalgety Bay had been circulated to CC members before the meeting. This will be followed up by a Virgin Media representative at the November meeting to answer any questions.

TREE STRATEGY FOR DALGETY BAY

The following summary was given by Cllr Dave Dempsey.

Fife Council is taking a more pro-active approach to trees in Dalgety Bay. That said, the team who do the work have seen their budget cut severely so things won't be sorted overnight. On the subject of encroaching woodland the answer here depends on "whose woodland?". And here the answer is not always known. Some is owned and maintained by Fife Council; some is simply maintained by the Council and here the Council is taking steps to regularise informal arrangements whose origins are lost in the mists of time; a bit belongs to the Community Council and is maintained by the Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group; quite a bit belongs to "someone else", often a housebuilder who has gone out of business or been taken over (and over and over, sometimes). We're starting to research this systematically but it could be quite a while before ownership is clarified across the Bay and longer still before every owner is taking proper responsibility. I hope to be able to publish something a bit more definitive as we go along but I want to be sure I get it right first.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UPDATE

We are still waiting to hear from Blachere in connection with storing the lights until they are next used. The secretary stressed to the meeting that there will be no Christmas lights this year.

Action – Secretary

HARBOUR DRIVE – overgrown foliage Cllr Dempsey agreed to follow this up.

Action – Cllr Dempsey

DALGETY BAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A letter of thanks was received by the CC from Mike Gourley thanking the CC for its sponsorship of its annual show.

8 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS Subcommittee

It was agreed to continue including in the Diary paintings from pupils of the two Dalgety Bay primary schools. K Leslie will investigate what type of gift token will be used.

ENVIRONMENT

- a) The chair reported that he had had an initial discussion with Mike Gourley in connection with preparation for the Beautiful Fife judging next year.
- b) Robbie's Path has been completed with a new sub layer, kerb stone sides and a compacted whindust top layer.

FINANCE - TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer summarised his report for the month that he had distributed earlier.

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

DALGETY BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – NEWS ROUND-UP: OCTOBER 2016







Councillor Gavin Yates

FIFE COUNCIL - ROUND UP

Transportation – positive meeting with the new Minister held in September re various transport issues. RAIL FARES – Minister has now agreed that this will be included in the recently announced Strategic Transport Review.

Longannet – After a long campaign delighted that the Task Force has now obtained £2.7M funding to deliver part of the action plan.

Broadband – Virgin Media are now offering cable broadband in Dunfermline and are looking to develop their business across West Fife.

Fife Council this week submitted its submission to the review of **Business Rates**. We have had very strong representations from the business community.

Preparations are underway for the Budget – early indications suggest could be similar cut to last year

FIFEplan – delayed for the 3rd time. Costs are £400 per day for each reporter so over run is a concern. All info provided by July. No indication of when this will be received.

WARD 6 NEWS

Fraser Avenue Regeneration – Demolition - awaiting disconnection of utilities
Planning – decision of the Reporter is to reject the development at West Aberdour –
this is the 2nd favourable decision from the Reporter – other was in Glenrothes
Inverkeithing Town Centre – CARS project - funding application submitted
Easter programme activity underway at the Wing and also Dalgety Bay Sports Centre

DALGETY BAY

Tree survey work is completed – meeting being set up with Barratts PDK Festival – change of venue required due to the Leisure Trust Board of Director's decision that selling alcohol was not compatible with the Trust's core aims. Attended the opening of the STEM Lab at Dalgety Bay Primary school by Education Minister. Lovely event and the children did a fantastic job. No further follow up from the residents in relation to the visit by Travellers. Airport Consultation – Commitment they will present again in Dunfermline in December re the outcome of the Consultation and next steps

LOOK AHEAD

SW Area Committee 12 October/ Ward Meeting 19 October /Full Council 1 December

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FIFE COUNCIL PLANNING PRESENTATION to COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Secretary reported that he had attended a presentation in Fife House by the Economy, Planning and Employability Services section of Fife Council. The presentation was about different aspects of planning (applications, conditions, obligations and enforcement). Full details of the presentation are available to view.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The chair reported that the Wildflower Meadow in the Community Orchard has been cut back. It wasn't entirely clear if henceforth the grass will be maintained by Fife Council and so the chair said he would speak to John McQueen to ascertain if it is now back under full Fife Council control.

Action - Chair

PRESENTATION TO COLIN McPHAIL

Colin McPhail, the CC's chairman for 28 years who retired earlier this year, has requested that his presentation is given in the library. The chair reported that he had checked with the library and this could be done on a Tuesday at 10:30 before the library opens to the public.

REMEMBERANCE DAY SERVICE

The chair reminded the meeting that the Remembrance Day service is on 13^{th} November.

These minutes were proposed to be a true record by G Walker and this was seconded by K Leslie at the 14th November 2016 meeting of the Community Council.