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**Dalgety Bay and Hillend  
Community Council**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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, P Vincent, D Coleman, L Rennie,

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

**Apologies** – N Napier, A Napier, G Cochrane, J Grycuk, P Franklin, A Saunders, A Barratt, Cllr L Laird

**Members of the Public** - 0

**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.)

### **CALLS AND CRIMES REPORTED**

Between the 12th of September and the 8th of October 2017, a total of 70 calls were recorded by Police Scotland in relation to the Dalgety Bay and Hillend area (106 in the last period).

During the same period, 9 Crime Files were created for the area (20 in the last period). Persons have been charged for the following:-

Fail to stop after a road accident – 1; Fail to report a road accident- 1; Being in the curtilage of a property with intent to steal – 1; Possession of cannabis – 1; Driving whilst unfit through drugs – 1; Possession of cocaine with intent to supply – 1.

Enquiries are still on going in relation to 3 vandalisms and 3 thefts.

### **NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS**

Enquiries were carried out in relation to the fire at the Old Auction House on the 6th of September 2017. PC Duncan and PC Bell have now charged a 15-year-old youth, from Dalgety Bay, for Wilful Fireraising and a report will be submitted in due course.

Between the 30th September and the 1st October 2017, unknown persons entered a field near to the Hillend area, where they proceeded to steal a quantity of horse jumping equipment. Any information can be passed to police via 101, quoting reference number PS-20171001-1452.

On the 2nd October 2017, a quantity of plastic guttering and some metal bolts were stolen from Bay Valeting, Hillend Industrial Estate. If anyone has any information in relation to this then it can be passed to police via 101, quoting reference number PS-20171003-1591.

### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Harbour Place, Dalgety Bay – There have been no calls to police in relation to anti-social behaviour at Harbour Place since the 29th July 2017. The Domehawk camera, which was installed on 22nd of July, appears to have worked as a deterrent. Checks of the area will continue and residents are encouraged to report any incidents, should they occur.

St. Bridget's Kirk, Dalgety Bay – Unfortunately, the Kirk appears to be the popular place for youths to gather once again. On 6th October 2017, about 40 youths were reported to be in the area, who left a considerable amount of rubbish and broken glass behind. It also appears that they have been climbing on the building as well. Parents are strongly encouraged to know where their children are going and if they are taking part in anti-social behaviour. Many of the youths gathering in the area are in possession of alcohol. Police would like to remind residents that it is an offence for anyone to purchase, or attempt to purchase, alcohol for anyone under the age of 18. Anyone found to be responsible for this will be charged accordingly and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

If anyone has any information as to how or where these youths are obtaining alcohol, then it can be reported to police via 101.

### **SCHOOLS**

Between the 3rd and 5th of October 2017, PC Duncan and PC Bell helped to deliver Level 2 Bikeability to pupils at Donibristle and Dalgety Bay Primary Schools. Nearly 100 pupils have now achieved a competent level of cycling safely on the roadways.

Community Officers have more involvement planned with the schools in the near future.

### **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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PC Richard Duncan	<a href="mailto:Richard.Duncan@scotland.pnn.police.uk">Richard.Duncan@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a> *	101
PC James Bell	<a href="mailto:James.Bell2@scotland.pnn.police.uk">James.Bell2@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a> *	101

**\*(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.**

### **REMINDER**

The public counter at Dalgety Bay Police Station is usually open Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm (closed between 12.30pm and 1.30pm). Unfortunately, this can sometimes change at short notice.

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](http://www.scotland.police.uk)  
Local Twitter: @SWFifePolice  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/policescotland](http://www.facebook.com/policescotland)

There followed a discussion about the police report and if it appears on a notice board in the police station. It was also agreed that the secretary will ask if it can be posted on the CC Facebook page.

**Action : Secretary**

### 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING / ACTIONS ARISING

The September 2017 meeting minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Wootton and seconded by L Rennie.

#### REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Festive lights funding applications.

**Action : On-going**

Crowd funding wording to be finalised.

**Action : All and A Barratt**

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 secretary investigated the number of benches that are the responsibility of the CC. There are three, they are in good condition and virtually maintenance free. They are situated at the bottom of the steps at Sealstrand, the wildlife garden at the police station and adjacent to the entrance to Bathing House Wood.

**Action : Closed**

Festive lights storage issue - P Vincent awaits a response reference the possible use of the building at Hillend Cemetery.

**Action : On-going**

At the recent meeting at Louie Brown's the Finance subcommittee took the opportunity to give Kieran Fagan the CC's agreement to him proposing a plan for a Christmas decoration(s) on the CC owned land. This would be need to be a mutually agreeable plan on the assumption that the CC would carry out a risk assessment with the Mr Fagan prior to any work being done and if there is a need for a temporary electricity supply it would need to meet all relevant regulations. The secretary will ask the insurers if there is anything else it needs to consider.

**Action : Secretary**

The treasurer confirmed that the admin grant has been paid into the CC account.

**Action : Closed**

Ref Dalgety Bay Playgroup's (now renamed – Enchanted Woods Early Years and Childcare) request to set up a Forest School in CC owned woods. Secretary confirmed that the Playgroup gave the

same presentation to the Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group at its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**Action : Closed**

All remaining sets of festive lights to be tested.

**Action : P Vincent**

#### 4 CORRESPONDENCE AND LOCAL ISSUES

##### **DALGETY BAY PLAYGROUP (ENCHANTED WOODS EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE)**

The request was discussed and it was agreed in principle that it can go ahead and there should be a Memorandum of Understanding to define the arrangement between all parties – Playgroup, CC and DBCWG. D Coleman agreed to draft a response from the CC outlining what such an MOU would include.

##### **FORESHORE REMEDIAL WORK UPDATE**

The planning application by DIO was given approval at the West Planning Committee meeting early in October.

##### **BINNING STRIP TREE ISSUES**

The secretary received an email from a resident in Forth Reach pointing out that the height of the trees in Binning Strip and overhanging branches are causing issues to residents on Forth Reach in terms of daylight and debris. This was forwarded to Cllr Dempsey.

Cllr Dempsey responded saying that these are not Fife Council trees, so the Council will not take action on them unless there's actual danger to the public. In addition the entire Binning Strip is a protected area, so it is advisable that no action is taken that doesn't comply with the regulations. He referred to the article he wrote on the general subject in September's Diary and a Fife Council document "Getting to the Root of the Issue" that goes into much more detail. In particular paragraph 2.2 deals with overhanging branches.

##### **FESTIVE LIGHTS**

In parallel to fundraising considerations, on 5<sup>th</sup> October, R Green and P Vincent met with Joan Milne - Local Community Planning Support Officer for Fife Council – Communities and Neighbourhoods, and Robert Stalker of Blachere at Inverkeithing Civic Centre to discuss the possibility of Dalgety Bay being included in the contract for the provision of festive lights. The condition of the festive lights owned by the CC was discussed and the proposal that will be considered is for 10 of these lights that have been tested as functional by P Vincent along with 4 provided by Blachere to be installed along the length of Regents Way.

##### **BEAUTIFUL FIFE**

Based on the detailed results of the Beautiful Fife assessment, it was agreed that the CC puts an article in the Diary commending all who had made the effort towards enhancing the town's appearance but pointing out that to achieve gold then there needs to be more of a community wide effort applied throughout the year. This will include a call for all who are interested to contact the secretary.

**Action : Secretary**

##### **BENCH AT WILDLIFE GARDEN**

A request from a resident to have the bench that was donated by the CC to the Woodland Explorers wild life garden next to the police station relocated to a point east of St David's Harbour was discussed and the unanimous decision was that it should remain where it is.

## 5 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The subcommittee convenor P Vincent met with Fife Council on 5<sup>th</sup> October. See separate report under Festive Lights.

### COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The subcommittee met on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Community Groups' Gathering – S Iveson reported that the gathering was a great success with positive feedback and requests for more meetings of this kind to be held. A full report on the gathering will be given to the CC when all the survey information has been collated. The CC will then discuss the way forward with this initiative.

CC Website - We are planning to give our website a makeover and its design and hosting will be provided in-house by Community Councillor A Barratt.

Diary - The current format of the Diary will be reviewed early next year with the hope of involving young people with some of the journalism. R Green will continue editing of the Diary in the meantime.

Facebook – admin rights to be given to the members of the Communications Subcommittee.

### FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

The subcommittee met on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Latest statement of account was viewed, Fife Council Admin grant £1671.12 for this financial year received 19 September 2017.

Residual participatory budget was discussed and was suggested that this should be re-advertised as open to applications from the local community. It is proposed that an article be posted in the Diary inviting applications. It was decided to delay this until the outcome of the festive lights consideration is known.

**Action : Finance S/C**

Town enhancements (Festive lights) fundraising plans for this were put on hold until the outcome from the upcoming meeting with Joan Milne at the Inverkeithing Area office.

It was suggested that the existing rental agreements and income from future use of Community Council land be reviewed. CC to discuss.

**Action : Finance S/C**

## 6 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Laird** - reported to the secretary before the meeting that Barratt Homes has confirmed that the land for the playpark project will be made available and that Fife Council will take ownership on a long term lease to allow the project to proceed.

## 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

J Wootton will place the wreath on behalf of the CC at the Remembrance Day service on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### SECRETARY

The secretary reminded the meeting attendees that he had given notice of him leaving the CC at the July meeting. The list of tasks throughout the year will be distributed to all CC members. He

pointed out that the role could be shared with more communications being farmed out to the 3 subcommittees.

**Action : Secretary**

## 8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

These minutes were proposed to be a true record by J Hutchison and this was seconded by D Coleman at the 13th November 2017 meeting of the Community Council.