

South Dunfermline Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 06 February 2018

Present:

Alasdair Kay, Alan Henderson, Ann Kay, Grace MacLachlan, John Ure,
Marion Knapman, Morag Ure, Nancy Porteous, Penny Girdler

Cllr David J Ross: Cllr James Calder

Visitors: Fred Wyatt, Pitcorthie Resident

Apologies: Lorraine Clarkson: Cllr Sinclair: PC Steven Grant: PC Kevin Hall

1. **Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

Proposed: John Ure

Seconded: Marion Knapman

2. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere.

3. **Community Police Report**

Unfortunately, neither Kevin Hall nor I can attend tonight's meeting, as we have commitments today that could not be avoided. Detailed below is Community Police report.

Crime files raised = 12

Detected = 3

Undetected = 9

2 main incidents of note were 2x theft by housebreaking. I would like to re-iterate the point of keeping doors/windows locked when not in and consideration of security lights being installed if householders do not already have them. If the council would like us to arrange a house safety talk with residents, coupled in with personal safety and ATM security we would be happy to organise that with our safer community's experts.

From the last minutes I agree that driver behaviour around primary schools is always improved with Police presence and we will continue to patrol as and when we can.

4. Pitreavie and Canmore Primary Schools – Parking Issues

Cllrs Calder and Ross had attended Canmore School Parent Council and had received concerns re the parking around the school. There is also a problem with cars parking on the roundabout at Pitreavie School. Cllr Calder has passed these to the Police who have said they will make their presence felt. (Post meeting note: Phil Clarke has said that while parking at the roundabout is a problem, it has been decided that parking restrictions were not appropriate as it would not stop parents dropping off and driving away and that instead targeted enforcement by the police as well as parental education is the policy. Cllr Calder will ask the police to some more patrols.) Morag and Marion also raised the question of a car parked regularly at the junction of Rowan Grove and Birrell Grove. Cllr Calder said he would pass details to Transportation. Alasdair asked if the 'H' lines delineating driveways were to be replaced. Cllr Calder said he would look into this. (Post meeting note: Cllr Calder has been advised that Council policy is now to only maintain the white lines painted on roads outside driveways, etc when it is by a disabled person's driveway or if the driveway is not obvious.) It was also suggested that Phil Clarke be invited to attend a Community Council Meeting.

5. Secretary's Report

Penny reported that all correspondence received had been circulated. Most was of a routine nature but said the following items were worthy of attention:

- Edinburgh Airport – meetings for Community Councils. Although SDCC was not represented, the minutes of the last meeting had been received and SDCC remain on the mailing list for future invitations.
- The Chest Heart and Stroke Loch Leven Walkathon will be held on Sunday 25th March 2018.
- The New Waste Strategy for Fife Workshop has been arranged for Thursday 15th February 2018 from 7pm to 9pm in Carnegie Conference Centre. Morag and John will attend and Morag has responded directly.

Ewan Robertson, the young fencer granted a donation, has sent a thank you note. He has recently been selected for the under17 GB Team.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ann reported that the balances held are as follows:

Project Fund	£4,000.00
Floral Enhancement	£1,044.45
Goodwill	£ 420.13
Community Council	£ 278.26
Newsletter Advertisers	£3,807.62
Upgrade Fund	£ 178.91
South Dunfermline Entertainments Committee	£2,262.91

Ann said that Pitreavie Primary School had entertained the over 60's Club and proposed that a £50 donation be given to the school. This was carried unanimously. She also said that a donation had been given to Pitreavie Primary School on completion of the Pitreavie School Travel Plan and said that she would check if Canmore Primary School Travel Plan was complete and suggested that if it is they will get a similar donation. This was agreed.

8. Newsletter

Ann said the March Issue of the Newsletter was in preparation. Cllr Calder enquired about the cost of advertising in the Newsletter. Ann said that the costs were as follows:

- Quarter Page - £23
- Half Page - £40
- Full Page - £65

Ann reported that advertising revenue for the last issue just about covered the price of production.

8. Fife Council Report

Cllr Calder reported as follows:

- He had received many more reports of potholes caused by the recent bad weather, particularly on Aberdour Road, Masterton Road and Glen Nevis Drive. He said that he would take these forward. John commented that if a vehicle were damaged by a pothole identified for repair (i.e. marked with yellow paint), Fife Council would not pay for the damage.
- Rats update – the Pest Control Team have checked the burn at Masterton Road and have found evidence of rats. Checking is ongoing.
- A BT Openreach Van has been parking on the grass verge at Tesco, Aberdour Road and causing damage. Cllr Calder has discussed this with the local Openreach Manager who has been proactive and will ensure this does not continue.
- The lights around the Community Centre and Pitreavie School have been fixed but are off again. Officials will be informed. The problem with 24 hours lighting in Spruce Grove is a Scottish Power Problem. Cllr Calder will take up.

Cllr Ross said that, as usual, Cllr Calder had covered most of his report but he had a couple of items for discussion:

- He is still being pestered about the mess at the Recycling Centres but is hopeful that CCTV will be installed by the end of the financial year.
- Grit Bins – historically, Fife Council Gritting/Snow Clearing Plan is based on the very bad winter of 2010/11. As a result there are 4,100 Grit Bins in Fife (more than all the Lothians), which the Council struggle to keep filled. The Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning & Transportation Committee is arranging to look at the criteria for the siting of Grit Bins. There will be a consultation but Cllr Ross is trying to be proactive and would invite SDCC members to consider the siting of Grit Bins within the area (eg where there is a current Bin which is never used, where there is a need for a new Bin, etc). Feedback would be appreciated by Cllr Ross by 21 February 2018. Cllr Ross has provided a list of Bin locations in Ward 4 and there is also a map of Bin locations on Fife Direct website.

Several other items were raised:

- Ann said the flooring in the Community Centre has been replaced but there is a large crack in one of the windows which could result in injury to a child.
- Alasdair said the answer to the question of flooding on the access road to the

Community Centre was that the work was not done because pedestrians were to be encouraged not to walk on the road. However, there is no pavement at the point in question.

- Mr Wyatt said all the recycling bins at Tesco Aberdour Road were overflowing.
- Ann asked about the rules on trimming conifers. A house on the corner of Juniper Grove has a very large conifer, which blocks the sightline on Pitcorthie Drive. (Post meeting note: Cllr Calder has advised that Transportation will investigate this matter.)

Cllr Calder said he would investigate these points.

9. South Dunfermline Events Committee

The last meeting of SDEC was cancelled because of the snowy weather. The next meeting is to be held on 13 February 2018.

The Gala is to be held on 18 August 2018.

Last year's Easter was not well supported and it is not proposed to repeat the event this year.

Ann said that she had approached Tesco for support from the "Bags of Help" Scheme. £200 had been given to the Young at Heart Group from the Asda tokens scheme.

10. Tidy Up Pitcorthie

There was nothing to report at this time. (Post meeting note: John O'Neil has advised Cllr Calder that the King Malcolm Roundabout is still on the 'to do' list but the recent snow and fly tipping at recycling centres has meant his team has been busy elsewhere.)

11. Evershed Drive Development

Alasdair said that a resident on Evershed Drive had received a visit from a gentleman on behalf of the developers. He did not introduce himself or give a company name but stated that he was here to give up to date news on the development. He said that points of view had been taken into account from the meeting held and there was now a proposal going forward for 30 luxury apartments (we did not realise that Kingdom Homes built luxury apartments, so a little confused here). The entrance/exit will still be on Evershed Drive, which I said was one of the main complaints, he responded that it had to be there because the other side (near the school) there is too much of a gradient and there is a bus stop on Aberdour Road. Unsure about anything else as we were not given any paper information, just verbal and presume that planning permission will soon be with Fie Council.

Alasdair said that he had investigated and confirmed that Kingdom Housing are no longer involved in this but the developer is progressing with a private development. It was of concern that SDCC had not been kept informed of this. (Post Meeting Note – the application is included on the Weekly Update of Development Applications issued on Sunday 11 February 2018 – Requests to be a Statutory Consultee must be lodged no later than 20 February 2018). He had obtained a copy of the application and it is riddled with inaccuracies. Cllr Calder said as he was on the Planning Committee he

could not comment but Cllr Ross said if he was given a list of the concerns he would be happy to raise this. Alasdair said SDCC opposed this development and would be raising an objection. Cllr Calder gave neutral advice that any objections must be material. Alasdair said he would collate relevant points into a draft and circulate to SDCC members for their consideration.

12. **Any Other Competent Business**

John asked if there was a defibrillator in the Community Centre. Ann said it had been considered but as the Community Centre is not manned continuously it was not considered appropriate. Alasdair said this would be reassessed.

Morag proposed that Mr Fred Wyatt be co-opted to the Community Council. John seconded this and it was carried unanimously. Mr Wyatt accepted the invitation.

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 19.45 in the King Malcolm Hotel.

Chairman. South Dunfermline Community Council

6 March 2018