

South Dunfermline Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 03 April 2018

Present:

Alasdair Kay, Ann Kay, Fred Wyatt, Grace MacLachlan, Jane Glen, John Ure, Lorraine Clarkson, Marion Knapman, Morag Ure, Nancy Porteous, Penny Girdler

Cllr David J Ross, Councillor Fay Sinclair, Cllr James Calder, Cllr Ross Paterson

Visitors: Irene Syme, Pitcorthie Resident

Apologies: Alan Henderson: PC Steven Grant: PC Kevin Hall

Absent: Jane Glen: Cllr Ross Paterson

1. **Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

Proposed: John Ure

Seconded: Fred Wyatt

2. **Matters Arising**

3. **Community Police Report**

Neither PC Grant nor PC Hall could be present but they provided the following summary of the past month's activity in the area from a Police perspective. If there are any issues highlighted from the meeting that require Police assistance, please feel free to get in touch.

Total Crimes reported – 7

Crimes Detected – 3

Enquiries Ongoing – 4

The majority of these crimes reported refer to minor road traffic incidents and 1 of vandalism at Tesco. However, there has been one housebreaking with intent to steal. Nothing was taken as the people were disturbed and the residents are fine. While this is fairly rare in the area, it does serve as a reminder of home security and a message from the council to the community about general home security would be appreciated e.g., lock windows and doors when going out and double check home security before going to bed each night. If the council would like to arrange an input from one of our safety community officers to talk to the community about the issue and to provide additional advice, this is something we could look at for the future.

Regarding the school parking issue regularly discussed; we have wanted to visit both schools over this past month. However, each time we have gone to patrol we have been pulled away due to a higher priority on-going incidents. We will continue efforts to monitor the situation when schools return after the Easter holidays.

Marion and Morag raised the problem of cars parked on the corner of Rowan Grove and Birrell Drive and at Alder Grove. Both obscure visibility. Alasdair raised the question of vehicles parking on hatched areas. Cllr Calder said he would pass all three matters to the Police.

4. **Pitreavie and Canmore Primary Schools – Parking Issues**

It was asked if Parking Enforcement Officers could attend the schools when the parking issues are occurring. Cllr Calder said he would investigate. **Post-meeting note from Cllr Calder “After the Easter Holidays there should be some Traffic Wardens to patrol in Pitcorthie around the schools”.**

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:

Street Naming and Numbering (Martin Crescent) – following SDCC submission and the response that the suggestion would be forwarded to the elected Ward Members, no report to the final decision has been received. **Post meeting note: Reply received – decision not to take forward the proposed street name after a living person and the developer’s suggestion (MacQuarrie Crescent) is the only suggestion which follows the policies and procedures. A site plan showing this name on site was provided.**

Bus Service Changes from 14 May 2018 – Revised timetable for service 3/3A with additional journeys serving Amazon to allow for Amazon Start/Finish Times.

Bank Branch Closures – Scottish Parliament’s Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee wants to hear from as many people as possible (members of CC’s. business owners or individuals) on how branch closures have impacted on them. More information is available at links in the email dated 14 March 2018.

New Data Protection Laws come into force on 25 May 2018 and CC’s need to ensure compliance. Fife Voluntary Action is carrying out training sessions in Kirkcaldy on 12 April 2018. It was agreed that Ann and Penny would attend. **Post meeting note – the original date clashed with prior engagements and Penny attended training on 25 April 2018. This was informative and work needs to be done to ensure SDCC complies with the new laws.**

Equal Right of Appeal inclusion in Planning Bill – Alasdair said he would re-read the request.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ann reported that the balances held are as follows:

Project Fund	£4,000.00
Floral Enhancement	£1,044.45
Goodwill	£ 320.13
Community Council	£ 156.68
Newsletter Advertisers	£3,370.95
Upgrade Fund	£ 165.47
South Dunfermline Entertainments Committee	£1,558.11

The Over 60's Dinner had cost £337 for 59 attendees.

Ann said she had asked if the South Dunfermline Gala could be included in the Tesco Blue Tokens scheme in May and June with funds provided in July.

Alasdair and Ann had attended the Gathering Meeting and had raised the matter of funding. Ann has sent off all required information and to date has received acknowledgement and thanks for responding promptly.

8. Newsletter

The March Newsletter was delayed waiting for the Police comment and by delays at the printers but copies were now being distributed.

8. Fife Council Report

Cllr Calder reported as follows:

- Fly tipping at Recycling Centres. There have been delays in procuring CCTVs. A mobile system has been ordered and should be available in the next couple of months.
- Various issues with Parks and Open Spaces: eg Bare patch at Glen Artney Grove, Crumbling Wall in Glen Nevis Drive, Areas with flooding issues. **Post meeting note: - response from Parks, Streets and Open Spaces: green-space drainage: We have drainage issues all over, given the weather, there is no surprise. We wouldn't plan on doing much on green-spaces that flood, provided there is no H&S issue. We'll keep an eye on it here. Glen Nevis raised brick planters: I'm sure I've mentioned that it is technically the responsibility of the residents to maintain this area, although there appears to be a custom/practice arrangement going back to DDC days that Fife Council seem to have inherited the problem. We'll remove the loose bricks in the meantime. We think it is local kids that are faffing-about with the bricks and dislodging them. Roundabouts: We have no plans to do anything at the Nationwide roundabout. We had hoped to do something at King Malcolm roundabout over winter, but weather beat us. We did take a dangerous tree down recently on it. Grass cutting: The grass cutting will be done to the best of our ability with the resources and weather constraints we work to. If anyone has any comments on this I will get back to John. It might be worth thinking about applying for funding to get work done on the**

King Malcolm Roundabout outside of his team, as it appears this has been missed, happy to discuss about this with anyone with ideas? I am sure it could be possible to get something nice done and would be happy to discuss possible funding streams. I also got a reply back from pest control about the burn near Mulberry Drive and Burt Grove. They will start working on that area this week.

- Flooding on roadway at John Marshall Community Centre - Cllr Calder has spoken with School who are adamant that people should not be walking on the roadway.
- Street Light problems – Cllr Calder has contacted Scottish Power re the ongoing problem (lights on during daylight hours) and their response is “this will be tackled at some time.” Alasdair asked, “who pays for the Electricity?”
- There are continuous reports of potholes – due to the bad weather – particularly on Carnegie Avenue and Masterton Road and Cllr Calder will take up with Ian Jones.

Cllr Ross reported as follows:

- Recycling Centres new opening hours - Dalgety Bay is closed 2 days per week (Wednesday and Friday) and Wellwood is open 7 days.
- He has received complaints about potholes outside the Visa Centre.
- The consultation on revised Secondary School catchment areas will start on 17 April 2018.
- Grit Bins – Cllr Ross has been checking on Grit Bins and reporting empty Bins to Transportation. Cllr Sinclair said there was an online reporting form on Fife Direct for reporting empty bins. Ann said she would put a note about this in the Newsletter.

Councillor Sinclair reported as follows:

- She confirmed the date of Secondary Schools catchment areas consultation and reported that all 95 children currently transferring from Primary Schools will get into Dunfermline Secondary Schools.

Alasdair expressed concern over the non-attendance of Cllr Paterson at SDCC meetings and said he will consult with the Chairs of other Community Councils.

Ann asked when the Charges at the Park and Ride Facilities would start. The Cllrs said meetings to discuss this were currently being held.

It was pointed out that there were no Electric Charging Points at Dunfermline Town Railway Station. The Cllrs said that Points were being installed in more and more Car Parks.

9. **South Dunfermline Events Committee**

Asda have been invited to give a presentation at the Gala.

10. **Tidy Up Pitcorthie**

Alasdair asked if there was any likelihood of getting chips around the chevrons at the Nationwide roundabout on Queensferry Road (similar to those on the roundabouts at Asda). It was also pointed that grass around lampposts etc is not being trimmed.

There was a discussion about structural changes, which could result in an increase in front line staff, which could help the problem. Cllr Calder said he would pass on all SDCC's comments to Parks, Streets and Open Spaces.

Ann pointed out that the entrance to Dunfermline starts at the Queensferry Road Dual Carriageway.

The dangers of the uneven pavements outside the Kingsgate Centre at the James Street Bus Stances was raised and Cllr Calder said he would take this forward.

11. **Evershed Drive Development**

Alasdair said this was not on the list for the next Planning Committee Meeting and would likely be on the agenda for the May meeting.

12. **Any Other Competent Business**

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 01 May 2018 at 19.45 in the King Malcolm Hotel.

Chairman. South Dunfermline Community Council

01 May 2018