

South Dunfermline Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 01 May 2018

Present:

Alasdair Kay: Ann Kay, Fred Wyatt: Grace MacLachlan: 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: John Ure

Absent: Jane Glen: Lorraine Clarkson

1. **Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

Proposed: Fred Wyatt

Seconded: Ann Kay

2. **Matters Arising**

Cars parked causing visibility issues have not moved. Morag reported that there was a Silver estate parked at Alder Grove and Marion said there was a Black car still parked at Birrell Drive and Rowan Grove. Cllr Calder said he would raise the issue with Police Scotland.

Post Meeting Note from Cllr Calder – the police are looking into this issue and hopefully they will get back about them soon.

3. **Community Police Report**

There was no Police presence and no monthly report.

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

Alasdair said the Pitreavie School Magazine had contained an article requesting that people did not park on roundabouts, etc but it was still going on. Cllr Calder said that Traffic Enforcement was a possibility but these might not be problems Traffic Enforcement Officers could deal with.

Ann raised the problem of Toddler Group Staff parking at the Community Centre and the Supervisor's response "anyone can park there as it is a Council Car Park". Cllr Calder said he would investigate.

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:

- Fife Pilgrim Way Events being held on 12 May, 15 May and 4 June in St Andrews, Glenrothes and Ceres respectively.
- Consultations are being held on the Proposal to Rezone Secondary Catchment areas of Dunfermline, Woodmill, Queen Anne and Inverkeithing High Schools. Alasdair said it seems sensible for children from South Dunfermline to attend Dunfermline High School as this would keep the community together. Alasdair proposed that a response be made from the Community Council supporting this view. Penny seconded this. Cllr Ross said that the discussion at Woodmill High School had been tame. Cllr Sinclair said that the meeting at Inverkeithing High School was likely to be more heated. She said in the light of more house building, it was evident that another Secondary School would be needed and this proposal for change would future proof the catchment areas.
- Fife Centre for Equalities correspondence – Penny asked if this was relevant to the Community Council and it was agreed that it was not and that the CC should unsubscribe.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ann reported that the balances held are as follows:

Project Fund	£4,000.00
Floral Enhancement	£1,044.45
Goodwill	£ 20.13
Community Council	£ 56.68
Newsletter Advertisers	£3,572.95
Upgrade Fund	£ 169.47
South Dunfermline Entertainments Committee	£1,937.26
Young at Heart	£ 200.00

8. Newsletter

Ann said the June edition of the Newsletter was in course of preparation.

8. Fife Council Report

Cllr Paterson reported that a Community Enterprise Strategy – businesses operated by communities with profits raised given back to the community – had been started. People are actually doing this and he wished to raise awareness.

Cllr Calder reported as follows:

- Transportation Schemes for road resurfacing are being set – these include Morrison Drive and Masterton Road and a Pedestrian Crossing at the Tesco Store on Aberdour Road. There was disappointment at the Dunfermline Area Meeting where resurfacing the footways in Pitcorthie was removed from the agenda. Cllr Calder had expressed his concern but as yet he has received no answer but he will continue to monitor the situation.

- The reduction of speed limits on all single carriageways from 40mph to 30mph – Transportation advised no change, albeit average maximum speeds on Carnegie Avenue and Lapwing Drive have been recorded as 79mph and 50mph respectively.
- Grass Verges on Aberdour Road damaged by Open Reach Vans – Open Reach have instructed their staff not to park on verges and will repair the damage.
- The mess on Evershed Drive behind Tesco – Cllr Calder has raised this with Safer Communities and Pest Control and Tesco have put in bait boxes. The situation will continue to be monitored.
- Rev Ross of Dunfermline Free Church who is keen to have a Church near Masterton School with Dual Community Benefit had approached Cllr Calder. The Church is currently located in Masterton School and is keen to put down roots in the Community. Cllr Calder had suggested that Rev Ross get in the touch with the Community Council so we might hear from him. **Post Meeting Note: Rev Ross has been in touch with Alasdair and has been invited to attend the next meeting of the Community Council.**
- Fife Council had sold the land on Aberdour Road between Tesco and Canmore School to Liberty Church for £12,000 specifically for a Church Building. Subsequently sold to a private developer for a profit. Ann asked if one of the Councillors would look into this. Cllr Sinclair said she would take it forward. She thought there should be a reversion clause should a development fall through.

Cllr Ross reported as follows:

- Recent meetings dominated by discussion on what is to happen to GP “Out of hours” services. The whole Primary Care area is to be put out to consultation sometime in June. It is not quite clear what is being consulted on but Cllr Ross urged everyone to participate.
- Parking Charges at Park and Ride facilities – the consultation remains open until 10 May. Cllr Ross said the charging proposal flies in the face of the environmental issues the facilities were created to alleviate.
- At the last Area Committee Meeting a presentation from Fife Cultural Trust made it clear that Wednesday pm opening would not happen any time soon. The Area Committee sent the representative away with a forceful message that, in the unanimous view of the Area Committee, it should be open. Marion asked why the library was closed on Wednesday pm. Cllr Ross replied there was insufficient money to pay staff. Morag said the issue of re-establishing Reading Groups was not yet resolved. It was also pointed out that Kirkcaldy library was open until 5pm on Wednesdays. Cllrs Ross and Calder will investigate. **Post Meeting Note: Cllr Calder has been advised that Fife Cultural Trust are currently reviewing the opening hours and they believe it is likely it will be extended on Wednesdays once the review is completed spring next year. They are looking at extended summer opening options this year during the peak tourist season.**

Councillor Sinclair said her main focus had been with the Town Centre Vision for Dunfermline. The presentations had been well attended with four days of workshops and the comments and responses now had to be collated. Morag said she felt the main points were the usage of buildings over shops, tourism and bringing back Abbot House. Cllr Sinclair said there was lots of ideas and enthusiasm about what can be taken forward. It is not just about the High Street – the approaches need to be included.

Fred said the area at the back of Tesco (at Evershed Drive) had not been cleared and asked if it would be possible to install a notice warning that Fly Tipping is illegal and could result in prosecution. If this continues, Tesco will fight to have the bottle bank removed. Cllr Calder said he would enquire if this could be done. **Post Meeting Note: Cllr Calder has been advised that Safer Communities have purchased more fly tipping signs. The request for one to be put at the site has been noted and sent out the Safer Communities Officers.**

Morag said Pitreavie Industrial Estate was also becoming a waste dumping ground and suggested this was as a result of the prohibitive cost charged by the Council for uplifting bulky items.

It was also commented that a Privacy Impact Assessment on the use of CCTV to monitor areas of fly tipping would be required as a result of the new GDPR coming into force in May.

Morag raised the question of parking at the Pittencrieff Street entrance to the Glen. She suggested this should be charged for as it is being used by commuters and is not available for Glen visitors. She objects to people parking all day for nothing. **Post Meeting Note: Cllr Calder had received a response from Transportation re the queries on parking at Pittencrieff Park car park. "There is an awareness of the situation including from the car dealership although as there is no for sale signs on the cars there is little that can be done to enforce them. The officer did mention while measures can be put in place, he suspects there will be little appetite to put in charges for car parks which service parks. He also mentioned they are also meant to facilitate off street parking in general and if charges were introduced it would lead to more off street parking in residential areas in the vicinity. As such he has stated there are no plans to currently change the status quo. He did mention the possibility of making parking time limited but noted sometimes the park is used for events where people will attend for longer than 3 hours. Anyhow it looks as though Transportation is not particularly keen on making any changes right now but Cllr Calder will try and chat to some Councillor colleagues to see what their views are on this.**

Morag also raised the question of the Glen Fruin Grove parking area, which is an overgrown eyesore. This was originally cared for by a factor that was dismissed by the residents. Parks and Open Spaces looked after it for a time but due to the reduced staffing levels can no longer do so and the residents need to be told to employ another factor. Cllr Calder said he would take this forward. **Post Meeting Note: Cllr Calder has been advised that this can be investigated but will need to have a form filled in to do this. According to Mark Dall at Planning Enforcement this form is the correct one- https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/formFinder/index.cfm?fuseaction=form.Question&Form_id=2FD413FF-AED5-2CCE-273A45672FBCD67D If anyone wishes to raise this then the Planning Enforcement team can investigate further.**

Morag asked what was planned for the vacant Pitcorthie School site.

Morag also said she had written to Stagecoach regarding stopping points for the X55 bus as it does not stop at Cramond Bridge. She said she was disappointed with the response that it was not in the plans to change this but that her comment would be retained on file. **Post Meeting Note: Cllr Calder said the response from the Stagecoach Commercial Manager was that this was stopped due to it not being an express stop and that they consider changing this in the future to an express stop if there is a high demand for this stop.**

9. South Dunfermline Events Committee

Container planting – Ann said volunteers are required to assist replant the Tubs. Meet at Pitreavie School Entrance at 10am on Sunday 20 May 2018.

10. Tidy Up Pitcorthie

Alasdair said he and Cllr Calder had a very positive meeting with John O’Neill of Parks and Open Spaces about tidying the King Malcolm Roundabout. John O’Neill suggested that if the Community Council could get a grant to employ a contractor to remove the dead plants, etc he would then maintain the area. John O’Neill to be asked to recommend contractors who could be asked to provide quotes to support funding applications. Cllr Calder said he would be happy to support and assist funding applications and said there were lots of avenues, e.g. Common Good Fund and Carnegie Trust. Ann asked if BT could be asked to assist as they had caused much of the problem. She said the fact that this roundabout is on the Gateway to Dunfermline should carry some weight. Alasdair said that John O’Neill was also going to look at the area around the sign at Laburnum Road and the raised bed at Pitbauchlie Bank.

11. Evershed Drive Development

This application has not yet come to Committee.

12. Any Other Competent Business

Ann said there were several problems in the Community Centre:

- The Hot Water Tap could not be turned on. There was only cold water in the staff area. This a Health and Safety issue.
- The repair at the Fire Door has resulted in the linoleum lifting – this could be a trip hazard.

Alasdair asked if the speed checks on Carnegie Avenue could be checked as the recent bus fire within 10 metres may have melted the rubber covers.

Cllr Calder said he would he would take these forward.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 05 June 2018 at 19.45 in the King Malcolm Hotel.