



# SOUTH DUNFERMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: 4 APRIL 2023 | TIME: 7:15PM | PITBAUCLIE HOUSE HOTEL

## Present

Morag Ure, John Ure, Alasdair Kay, Sharon Waugh  
Councillors James Calder, Cara Hilton  
PC Ross Menzies, PC Vincent Gieldon-Bruce

Visitors: Irene Duncan (Young at Heart), Wullie Clarke, Rob Anderson, Alan Turner

## Apologies

Mhairi Divertie, Marion Knapman

### 1. Acceptance of Minutes

John Ure and Sharon Waugh

### 2. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

Mr Anderson and Mr Turner spoke at this point. They were concerned that there had been several break-ins in the local area and this had not resulted in much publicity to warn other residents.

Community Police had a long discussion with the residents and explained that they are very aware of these break-ins and could issue safety advice for all residents to act on.

It was thought we may be able to include some safety advice on our social media.

### 3. Community Police Report

Discussion as above regarding home security.

Police patrols have been increased, thought to be professional burglars not opportunistic, CID are involved.

Community police gave advice regarding calling 101/999 if you are suspicious and if it is not urgent the email account can be used.

Those present were reassured that crime figures in this area are relatively low.

See also attached report.

## 4. Secretary's Report

All emails had been circulated, nothing requiring action.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

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| <b>SDCC</b> | <b>£19,813.07</b> |
| Floral      | £1,041.55         |
| Goodwill    | -£41.13           |
| Project     | £17,308.64        |
| Com Council | £1,504.01         |

**PADEC**            **£3,042.30** (£14.25 belongs to Young at Heart), £3028.05

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| <b>Newsletter</b> | <b>£2,786.69</b> |
| Advertisers       | £2,697.20        |
| Upgrade           | £89.49           |

## 6. Newsletter

4000 plus newsletters have been delivered.

## 7. Fife Councillors' Reports

### James Calder

- Liaised with Stephen Duffy regarding progression of cleaning up the burn, this was still ongoing, and priority had been given to the entrance and exit areas to allow the water to flow.
- Fence at golf course path had been completed.
- Double yellow lines have been proposed for Tarmachan Road to help with parking problems.
- Work on the cycle lane at Aberdour Road has been paused for consultation with residents on the north side of the road which is not covered by South Dunfermline Community Council.
- Possible funding has been identified to enhance the gap area in the High Street, this was suggested by many people during a consultation exercise.
- Recovery funding applications will be looked at during the next Area Committee meeting.
- A city-wide conference is planned for end of June, further details to follow.
- Hospital Hill surgery has requested a meeting to discuss lack of support for primary care.
- There has been a motion raised with the council regarding the difficulty in accessing dental services.
- Free uplifts of bulky goods have commenced, it is hoped this will lessen fly-tipping.
- Electric buses are now running in some areas, it was mentioned that although fares had increased, services had decreased.

### Cara Hilton

- Work had been completed on Sandpiper Drive to address the flooding issues.
- Potholes had been repaired

### Alasdair

- Asked regarding progress of a zebra crossing at Lapwing, there's been no update as yet.

## **8. South Dunfermline Events Committee**

Over 65's evening is organised for 9 April, the numbers have dropped from previous years. Those present discussed having a cheese and wine evening as a thank you to Newsletter distributors.

## **9. South Dunfermline Gateway Project**

There has been a couple of sculptors interested in producing designs for the roundabout. Linsey Duffy from Fife Council is setting up a meeting between members of Fife Council, Morag and Alasdair to progress this project further.

## **10. The Burn and Green Areas**

This has already been covered.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

None.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 19.15 at Pitbauchlie House Hotel. This will be the AGM.



**POLICE REPORT – MARCH 2023**  
**DUNFERMLINE SOUTH WARD – CEM**

**01/03/2023 to 31/03/2023**

PCs Vincent Gieldon-Bruce and Ross Menzies are the Community Officers covering Dunfermline South. The Dunfermline South Ward area encompasses the Pitreavie, Duloch, Pitcorthie, and Abbeyview areas of Dunfermline.

**CALLS TO POLICE / LOCAL CRIME FIGURES**

During the month between 01/03/2023 and 31/03/2023 a total of **394** calls to the Police were recorded for the South Dunfermline area.

These calls are graded by our control room from Immediate, Prompt and Standard, with Immediate being the highest priority:

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| Immediate Calls | - 40  |
| Prompt Calls    | - 135 |
| Standard Calls  | - 62  |
| Others          | - 157 |

This led to **66** crimes being recorded on our Crimefile recording system, **28** of which have been detected as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. The majority of undetected crimes in the month thus far are still under active investigation.

**NOTABLE CRIMES / DETECTIONS / INCIDENTS**

Crime in general remains relatively low and there are no ongoing crime trends in respect of any one specific crime type.

- **OPERATION PATH – VIOLENCE**

There were **22** violent offences reported, **19** of which have been detected. The remaining **3** are still under active investigation.

- **OPERATION PARAMOUNT – ROAD SAFETY**

There were **11** road traffic offences recorded, **8** of which have been detected. The remaining **3** are still under active investigation.

- **OPERATION PREVAIL – ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There were **10** anti-social behaviour offences which have been recorded, **3** of which have been detected. The remaining **7** are still under active investigation.

- **OPERATION PRINCIPLE – ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There were **14** acquisitive crimes reported, the majority of which were Theft by Shoplifting. **2** of these have been detected, whilst the remainder are under active investigation.

- **OPERATION PROSPECT – DRUG / ALCOHOL OFFENCES**

There were **4** drugs/alcohol related offences, **3** of which have been detected.

## **ONGOING ISSUES / INITIATIVES**

As we approach the summer months, and the lighter evenings, and (hopefully!) warmer weather greets us, we'll be out and about in the community as much as our duties allow. We'll be ramping up our Speedwatch campaigns again on local roads which have been paused due to daylight saving, and we'll be continuing to carry out Parksafes deployments at local Primary and Secondary schools, providing a visible presence, and ensuring a safe environment for residents, pupils, and parents alike.

We're fully aware that the increasingly longer days bring more reports of anti-social behaviour. We aim to be on mobile patrols within the area on foot, in marked Police vehicles, and also on cycle patrols around hotspots to curb and prevent this. If you do see us out and about, give us a wave, or say hello! We're always more than happy to stop and have a chat.

As always, please continue highlighting any issues within the community to us. For any questions, and to reach us directly, please contact us at:

[DunfermlineSouthCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:DunfermlineSouthCPT@scotland.police.uk)

Please note, this mailbox is not monitored 24 hours a day, but we will do our best to respond in a timely manner to any enquiries. For anything that requires an immediate or more prompt response, we always recommend contacting either 101 or 999, respectively. Incidents that are reported to the area are monitored by us on a daily basis when on shift, and we carry out a review of calls to the area following our days off.

Also, we'd like to remind you of our twitter account [@PSOSDunfermline](https://twitter.com/PSOSDunfermline), where you can keep up to date with our deployments and activities throughout the month.

Regards,

Vincent and Ross

## **POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

Dunfermline PSYV are proactively reaching out to engage with other local community groups and events. We are offering volunteering support to build better relationships and show positive engagement from a young person perspective.

If the Community Council know of any local groups/events that requires additional volunteering support, then please email contact information to Group Coordinator PC Scott Morgan – [FifePSYV@scotland.police.uk](mailto:FifePSYV@scotland.police.uk)

Dunfermline PSYV are also running a Screen Education programme at Fife College through supported funding from Screen Scotland, Fife Council, Cash Back for Communities and Carnegie Dunfermline Trust.

The aim of this project is to deliver a screen education programme that will allow young people to develop their own creative voice and learn technical approaches to filmmaking.

Practical workshops, led by creative professionals, will enable young people to explore and learn essential skills in film production, collaborating with specialists, peers, and those with protected characteristics to generate film content on criminal, social and wellbeing trends affecting diverse communities.

We will remove prescribed solutions and corporate messaging, enabling young people to lead and have their voices heard to make positive change raising awareness on challenging issues.

Dunfermline PSYV are also building capacity to deliver Peer Education sessions on trending topics/issues to local scout groups across Dunfermline / West Fife. They will learn subject matter from specialist partners and use existing educational resources to present information and discuss trending issues with their peers. The aim is for them to act as role models within our communities and engage with peers of all age groups.

Thanks

Scott