



# SOUTH DUNFERMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 2023 | TIME: 7:15PM | PITBAUCLIE HOUSE HOTEL

## Present

Mhairi Divertie, Marion Knapman, Sharon Waugh, Irene Duncan, Morag Ure, John Ure,  
Cllr James Calder

## Apologies

Cllr Cara Hilton, Ian Ferguson, Karim Ruzgar

## 1. Acceptance of Minutes

John Ure, Irene Duncan

## 2. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

Samples of no car parking stickers to be purchased for discussion and decision. Recent legislation regarding parking on pavements was also discussed, Fife Council will not be implementing this at present.

Edging at the pot area before the entrance to the school needs to be tidied up and, in some areas, replaced. John and Alasdair will attempt this in the New Year.

## 3. Community Police Report

No police were present.

There was a discussion regarding this. The members expressed their disappointment as the 2 officers who were attending were very keen and positive to make a difference, however, due to cutbacks it was not possible for them to attend. It was felt this was a backward step. James will bring this up at the next area meeting.

## 4. Secretary's Report

All e-mails had been circulated. There were some Declaration of Membership forms outstanding, some had been sent electronically, but require to be signed. Morag and Mhairi chasing this and will submit to enable funds to be applied for. Funding for improvement in heating and for new curtains had been included in application. Morag, Irene and James will meet with Brian Cashman to discuss what is required.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

<b>SDCC</b>	<b>£13,890.70</b>
Floral	£1,009.81
Project	£12,583.64
Com Council	£297.25

**PADEC**            **£1,973.30**

**Newsletter**    **£2,047.52**

## 6. Newsletter

The December newsletter has been printed and is being distributed.

## 7. Fife Councillors' Reports

### James Calder

Roads Programme: query crossing for Lapwing Drive will be included.

2<sup>nd</sup> phase of pavement improvements to be done.

Last bit of resurfacing on Pitcorthie Drive to be completed.

Members raised that the removal of Chicanes has resulted in some complaints. Explanation was given to residents on social media that chicanes did not reduce speed of traffic and therefore building of speed cushions were preferable. There was no advance warning that this work would be carried out, therefore no warning or explanation could be given to residents. Morag will e-mail to raise concerns regarding the lack of communication.

There is a significant budget overspend for NHS Fife and while this is outwith Council control. A motion is to be raised at full Council to speak with the Health Secretary.

Ratification that peacocks will have the freedom of the city.

Transport strategy had been approved at Cabinet Committee.

There was a worrying increase in bullying and violence levels within schools. This was discussed and a policy agreed.

Lack of capacity in Fife cemeteries is to be discussed and a strategy formulated.

As part of City Status, the council are looking to see if a citizen's assembly could be initiated, Community Councils would be involved. Time scale will be into next year.

Morag asked about bins at bus-stops on Queensferry Road to reduce littering.

The cycle lane on Queensferry Road is strewn with leaves and bushes are very overgrown and encroaching into the space for pedestrians, walking with a buggy or wheelchairs would be endangered.

Accident debris has been left just off the pavement. Possibly a police responsibility, James will chase.

Grit bins are empty, James to chase transportation to fill. Complaints received regarding bins that had been removed and not replaced.

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

Over 65's Evening event has been confirmed as 7 April 2024. Venue will be Pitreavie Golf club as this proved better value for money. Morag is to organise the entertainment.

It was proposed to host a thank you social event for volunteers who help deliver the newsletters. John Marshall Community Centre to be used as a venue, details to be discussed, date set is Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. An invitation will be given with the next newsletter.

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

The project was moving forward with a steering group set up and a meeting is arranged for January 2024.

Robert Mach was keen to be involved and emailed his proposal to produce several ideas and have a public display to gather opinions and ideas. The members were keen and this will be taken to the steering committee in January.

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

Update from Stephen Duffy, he is meeting with the contractor in December and work should commence in the first quarter of the New Year.

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

There was report of more vandalism to the King Malcolm Hotel.

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

It was agreed to move the meeting to the second Tuesday to avoid the public holiday.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.15pm at Pitbauchlie House Hotel