



SOUTH DUNFERMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: 7 FEBRUARY 2023 | TIME: 7:15PM | PITBAUCLIE HOUSE HOTEL

Present

Alasdair Kay, Morag Ure, John Ure, Sharon Waugh, Mhairi Divertie, Irene Duncan

Councillors: James Calder, Cara Hilton, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw (until 8pm)

PC Vincent Gieldon-Bruce, PC Ross Menzies

Apologies

Marion Knapman

Acceptance of Minutes

Mhairi Divertie, Sharon Waugh

1. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

None.

2. Community Police Report

Unable to send a report due to IT issues, will forward when available.

Report a positive month.

There's a problem with bogus workmen.

Agency meeting with other organisations regarding Calais Woods, patrols continue, these will increase as nights become lighter.

Discussion regarding Ring Doorbells; it is a grey area regarding having a sign advising recording is happening, should be registered with Information Commission.

There were some complaints regarding carparking at schools.

There have not been a great number of calls regarding King Malcolm Hotel.

Nitrous Oxide Cannisters are not illegal, but there is an attempt underway to make them illegal; report of a large cannister was found at John Marshall Centre.

3. Secretary's Report

All emails had been circulated.

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4. Treasurer's Report

PADEC **£2,992.30** (£14.25 belongs to YAH)

Newsletter **£2,532.42**

Advertisers £2,362.95

Upgrade £169.47

SDCC **£19,813.07**

Floral £1,041.55

Goodwill -£41.13

Project £17,308.64

Com Council £1,504.01

5. Newsletter

Alasdair is working on the next edition. £200 credit note was received from the printer in view of the delays in receipt of the December edition.

6. Fife Councillors' Reports

James Calder

Area Roads Programme: Resurfacing in Pitcorthie Drive pavements from Birrell Drive to Lime Grove has been approved, no date for the work to commence though.

Traffic Calming measures to replace chicanes in Birrell Drive, not commenced as yet and no date stated, but this is ongoing.

New lighting schemes have been approved.

The speed limit of 30mph has been approved for Lapwing Drive.

There are road works in Aberdour Road; few complaints received regarding the mess.

Free Sunday parking in City Centre for March has been approved, more ideas for improving city centre are welcome.

Work has commenced on clearing the burn that runs through the estate.

There will be several tranches of grants available from Community Recovery Fund over the next 2 years; it is hoped that we can apply for improvements for John Marshall Centre.

£20,000 from local Area Budget has been agreed for the Gateway Project.

A Community Advice Hub has been approved for within the Kingsgate Centre, it will bring together partner agencies to assist with Anti-Poverty issues. The Hub will be staffed so people can ask advice.

King Malcolm Hotel: there have been vermin reported and Andrew Gallagher will deal with this.

There will be discussions around the Council Budget for next year.

Cara Hilton

A visit to the Learning Campus was made and everything appears to be on schedule.

There was nothing more to add to James's report.

7. South Dunfermline Events Committee

Over 65's Evening has been booked, participants will pay £10 each and Community Council will subsidise. Pitbauchlie Hotel have given a very good deal. Entertainment is booked. All details will be in the March Newsletter.

Quiz night to be arranged, a date has not yet been confirmed.

Alasdair will communicate with local schools' Parent Councils to see if they wish to come together with support to organise a Gala for August.

8. South Dunfermline Gateway Project

The plans submitted by the architect look achievable.

Funding has been now approved but further funding still needs to be sourced.

Morag has written to all MSP's, MPs and all Community Councils within Dunfermline Area, disappointed with lack of replies. She has been invited by Shirley Anne Sommerville to the Dunfermline Summit on 27 February where plans to improve Dunfermline will be discussed. Some local councillors have given their support, but many have not replied.

Linsey has suggested appropriate departments from Fife Council to invite to an initial meeting and will set this up. Date to be confirmed.

9. The Burn and Green Areas

Work has already been commenced.

The fence at Pitreavie Golf Club path is to be repaired.

James was thanked for his work in achieving this.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Irene highlighted the Marie Curie Daffodil Tea is to be held on 12th June, this will go into the June Newsletter.

Those present agreed to subsidise the Summer Bus trip for the Young at Heart group.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 7 March 2023 at 7:15pm at Pitbauchlie House Hotel



POLICE REPORT – JANUARY 2022
DUNFERMLINE SOUTH WARD – CEM

01/01/2023 to 31/01/2023

PCs Vincent Geldon-Bruce and PC 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 01/01/2023 and 31/01/2023 a total of **377** calls to the Police were recorded for the South Dunfermline area.

These calls are graded from immediate, prompt and standard, immediate being the highest priority and broken down into:

Immediate Calls	- 28
Prompt Calls	- 156
Standard Calls	- 65
Others	- 128

This led to **52** crimes being recorded on our Crimefile recording system, **12** of which have been detected as of 1st February 2023.

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 **13** violent offences reported, **8** of which have been detected.

- **OPERATION PARAMOUNT – ROAD SAFETY**

There were **12** road traffic offences recorded, **2** of which have been detected.

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

There were **6** anti-social behaviour offences which have been recorded. These are still being investigated.

- **OPERATION PRINCIPLE – ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There were **11** acquisitive crimes reported, the majority of which were Theft by Shoplifting. The bulk of these incidents occurred towards the end of the month, and are still being investigated however **1** has since been detected.

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

There were **2** drugs/alcohol related offences, **1** of which has been detected.

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 South Ward 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

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 session 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.

ONGOING ISSUES / INITIATIVES

We have been continuing carrying out patrols around Calais Woods and the wider area. We have recently taken part in a multi-agency meeting with representatives from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Fife Council, Safer Communities Team, and various other partner agencies. The purpose of the meeting was discuss the concerns around anti-social behaviour, and coordinate a concerted plan to patrol the wider area. As always, we ask that residents continue to report any anti-social issues to us as soon as they arise. We continue to maintain a visible presence in the area, and will robustly challenge any inappropriate behaviours that we identify.

Schools have resumed following the festive break; we are continuing to engage with St. Columba's and Woodmill High Schools regarding a number of local anti-social issues. We maintain an excellent relationship with both schools, and regularly deliver inputs with pupils with a focus on promoting responsibility and positive behaviour within our communities.

We are carrying out parksafe deployments around the local schools as and when shifts and abstractions to assist our response colleague allow. We will also be resuming speed checks in the coming months as we enter British Summer Time.

For any questions, and to reach us directly, please contact us at:

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 timeous 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.

Regards,

Vincent and Ross