



# SOUTH DUNFERMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: 9 JANUARY 2024 | TIME: 7:15PM | PITBAUCLIE HOUSE HOTEL

## Present

Alasdair Kay, Morag Ure, John Ure, Mhairi Divertie, Sharon Waugh, Karim Rudzgar, Ian Ferguson, Irene Duncan, Marion Knapman  
Cllr James Calder, Cllr Lyn Ballantyne-Wardlaw

## Apologies

Cllr Cara Hilton, Cllr Naz Anis-Miah

### 1. Acceptance of Minutes

John Ure, Alasdair Kay

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

No matters arising

### 3. Community Police Report

No report available

### 4. Secretary's Report

All emails had been circulated.

Visit to new Dunfermline Learning Campus had been arranged by Fife Council, Morag John and Mhairi were interested. Alasdair unable to attend due to work commitments.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

SDCC	£13,890.70
Floral	£1,009.81
Project	£12,583.64
Com Council	£297.25

PADEC	£1,973.30
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Newsletter	£2,047.52
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## 6. Newsletter

All December issues had been circulated. There were some new volunteers.

## 7. Fife Councillors' Reports

### James Calder

- Transportation, various proposals regarding resurfacing required in the area. Roads department will make the decision. Pitcorthie Drive is category 2 so will be near the top of the list and hopefully will be done next year. Lapwing Drive crossing has been delayed due to unavailability of speed signs from manufacturers. Those present suggested that Fife Council should chase this and think about changing suppliers. They expressed their disappointment this had not yet been completed.
- Cabinet Committee proposed to double Council Tax for second homes in Fife, this should raise extra revenue and increase the availability of homes. There was a proposal to Dunfermline Councillors to replace bins in the High Street with solar bins, these take up less space and can compact waste.
- Free Foodie Festival will be hosted on 19 January.
- A motion had been raised with Scottish Government to protect NHS services in Fife due to overspend.
- Those present indicated that although the chicanes in Birrell Drive/ Pitcorthie Drive had been removed the signs were still in situ. James will ask for these to be removed.
- The problem of Amazon lorries parking in Sandpiper Drive was raised yet again. Community Council are concerned regarding the opening of the new schools with so many lorries parked in the vicinity of the new opening for the Dunfermline Learning Campus.
- Morag asked about factors for the newer estates with a view to Community Council planting some bulbs and providing planters. James suggested Stephen Duffy would have a list, Morag will e-mail him to ask.
- Concerns also raised again regarding the condition of the former King Malcolm Hotel and the cost of police and fire brigade attendance and anti-social behaviour. James will enquire regarding this. Morag will email Shirley Anne Somerville as MSP to raise concerns regarding the condition of the building.

### Lyn Ballantyne-Wardlaw

- Offered to contact Katherine Fairfield Chief Inspector of police regarding the unavailability of the Community Police. It was noted they are keen to attend and engage with Community Council, but work duties often prevented this from happening.
- Cara to be asked if there was an update on the (no) parking at schools project.

## 8. South Dunfermline Events Committee

Morag met with Thana Mitchell regarding holding more events. There were lots of ideas and while Thana was prepared to organise and volunteer there would be some costs involved. The members would like Thana to come to the next meeting and give a presentation on what was proposed and an idea of costs.

Over 65's event all booked and entertainer confirmed for April.

Wine and cheese thank you event for newsletter distributors, wine and free glass hire to be sourced, invitations can be given out with March newsletters.

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

Not much to report over the festive period. Short meeting with FallinUPin Art to discuss some ideas, it was hoped to perhaps get something temporary in place to get public interested. Further meeting with steering group planned for mid-January.

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

Stephen Duffy is organising a meeting with contractors and hoping the work can be started soon to continue with the burn and commence work at the roundabout.

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

Mhairi had obtained some sample stickers that may be distributed to house owners to display to deter bad/unsafe parking near schools. Irene has taken some to discuss with her neighbours. Discussion needs to be had with transportation/education to see the best places for display.

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

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.15pm at Pitbauchlie House Hotel