



SOUTH DUNFERMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: 5 MARCH 2024 | TIME: 7:15PM | PITBAUCLIE HOUSE HOTEL

Present

Morag Ure, John Ure, Irene Duncan, Wullie Clark, Ian Ferguson, Mhairi Divertie, Marion Knapman,

Visitors Claire Carmichael, Laura Paul, Ray Kirk (Stirling Developments)

Apologies

Alasdair Kay, Sharon Waugh, Karim Rüzgar, Cara Hilton, Community Police

1. Acceptance of Minutes

Irene Duncan, John Ure, with amendment to note that Willie Clark was present at February's meeting.

2. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

Presentation from Stirling Developments regarding their proposed Development at Broomhall Estate. This will be known as Kingswood. It has been 20 years of work to develop and promote, but preliminary land works will hopefully begin before the end of this year. Planning in principle has been agreed for residential and commercial building in accordance with Fife Local Plan. This will have several phases beginning in the south of the plot. There will be a significant number of residential accommodation and will include affordable housing. Space is allocated for 2 primary schools which will be built at the discretion of Fife Council. Space for neighbourhood retail is also allocated. The developers hope the site can be developed on a model of their successful development at Calderwood with lots of green interconnecting areas. Core paths and Rights of Way will be maintained. Public art and play facilities will be catered for. Mr Kirk answered questions put to him and thanked the members for their time.

The Community Council thought the presentation was a good example of clear communication and good community interaction.

3. Community Police Report

Apologies received and new style report for this quarter had been circulated. It was agreed that the new format was better than the previous, but still did not contain any details of crime figures.

4. Secretary's Report

All emails had been circulated for comments.

Ian had queried a report in the local newspaper and wondered if the no parking at schools would be useful at Pitreavie School. Morag had asked several times for an interim report on this pilot study, but so far none was forthcoming. James will liaise with Cara for an answer.

Members were asked to complete the surveys/consultation documents for both the Active Travel plan and the planned Home Bargains development.

Morag had informed Local Tourist Association about the alterations to the phone mast at St Margarets Stone. No reply has been received at the time of the meeting. It was agreed to write to Cornerstone and ask if they would support the funding of a signpost.

5. Treasurer's Report

SDCC £16,431.95

Floral £1,009.81

Project £12,583.64

Com Council £2838.50

PADEC £1,963.30

Newsletter £2623.30

As there were some funds left and it was close to the end of the financial year, it was decided to donate £500 to Save Calais Woods to assist with the upkeep and mapping of the paths within the woods and £500 to Abbeyview Day Centre which also covers Pitcorthie area. Morag will obtain banking details to aid transfer of funds.

6. Newsletter

March issue ready for distribution, invitations for Cheese and wine to be included when Alasdair distributes them.

7. Fife Councillors' Reports

James Calder

No cutbacks for council budgets.

£3m for road repairs.

Money had been allocated to help alleviate violence in Schools, this will be used for Educational psychologists.

Funding for Flood mitigation for flood hotspots and for resilience projects.

Ground maintenance budget had been increased

Increased funding to Health and 'Social Care Partnership to help alleviate the deficit.

Free bus travel days instead of free parking in March. These would be Sunday 10 March and Easter Saturday and Sunday. Journeys would be Rosyth to Dunfermline as offered by Stagecoach.

Waiting on a report regarding Community Swimming as the facilities would drop from 3 to just 1 once the new schools were operational, Councillors felt this was not sufficient for the area.

8. South Dunfermline Events Committee

Poor response so far for Over 65's event - Irene had a list of those interested from the Young at Heart Group. Morag had contacted local wine seller who can do wine on a sale or return and is also happy to provide glasses for the Newsletter Distributor Wine and Cheese evening.

9. South Dunfermline Gateway Project

Meeting is scheduled for next week so there's no update at present.

10. The Burn and Green Areas

Claire reported that the roundabout at the King Malcolm had been cut back, as discussed with Stephen Duffy in preparation for the Gateway project. It was agreed that Stephen had been very helpful and proactive in his role and thanks were due. Morag will send an email.

11. Any Other Competent Business

Discussion regarding readership of the newsletter and how to reach the residents.

Possible to include a QR code on front page to take readers directly to the web page.

Upcoming events listed on front page and detailed on the inside.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 7.15pm at Pitbauchlie House Hotel