



# SOUTH DUNFERMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: 2 MAY 2023 | TIME: 7:45PM | PITBAUCLIE HOUSE HOTEL

## Present

Morag Ure, John Ure, Alasdair Kay, Mhairi Divertie, Marion Knapman,  
Cllr James Calder

Visitors Irene Duncan, William Clarke, Helen McCallum, John Rea

## Apologies

Councillors: Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Cara Hilton

## 1. Acceptance of Minutes

John Ure, Alasdair Kay

## 2. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

Helen McCallum raised an issue on behalf of a neighbour regarding the number of seagulls within the estate. It was explained that seagulls are actually a protected species as they are wild birds. It was recognised that the birds become a real nuisance at this time when preparing to nest and for a few months afterwards as they raise their young. Several solutions were suggested and Morag will contact the Pest Control company that advertised in the newsletter to see if he would be willing to offer the same deal as last year, with 10% off if you quote the newsletter advert. We will repeat the advice given in the next newsletter and encourage residents not to feed the birds and dispose of leftover food and rubbish in the correct manner.

The issue of vaping at school was also raised at this point, the resident has been informed that children in 4<sup>th</sup> year and above are allowed. James will investigate this claim. There followed a discussion regarding social behaviour, this included the dropping of litter by all age groups.

## 3. Community Police Report

Police report is attached.

## 4. Secretary's Report

All correspondence had been distributed; nothing require action. Morag drew attention to the email regarding participation requests and gave a very brief overview of when it can be used, members were encouraged to look at the website for more information.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

**PADEC**            **£2,429.05** (£14.25 belongs to Young at Heart)

**Newsletter**    **£2,976.89**

Advertisers    £2,872.21

Upgrade        £104.68

**SDCC**            **£15,613.07**

Floral          £1,041.55

Goodwill       -£41.13

Project         £13,108.64

Com Council   £1,504.01

Books will be sent to the auditor soon.

## 6. Newsletter

The committee discussed hosting a wine and cheese evening for residents who assist with delivery of the Newsletter. This would be a thank you for the work they do.

## 7. Fife Councillors' Report

### James Calder

- James had a meeting with Scott Fenton regarding upgrading the John Marshall Centre. Funding to upgrade the heating has been sought from Property Services.
- There had been increased complaints regarding the number of potholes and poor repairs. James will chase these. All councillors have been pushing for the council to properly repair the potholes. There is a need to push for more funding from central government to ensure these are done speedily. Funding had been agreed to resurface pavements within Pitcorthie, this would hopefully begin this year and would be done in 4 stages.
- Speed reduction to 30MPH had been agreed at the local Area Committee, statutory consultation will be carried out and if there are no objections this will be approved.
- Masterton Primary School Parent Council complained that iPads which they had funded had been removed from the school without discussion. James will submit a formal complaint to Education Department.
- The playpark at Lilac Grove will be upgraded under the Government's Play Spaces Categorisation, it will not be immediate. Morag asked if residents would be consulted regarding type of new play equipment required. Parks and open spaces to be asked that question.
- Double yellow lines had been agreed for Tarmachan Road.
- James making enquiries about "Beat the Streets".
- Several applications had been made for money from Recovery fund. These include:
  - funding for City Status Development
  - Encourage tourism
  - Promoting Greenspace, funding for 2 years
  - Advice Hub to improve poverty, funding for 3 years
  - Duloch Park for improvements and encourage Falling Up Together Art project
  - Dunfermline Children's Gala
  - Outwith Festival
- A motion was put forward to fund feasibility study for a new Leisure Centre.

- A motion was put forward to look at dwindling services at Queen Margaret Hospital.
- £800,000 agreed to improve the gap site in the High Street; suggestions are to create a civic space which will be a useable space and help improve and support businesses.
- There will be community use at the New Learning Campus.
- Removal of Chicanes in Birrell Drive had been delayed, but should happen in this financial year.

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

Over 65's evening at beginning of April had gone well, thanks to Pitbauchlie Hotel for excellent food and venue.

A cheese and wine evening to be planned for Newsletter volunteers and a bid to attract more deliverers.

Plans for a quiz were abandoned due to the cost of Hall Hire, we may attempt to run one later in the year.

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

There had been some positive input from Fife Council and local MP and MSP. A meeting between interested parties was very helpful and everyone was in favour of trying to push this forward. Unfortunately, the landscaper that had given prices was unable to continue so a new contractor would have to be found. It was felt the project would tie in nicely with the project to improve St Leonard's Park as together they would provide an excellent approach to the City of Dunfermline. There was a short discussion regarding the possibility of improving other entrance roundabouts and therefore the design should be future proof with this in mind. A couple of artists had shown an interest in the project and Morag would chase these for an idea of budget before looking for further funding.

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

South Dunfermline Community Council have now paid their share of the cost of tidying up the burn.

There has been a broken spar reported already in the new fence at the golf course path, this is disappointing. James will ask for a repair to be carried out.

It was noted that an attempt to cut grass has resulted in many churned up areas, these will be fixed.

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

It was noted that children are not using the designated crossing point when going into Pitreavie school. Headmistress will be asked to remind children and parents that it is for their safety.

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

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 19.15 at Pitbauchlie House Hotel



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

**01/04/2023 to 30/04/2023**

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 01/04/2023 and 30/04/2023 a total of **343** 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:

Immediate Calls	- 40
Prompt Calls	- 123
Standard Calls	- 61
Others	- 119

This led to **68** crimes being recorded on our Crimefile recording system, **27** of which have been detected as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 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 **19** violent offences reported, **10** of which have been detected. The remaining **9** are still under active investigation.

- **OPERATION PARAMOUNT – ROAD SAFETY**

There were **21** road traffic offences recorded, **16** of which have been detected. The remaining **5** are still under active investigation.

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

There were **7** anti-social behaviour offences which have been recorded, **1** of which has been detected. The remaining **6** are still under active investigation.

- **OPERATION PRINCIPLE – ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There were **7** acquisitive crimes reported, the majority of which were Theft by Shoplifting. **1** of these has been detected, whilst the remainder are under active investigation.

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

No drug/alcohol related offences were recorded during the material time period.

### **ONGOING ISSUES / INITIATIVES**

The summer days and nights are upon us, even though the better weather might not have caught up yet!

As the school terms draw to a close over the coming weeks, we'll be maintaining as much of a presence as possible to deter any anti-social behaviour. As always, all reports made to us will be assessed and any incident identified to ourselves of a criminal nature will be dealt with as robustly as possible.

We're planning transition talks with local primary and secondary schools to ensure and we'll be planning sessions with secondary pupils to highlight the dangers and risks of anti-social behaviour over the summer holidays.

Parksafe deployments will be carried out by ourselves at local schools at drop-off and pick-up times, and we're going to be linking in with local schools to start our Pop-Up Jim deployments, too. Speedwatch deployments are due to begin again as well, carried out by ourselves in partnership with local community volunteers.

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 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.

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

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