

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: 5 SEPTEMBER 2023 | TIME: 7:15PM | PITBAUCHLIE HOUSE HOTEL

Present

Morag Ure, John Ure, Mhari Divertie, Marion Knapman, Sharon Waugh, Wullie Clark, Irene Duncan Councillor: James Calder

Apologies

Alasdair Kay, Councillor Cara Hilton

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Mhairi Divertie, John Ure

2. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

In the absence of the Chairperson, the meeting was chaired by Mhairi Divertie. Attracting new members was discussed.

Strategies

- Try to have meetings on different days/times
- Liaise with police to ask Police Scotland Youth Volunteers
- Make contact with Parent Councils
- Have a Social Event

All members were asked to bring some ideas to the next meeting.

3. Community Police Report

Date range 01/08/2023 - 04/09/2023

Calls to police -105

Resulting in 12 crime reports of which 1 is detected and the rest are enquiry on-going.

Of particular note has been incidents at the King Malcolm Hotel from 30/06/2023 - 01/08/2023. This has been robustly dealt with resulting in multiple detected Crimes reports being created and has resulted in multiple young persons being spoken with in the presence of their parents, which in turn has heavily reduced the number of further call outs significantly.

One complaint from residents regarding cars speeding and racing down Queensferry Road. This has been passed to Community Police for monitoring and resident advised to report if there any more instances.

4. Secretary's Report

Support was offered to Alex Rowley regarding reduction in Fife Appliances.

Transport Survey - Morag had replied noting lack of services from Edinburgh to Dunfermline City, although there are numerous services to Halbeath Park and Ride, there are no connecting services into the city centre, especially late at night.

5. Treasurer's Report

SDCC£15,261.19Floral£1,009.81Goodwill-£41.13Project£13,108.64Com Council£1,183.87

PADEC £2,123.30

Newsletter £3,550.64
Advertisers £3,426.16
Upgrade £124.48

The books have been returned from the Auditor.

6. Newsletter

The September newsletter is at the printer; new volunteers for delivery have been asked for.

7. Fife Councillors' Reports

James Calder

- Brief resume of City Conference, overall felt to be successful and positive
- £50,000 available for Community Projects: apply for some funding to complete another part of the Burn
- Another site meeting planned for management of the Burn
- Dunfermline City Tartan chosen from several entries from High School Pupils. Congratulations to the winner Savannah Mortimer. All members agreed it was a very pleasing design. Items will be available to purchase from the sponsors The Kilt Company.
- Speed limit in Lapwing Drive to be changed to 30mph from October
- School parking has been the usual problem at the start of a new school year, James will follow up "Beat the Streets":

Beat the Street is a community-wide programme that encourages people of all ages to walk, run, and cycle in their local area. The programme turns towns into giant games, where participants earn points and win prizes by tapping **Beat Boxes** located throughout their community. The programme is designed to improve the health and well-being of entire towns and cities by creating a social norm around walking and cycling. The programme is evidence-based and leads to long-term behaviour change.

If you are interested in participating in **Beat the Street**, you can create a new account on their website. Once you have an account, you can pick up a **Beat the Street** card and start tapping **Beat Boxes** to earn points and win prizes.

- Aberdour Road Cycle Lane the public consultation had several objections, the Council are working with the residents to resolve these.
- King Malcom Hotel the owners have been traced and written to. There are some sensitive legal issues, but they are keen to come to some decisions regarding the future of the site. It was agreed we would write as a Community Council to voice our concerns and those of the residents who have commented.
- Brucefield Tenants Association have been granted funding from the area committee to put towards improvements in St Leonard's Park. This will hopefully address the drainage issues and provide better lighting.

8. South Dunfermline Events Committee

The lack of volunteers makes it difficult to organise events. Possible to organise a cheese and wine evening or similar for volunteers who distribute the newsletter as a thank you.

9. South Dunfermline Gateway Project

The project has been slow over the summer. David Mach is still interested. Morag will contact Linsey again to organise a steering group meeting.

10. The Burn and Green Areas

This was covered under Councillor Calder's report.

11. Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd October at 19.15 Pitbauchlie House Hotel