

DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held in Memorial Hall on Thursday 9th February 2006 at 7.30pm.

(* Represents updated relevant information available shortly afterwards.)

Present: G Becher, Jill Edwards, S Swinley, S Williamson, D May and S Hain, B Littlejohn, R Hamilton, P Hamilton, S Ritchie, J Topliss.

Apologies: E Woodcock, N Davis and Cllr Douglas.

*(Sec's PS- Colin Gilbert's emailed apology was accessed following day)

1. Minutes of previous meeting: These had been previously circulated and were adopted as correct. Proposed by J Edwards, seconded by S Williamson.

2. Matters Arising:

a) **Pedestrian Crossing:** G Becher reported that following a call to Transportation Leader, Colin Stirling, the preferred site was still in front of the filling station forecourt. Colin Stirling apologised for the delay in contacting the interested parties but this was due in part to his being off work for a prolonged period in January. He undertook to talk to these businesses involved in the immediate week or two.

* (On 13th February Mr Stirling phoned to say he had made arrangements to talk to Mr Hain) *

b) **Osnaburgh Court 20mph:** This will almost certainly go ahead as planned with the least possible alterations to the appearance of Osnaburgh Court. It was agreed by the Community Council that copies of its submissions to Mr Stirling and Dr Mclellan be submitted to the Chief Executive with a covering letter explaining its dissatisfaction with the lack of response to the concerns of the residents.

c) **Affordable Housing:** The Guide had been received.

d) **Mr Hamilton's Letter:** This had been forwarded with support from the CC.

e) **Common Good Land:** A copy of this document had not been received.

f) **Core Paths:** J Edwards reported that a new official had been appointed but is currently on holiday. He/she will phone Jill on return. The Todhall path is still blocked. Mr Topliss was able to recommend contacting Pat Ritchie of the Ramblers' Association to find out more about the legal situation. Jill Edwards will pursue this and report back.

g) **Best Kept Village.** Mrs Birtwhistle was unable to attend the meeting because of family illness. J Edwards explained that Mrs Birtwhistle had plans for the School Gardening Club to provide a “Floral Welcome” bed at the entrance to the village and perhaps provide help for Senior Citizen’s gardens. She was looking forward for support from the Community Council. The following steps were agreed:

i) Jill Edwards to contact the Gardening Club to organise a public meeting to generate village support.

ii) Mrs Tomlinson to be invited to publicise this in the Fife Herald.

iii) Cllr Douglas to be asked again about funding he mentioned at previous meeting.

* (Since the meeting Mr Hain has discovered that the deadline for funding applications is November and money has been allocated. We will need to be in time for next allocation).*

h) **Faulty School Warning Light-** Transportation to be informed.

3. Vacancy on Community Council:

D May proposed that instead of an election both candidates be co-opted to the Community Council. After discussion and reflection both Blair Littlejohn and Saul Hain agreed to join the Community Council in this capacity.

4. Correspondence:

a) **Planning Applications:** i. Vantage House – no objections.

ii. Pittormie – no objections

iii 27 Main St- G Becher declared an interest and left the meeting while the application was considered. The Community Council raised an objection regarding the restricted access to this site and a possible two additional vehicles entering and exiting the track.

b) **Planning Bill :** As this Draft Bill is potentially very important for the future of everyone in the village, county, country, it was decided to hold an extra meeting on Thursday 23rd February at 7.30pm to discuss the document and formulate a response from the Community Council. S Williamson undertook to provide copies of the document to all Community Councillors.

c) **Finalised Structure Plan:** explaining timetable.

d) **Scottish Parliament Outreach Meeting .**Fri 3rd March. No volunteers .

e) **Fire and Rescue Meeting** St Andrews Town Hall 15th Feb or Corn Exchange 23rd Feb. S Williamson volunteered to attend St A.

f) **Development Services Teams-** This poster to be placed in the shop folder.

g) **Mobile Library Timetable** – To be placed in shop. G Becher to phone to investigate the possibility of siting the van on Main Street.

h) Fife Environmental Network- a copy to be kept on file as it has useful addresses of sources for funds.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Current Account	£335.98		
Savings	£298.95		
The following distribution was agreed-		Hall	£140
		Pitcairn Trust	£ 75
		Newsletter	£ 20
(Towards residential week)		Youth Club	£ 30
		Hall Rent	<u>£ 60</u>
		TOTAL	<u>£325</u>

6. AOCB :

PREF- D May reported briefly

Welcome Leaflet – G Becher proposed that the Community Council sponsor a Welcome Leaflet to new villagers on their arrival containing essential information. Individual members could be responsible for identifying newcomers and handing them a leaflet.

Agreed to add this to next AGENDA.

Fife Council Staff Development at Balbirnie House- It was agreed to write to Fife Council regarding £1000 being spent on a day out for 11 members of the Finance Dept expressing the view that taxpayers' money should not be spent in such a manner as every small amount saved will contribute to keep our tax rises in line with inflation.

NB

Date of extra meeting to discuss Planning Document is Thursday 23rd February at 7.30pm in Hall. Everyone should have read document and have points prepared.

NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING IS THURS 20th APRIL AT 7.30PM IN HALL.

The Secretary has agreed to circulate correspondence 2 weeks before meeting in folder with a page for comments. Any other correspondence in the following two weeks will be discussed at meeting. This will only work if folder is passed on QUICKLY.