

# DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minute** of meeting held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2006** in Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present-** Chairman G Becher, B Littlejohn, E Woodcock, S Williamson, N Davis, S Swinley and 5 members of the public.

**Apologies-** D May, J Edwards, S Hain, Cllr P Douglas, Colin Gilbert (East Area Locality Manager).

**Minutes of April meeting** were previously distributed. Approved with addition of omitted item re Dairsie Bridge. “Mr Littlejohn had asked about the delay in repairs to Dairsie Bridge and Mr Gilbert said that Fife Council was liaising with Historic Scotland as special cement from Limekilns was required for the repair work”.

## **Matters Arising-**

**Proposed 20mph in Osnaburgh Court-** The Chairman had received a letter from the Chief Executive of Fife Council stating that “because of the continuing and strong concerns being expressed by the Community Council and local residents, Transportation Services will suspend work and look at the possibility of an alternative proposal to allow a 20mph scheme to be implemented in Osnaburgh Ct. A further review of the scheme details will be carried out by Transportation Services who will make contact with the Community Council to discuss alternative proposals following further dialogue with Cllr Douglas and Fife Constabulary. Hopefully details will be available by the next Community Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Meanwhile work will commence to include completion of the part-time 20mph limit on Main Street, installation of a Puffin Crossing on Main street at the garage and renewal of street lighting columns along the length of Main Street”.

**Community Council Grants-** The Chairman had written to Mike Melville, Law and Admin, pointing out that the annual grant had been static for several years and that expenses were increasing. There had been no reply.

The Secretary had received a message from the CC Treasurer, who was away on business, that annual grant had been received although she was not aware of details.

**Core Paths and Rights of Way-** Mr Swinley reported that he had been briefed by Jill Edwards and that Fife Council intended to make Dairsie to Foodie a Core Path although communication with the farmer at Todhall was difficult. Access through Todhall Farm was not a registered right of way and the farmer was entitled to allow no access through a working farmyard.

Core Path upkeep trials were in place this June in various sites with the aim of providing a care and maintenance plan.

Mapping Rights of Way information was being gathered by Fife Council and a report was planned for November. Maps would be issued and standard signposting on all paths. Fife had the most Rights of Way in Scotland.

**Best Kept Village-** A sub-committee was being formed, chaired by G Becher. First 3 members G Becher, E Woodcock and R Fergusson. Others were to be approached and the aim was to have committee set up and with ideas by next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**Welcome Leaflet-** Following a meeting with Andrew Stevenson the Chairman reported that the Church already produced a Welcome Leaflet with some information. It was agreed to link the Church and Community Council Welcome Leaflet. A volunteer with desk top publishing knowledge was required to set up layout. Mr May to be asked for suggestions for suitable person.

**Councillor's Report-**There was no report as Cllr Douglas was attending an earlier meeting in Cupar.

**Structure Plan-** The finalised Structure Plan was ratified and narrowly passed by whipped Labour Councillors on 27<sup>th</sup> April and was submitted to the Scottish Executive Ministers along with related documents on 5<sup>th</sup> June. There would be a 6 week consultation period and further responses and objections had to be submitted within this period. The Plan could be referred to the responsible minister Malcom Chisholm who could agree to a modification after an Examination in Public (EIP). The Plan would then be referred back to the Fife Planning Authority and there would be another public consultation.

**The Community Council maintained its earlier objections and the Chairman would respond on its behalf re the plan for Dairsie.**

**Mr Littlejohn would be distributing explanatory leaflets provided by PREF with the backing of the Community Council and inviting residents to respond individually. It was important to raise local awareness that this was not the "end of the road".**

**Association of Community Councils-** In the absence of Saul Hain, the report of his meeting with the East Neuk group was held over until the next meeting.

**Note-Fife Council Seminar Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep.**

**AOCB-**

**Dairsie Bridge Repairs-** Mr Littlejohn was concerned about the lengthy delay in repairs to Dairsie Bridge. He had contacted Historic Scotland who had informed him they knew nothing about it and had not been contacted by Fife Council. G Becher to follow this up.

**Parking on pavements-** There was continuing concern about parking on the pavements in Main Street and which was illegal. The Community Police had been informed several months ago about the problem but there had been no response. The Secretary would pursue this.

**Lowering of kerbs-** Residents in Ardencaple Tce had recently been offered this facility free by Fife Council although others in Ardencaple Tce and Osnaburgh Ct had previously been obliged to pay a substantial amount. It was recognised that planks at the kerb were unsafe and illegal. It was agreed that lowering the kerbs was a benefit to the community. The Chairman was to contact Transportation Services to clarify Fife Council's intentions and source of funding. Was it part of the Scottish Executive

funding for 20mph zones and Safer Routes to School? Mr Littlejohn, who was familiar with the long history of Dairsie's kerbs, would draft out points. (A resident in Ardencaple who had paid for the kerb to be lowered a few years ago had contacted Fife Council regarding this matter but was disappointed at the lack of response).

Mr Hamilton had still not received a response from Transportation.

**Pavement in Station Road-** There was concern about the state of the pavement in Station Road. This would also be raised with Transportation.

**Missing drain cover outside 27 Main St.** – Mr Becher to Contact Fife Council who would have information about responsibility.

**Bonfires-** There was concern about a resident burning what appeared to be noxious waste with normal garden rubbish. Mr Becher would speak informally to the person. It was suggested that a general point be made in the Summer Community Newsletter.

**Fife Council's Weed Spraying-** There was concern about what appeared to be wide spraying of weedkiller without any warning. Environmental Services to be asked which weedkiller is used and whether pets would be affected.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST AT 7.30PM. THIS MAY REQUIRE TO BE IN MAIN HALL INSTEAD OF COMMITTEE ROOM.**