

DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on **Thursday 14th December 2006** at 7.30pm in Memorial hall.

Present- Vice Ch N Davis, S Hain, B Littlejohn, S Williamson, D May, J Edwards, L Woodcock, Cllr Douglas and 5 members of the public.

The Meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman N Davis.

Minutes – These had been previously distributed. Following a query by Mr Hain, Mrs Davis explained that at the previous meeting, the Secretary's offer of resignation was not mentioned until after the meeting and was therefore left on the table. The Secretary had been persuaded to return and proper process was checked with Law and Admin. Minutes were adopted Prop S Williamson, Sec. D May.

Matters Arising-

Dairsie Bridge - Mr Littlejohn informed the meeting that Fife Council had received advice from Historic Scotland at the end of August re progressing repairs. Nothing had been done. There was concern about the condition of the stones which required to be uplifted and stored.

Ardencaple Tce- Follow up query why Council would not pay for lowering of kerbs.

Church Grounds- Access via church gates was barred. Contact Alison Irvine of Fife Council and Alan Cowan, Trustee, Church of Scotland, 101 George St Edinburgh.

Postwatch Survey- Local Opinion sought by Sc Exec. Announcement after May. Make enquiries.

Cllr's Report- Cllr Douglas drew attention to a communication he had received from Fife Council relating to adopted and unadopted roads in all communities. Dairsie had 11 roads some unadopted. Copies to be distributed to CC members to discuss essential priority for inclusion in Unadopted Roads Budget.

Treasurer- Current Account £262.14 Savings Account £302.14
Next meeting decision re distribution of funds.

Office Bearers and Delegation of Tasks-A letter of resignation with immediate effect had been received from the Chairman and Mr Swinley. J Edwards was shortly moving house to Cupar. Mrs Davis, Vice Chair, had been in regular contact by telephone with Ian Grant and Mike Melville, Law and Admin Fife Council regarding proper procedures.

Acting Chairman – Mrs Davis

Treasurer and Acting Vice Chairman- D May

Secretary – L Woodcock

This was until CC elections in October.

There was a discussion regarding the constitution, CC guidelines and co-opted, nominated or casual vacancies. Mrs Davis emphasised she had been advised that casual vacancies with voting rights could be filled by the Chair if the person was on the Electoral Register. Mr Littlejohn agreed to fill one of the two casual vacancies with voting rights. Mr Hain preferred that the telephone advice from Law and Admin was available in writing before accepting the offer of the remaining casual vacancy. Mrs Davis agreed to contact Mike Melville asking him to clarify the position.

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Vacancies-School Board and Youth Club Committee.

Roadworks – Concern about length of time and disruption to businesses.

Planning- Concern especially regarding clarification of ‘minor’ modifications. There were apparent weaknesses in the system eg lack of neighbour notification. Shortly, less and less local applications would go to local scrutiny and difficulties were foreseen in challenging anything that the Planners perceived as satisfactory when on occasion it could be unsatisfactory.

Delegation- Mr Littlejohn was delegated to monitor planning applications.

Structure Plan- This had gone to a Public Enquiry which could take years. Local Plan in abeyance?

Walls- Concern at the state of the wall at the corner of Ardencaple Tce. Contact Housing- Allan Davis.

Dates of 2007 meetings –separate sheet.