

DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2007 in Memorial Hall.

Present – Chair N Davis, S Hain, L Woodcock, S Williamson, Cllr P Douglas, Locality Manager C Gilbert and 5 members of the public.

Apologies- B Littlejohn, D May.

Minutes- These had been previously circulated and were adopted as correct. (Prop. S Williamson. Sec. N Davis).

Matters Arising-

Footways and visibility.

An email had been received from D Smeaton of Fife Council regarding the footways in Ardencaple Tce. To summarise, there had been an error suggesting that dropping kerbs would be free. It would be free if normal patching and repairs were accompanying larger projects. There were different degrees of projects in the Budget. Major work creating buildouts in the 20 zone would no longer take place as residents had opted for smaller 20 signs.

Visibility at east end of Osnaburgh Court - The Council had issued a Roads Scotland Act notice to householder for the vegetation to be cut back last year. It would be checked again.

Improvements had/would be taken on approach to this junction from Dairsie Bridge. New junction warning sign, 30 mph sign replaced with yellow backing boards, laying of red surfacing “gateway” on the approach to the bend. All of these measures were to highlight the location of a junction and approach to a built up area and encourage vehicles to reduce their speed.

Puffin Crossing and street lighting– Colin Stirling from Transportation emailed that the crossing was fully operational from 19th January. The Street lighting took longer than anticipated because the A91 was a busy traffic sensitive route impacting on working hours. The Operations Unit was carrying out this work. If any other information was required about programming or completion the contact person was Harry Byers Construction Lead Officer 01334 412047.

Dairsie Bridge Repairs- This issue was being dealt with by the Design Services Team who had been in dialogue with Historic Scotland. It was anticipated repairs would be carried out early in the new financial year.

Access church grounds- No reply. Query whether B Littlejohn wrote before going abroad.

Damaged wall at junction of Ardencaple and Main St- The Secretary had not received a reply from the Housing Dept to her email regarding this issue.

Postwatch – There was a discussion regarding the future of rural Post Offices and whether Dairsie would be affected. Limited information available.

Councillor’s Report- There was a discussion re planning application at Pittormie. Now extends to 8 holiday lets. Cllr Douglas wanted to put holding on application for time for CC response. Note- DCC did not object to earlier application.

Structure Plan and Local Plan – Possible timescale could be blocks of years and “guesstimates”. The Local and Structure Plans were intertwined creating confusion re which Plan should be worked from. It was suggested this was a “muddle zone”. There were problems when decisions by the Environmental and Development Committee were overturned by the full Fife Council and Party Clout.

Treasurer – It was agreed the Treasurer would decide the available amount to distribute after expenses were paid. In line with previous years this would be Hall, Pitcairn Trust, Newsletter and Youth Club. (prop. S Hain. Sec S Williamson)

Unadopted Roads- There was a discussion regarding the unadopted roads around Dairsie. There was very little money in Fife Council’s Budget for unadopted roads. Fife Council looked after the area in Vantage between the school and Main St although ownership of this area and the rest of Vantage was unknown. Mrs Davis would speak to Mr Murray of Craigfoodie who might be able to assist.

Correspondence- Vacancies Children’s Panel, Postwatch Workshop re PO Network Consultation (inform D May), Ceres Environmental Protection Group, Funding and Monitoring and securing external funding (inform D May), Waterwatch, CC Seminar 10th Feb G/rothes (S Hain to attend), Planning-new pilot scheme Jan/March requires vigilance, Energy Fair G/rothes-S Williamson distribute posters, Fit’n’Fun Fife-posters distributed.

AOCB Concern residue of tarmac and stones at east end of Osnaburgh had caused elderly resident to fall. C Gilbert noted this.

Flashing 20 lights and street lights on. Decision to wait until work completed and rationalisation of signs.

125 houses Leuchars in Meadows over 20 year period. This could be affected by Structure Plan going to Public Enquiry. Cllr Douglas suggested keeping a tally of houses built in Dairsie now as these could be included in total.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 29TH MARCH AT 7.30PM IN HALL.

ALL THE MEETINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE THE LAST THURSDAY OF ODD MONTHS AT 7.30PM. THE HALL HAS BEEN BOOKED.