

DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held in Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Thurs Jan 31st 2008

Present- N Davis (Chair), E Woodcock, D May, S Williamson, S Hain, C Gilbert (Locality Manager Fife Council), Cllrs Guy, Kennedy, 2 members of the public and WPC Mather from Fife Police.

Apologies- B Littlejohn

There was a variation to the Agenda.

The Chairperson introduced WPC Mather from Fife Police who spoke about speed guns and that the Police overview was that speed guns were not thought to be suitable for purchasing. Everyone present wanted to avoid anything being construed as vigilantism. The Police were offering a compromise by proposing time to be spent with DCC members, two at a time, to show how a speed gun works and what speeds are recorded. There would be high visibility jackets and if DCC representatives were there then drivers would be warned but not charged. No decision was made at that point and WPC Mather was thanked for visiting the Community Council.

Minutes- These had been previously distributed and were adopted as correct.

Matters Arising

BT- Had not found a problem. Some Broadband was slow because of the distance from the Exchange. There was a discussion about ageing telephone cabling in Dairsie.

Waste Collections- There would be a change in Waste Collections. Meetings to be held in St Andrews and Newport. It was felt that was a long way for residents to travel but Council Officials were willing to come to DCC if required.

It was pointed out that when bins were put at the roadside overnight because of early collections, there was a problem in windy weather with bins and contents blowing around. It was acknowledged that timing of collections was dependant on the route taken. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to see if the new arrangements had suitably "bedded in".

There had been problems with the large recycling bins in Vantage opposite the school. The large waste paper bin had not been padlocked and in stormy weather had blown over causing papers to spread over a wide area. Thanks were due to residents who cleared the mess. Workmen needed to be more careful.

Fife Council's Website –Fife Direct- has a "Look up Your Bin Collection Date". There will be a link on Dairsie Website.

Fife Local Landscape Review- Workshop Thurs 20th March. S Hain to attend. Online Consultation- fifelandscape.org.uk

Fife Travel Plan Group- Inaugural meeting 7th Feb St A- re increased access to Healthcare and enhancing travel links.

Statement of Gambling Policy Consultation- pulls together all the licensing laws.
More info on Fife Direct

Proposed Post Office Closures and Postwatch – There was no further news.

Treasurer and Distribution of Funds-

Current Account as before.

Savings as before.

The Treasurer recommended £200 be distributed to include Hall rental and two-yearly website cost. He was delegated to assign appropriate amounts to previous recipients.

The Website's Community Council page had been updated. More History info was being included and old photos and anecdotes of past events were being sought. There had been several queries about family searches.

Other Dairsie Business

Transportation- The items on the extra (2nd) snagging list did not appear to have been completed.

School lights had been repaired.

Items to be addressed –

30 sign missing from Station Road **Missing drain cover** below Railway Bridge

Complaints about rubbish from bus stops at 4 and 24 Main Street

Slippery algae on Osnaburgh Court pavements.

School Crossing Patrol Person now retired and no replacement. Parents had been asked to deliver children to school. It had been noticed that some children were crossing alone and not using the pedestrian crossing.

Fly tipping at the Railway Bridge.

Concern raised about the cutting down of Registration Hours at Council Offices but it was clarified that any District Office would cover the whole of Fife. Training days on Weds.

Core Paths - consultation. Some paths were amended or added and map to be returned to Fife Council.

Housing in Leuchars- There were worries about developers creeping in ahead of proposed plans.

There was a discussion about the Structure Plan focusing on Cupar and Bypass and how it would impact on Dairsie. According to projected figures Dairsie's school roll was set to fall. Now 42/43 with capacity for 70. Dairsie CC needed to respond to Land Reappraisal Consultation.

PREF against Land Reappraisal. Holding a meeting.

Chemistry Open Day. Only Fife school to attend was Balwearie although Perth and Kinross schools attending.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2008 AT 7.30PM IN MEMORIAL HALL.