

# DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minute of meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 at 7.30pm in Memorial Hall.

**Apologies** – C Gilbert, Cllr Kennedy.

**Present** - N Davis (Chair), B Littlejohn, D May, S Hain, E Woodcock, Cllrs Guy and Poole and 2 members of the public.

**Minutes**- These had been previously circulated.

**Cllrs' Reports**- Fife Council had made a decision not to place paper lists of Planning Applications in Local Offices. Councillors had not been consulted. Lack of internet access had been pointed out and also slow internet speed. N E Fife would retain paper copies in Local Offices. There was a discussion regarding an apparent reduction in service and that more checks were required.

### **Correspondence**

1. 'Fife Community Councillor' leaflet circulated.
2. Licensing applications-no objections
3. Best Kept Town and Village- although Dairsie had not entered we were informed we were not successful.
4. Consultation of Trusts held by Fife Council- re organisation for ease of time and effort in admin. This was deferred from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> October.
5. Name required for new St Andrews Hospital from shortlist of 4. Dairsie CC unanimously agreed on the name 'St Andrews Community Hospital'.
6. 'Who Does What'- Development Services Planning Enforcement Charter.
7. Children's Panel Advisory Committee-vacancy.

The Chairperson was keen to point out that when the correspondence was circulated to members it should be dated and forwarded to the next person as soon as possible. Some members had not received the file. **Please ensure it is forwarded.**

### **Matters Arising From Previous Minutes**

**Snagging List**- S Hain was thanked for compiling and updating the snagging list. Some items were still incomplete. He would send copies to brief Councillors before the next Locality meeting.

### **Clarification regarding Community Council Cheques and Counter Signatures**

With reference to the comments made in AOCB regarding Community Council cheques in the Dairsie Community Council meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008 the Treasurer stated that cheque authorisation requires two signatures and that had always been the case. All cheques ever issued by the Community Council have been countersigned and all accounts validated by an Auditor every year. He also said that if there were any concerns about the Community Council finances wouldn't it have been more courteous to raise the subject when the Treasurer was present. Finally the Treasurer said he hoped the response would allay the fears of those who raised the topic.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer had finally received an Annual Statement from Abbey National after spending a great deal of time pursuing it. Santander had taken over Abbey National and had shed a third of staff.

This document was legally required to accompany the audited accounts to Fife Council's Law and Admin Dept. Now it had been received the accounts could at last be audited by David Cowieson and forwarded to Law and Admin.

The Treasurer also considered it worrying that Fife Council was asking for detailed information in a non secure environment.

### **AOCB**

1. Fortnightly pickup of weekly sack collection in July at Edenbank unacceptable and unhygienic.
2. Planning Application West Lodge Clayton-several houses. This was adjacent to the entrance to the Caravan Park. There were Transportation issues as well as Planning regulations outside the village envelope. It was agreed to leave the decision to Council Officials..
3. Thanks to S Williamson for compiling the previous minutes when the Secretary was on holiday.
4. Telephone Lines- BT had made 22 visits to Dairsie in June. Should we expect improvements?

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM IN MEMORIAL HALL**