

DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held in Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on **Thursday 29th January 2009**

Present- N Davis (Chair), E Woodcock, D May, S Williamson, S Hain, J Dowling, Cllr Poole, C Gilbert (East Area Locality Manager), 12 members of the public including representatives from Pittormie House who were accompanied by the Architect and the Managing Director.

Apologies - B Littlejohn, Cllrs Guy and Kennedy.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and advised that Pittormie Planning be dealt with first and the normal agenda would follow.

Planning Development Pittormie

Answering the Community Council's concerns about the scale of the extension and extra traffic accessing the main road at a point with difficult sightlines, the Architect and the Managing Director assured the Community Council that the Plans had been developed with lengthy consultation with Historic Scotland (eg no new build in the paddock) and in conjunction with Fife Council. The first development was holiday lets. The second phase was pending. There would be a total of 20 units. There was an informative discussion. The Community Council had not contacted the local press. The reporters had used information available on Fife Council Development Services site. The Community Council would abide with the views of Historic Scotland when available.

The Chairman thanked the Pittormie representatives for attending. They left the meeting and normal business progressed.

The Chairman had been provisionally offered Mr Littlejohn's resignation as he had had to return to Japan again at short notice. As there were compassionate reasons and there was regular contact it was decided to keep the status quo until he returned in June.

Minutes of November meeting – These had been previously distributed and were adopted as correct.

Matters Arising

a) Snagging List – This had been sent to Fife Council but the official had been on sick leave. Mr Hain reported a few items had been completed since November. Hopefully they would be picked up when Main Street was resurfaced soon.

There were still problems with cars parking on the pavements, leaving no room for pushchairs (followup next meeting also parking at Dairsie Bridge). A Slow Down sign was needed for traffic entering the East end of the village.

b) Core Paths- Mrs Dowling was waiting for information from Alison Irvine which was promised for Jan/Feb.

Councillors Report

Mr Poole reported

- 1) The Local Plan Environmental Study was extended to 8 Feb.
- 2) Local Plan Final Consultation probably early Summer with possible participating exercise with communities and developers. More details would be available at the next meeting.
- 3) Setting Fife Council Budget – This was set for 11th Feb after the Scottish Government's Budget was set but it was possible it would be changed after the delays at Holyrood. The Budget was set by the SNP/Lib Dem administration. All services would be asked to identify savings and proposals for spending pressures.
- 4) DCC needed to maintain an interest in Budget Planning eg Rationalisation of schools. Dairsie school was under 50% capacity. Fife Council was thinking about potential savings and this was an indication of budget pressures.

Treasurer

Mr May reported that the Current Account stood at £340.60 and the Savings Account £307.39. The Savings Account contained the remains of the Community Association before Dairsie Community Council was formed.

Expenditure- It was agreed to distribute funds by the end of March and the amounts allocated at the Treasurer's discretion to the usual recipients. He explained that funds were also required for the website every 2 years and approximately £56 was due later this year. There were ongoing discussions regarding the future of Dairsie Church Parish newsletter as Dairsie and St John's Church were combining.

Planning Issues

Mr May had attended a meeting in Cupar re the St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan progress. He thought that the Fife Council website had conflicting information regarding the point that there were "no current issues" in Dairsie. He raised the point at that meeting that there had been 500 objections from Dairsie. Fife Council had then admitted an "oversight".

A draft letter to Fife Council had been circulated to Community Council members for perusal and approval.

From the original number of 70 houses, Fife Council had revised the number to 10. If 5 were already built or planned why couldn't the other 5 be built inside the Dairsie envelope. Outline planning for 13 houses had been granted for East Lodge Clayton.

It was also pointed out that the letter to Planning officials regarding Pittormie had been drafted fairly and with care and that had been previously circulated

There was a lengthy discussion about these issues and interpretation of figures. Longterm Dairsie CC needed to look at how it saw Dairsie many years ahead. Density was an issue. Consistency was crucial. There were wider issues. It was agreed to send the letter to Fife Council. Mr Hain disagreed.

Correspondence- to be circulated.

AOCB – A member of the public raised a health concern issue re the proposal for grey bins for food waste to be uplifted once a month. This was being trialed in W Fife.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURS 26TH MARCH AT 7.30PM IN HALL.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY 28TH MAY IN HALL