

# DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm in Memorial Hall

**Present** - N Davis (Chair), E Woodcock, D May, S Sulamain, S Hain, J Dowling, Cllr Guy, Cllr Poole and 4 members of the public.

**Apologies** - C Gilbert, B Littlejohn.

**The Chairman** welcomed those attending the meeting and intimated Mr Littlejohn would be returning to Dairsie in June and he would be asked to confirm his plans as a member of the Community Council.

**Minutes-** March minutes had been previously circulated and were adopted as correct.

**Matters Arising-** The Chairman stated that correct procedure had been followed and Fife Council were aware that Mrs Williamson had resigned and Mr Sulamain was now a member of the Community Council. All was in order.

**Pittormie Planning** – Historic Scotland had assured that they had overseen the process and Plans had been adjusted accordingly.

**Road Surfaces-** Potholes in Ardenple Terrace had not been filled. Two members of the public were concerned about planks placed at kerbs instead of dropped pavements. This was an ongoing problem which had not been resolved.

**Councillors' Report** – Cllr Guy stated that the Fife Structure Plan had been approved the previous week. The St Andrews Local Plan would be formally brought to the Area Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Papers would be available the week before (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>). The 6 week Consultation would start in October and people would have mid June to October to consolidate thoughts. Mr May considered the whole Structure Plan a timewasting exercise.

Cllr Poole pointed out that the Local Plan would reduce opportunities for Developers to speculate. There was a discussion about Main Street in Dairsie being extremely busy and the effect of a relief road. Local businesses rely on passing trade.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mr May stated that the accounts were completed. The Current Account had £10.60 and the Savings Account £311.04. Last year there had been difficulty obtaining the Abbey National Tax Certificate but this year it was received on time. However the Pitcairn Trust had not cashed its cheque from the Community Council and it was not possible to submit the accounts for auditing until the cheque was cleared.

**Correspondence-** Community Payback Scheme, Scottish Natural heritage, SEPA View, BMA – Way Ahead – General Practice in Scotland, Transportation Consultation, Fife Access Seminar, NHS Leaflet, Policing Plan 2009/2010, Schools Debate Choosing Scotland's Future, Enquire Helpline. A circular from the Hall Committee asking users to return the hall after use to the tidy condition it was found and to switch off lights and lock doors.

A letter from the Hall Chairman pointed out that the Baby and Toddler Group had difficulty accessing the Hall as a blue car with a disabled sticker frequently parked on the pavement.

**A.O.C.B.**

The Chairman said the Police were drawing attention to bogus callers and workmen who distracted occupants and stole items. Counterfeit currency was circulating and smaller independent businesses were affected. There was also a phone scam saying the caller was from the bank and asking for card details.

**Trees in Pitcairn Park-** The Chairman reported that some of the tree branches in the park had been hitting buses. There had been a meeting with neighbouring residents and tree surgeon to agree work and timescale. One tree had to be stripped more than expected because of disease.

Members of the public pointed out that the trees at the bus shelter had nests. The rookery had about 100 rooks at night. There were planning conditions on trees in Woodville Park. It was noted to follow up oak tree removal from no 5.

**Snagging List-** Mr Hain reported that most of the work was picked up when Main Street was resurfaced.

The Secretary had received an email from Mr Gilbert stating that Transportation had assessed the possibility of parking at the cemetery but costs were prohibitive. There were also concerns re the nature of land and available road/verges width. A safety audit was to be carried out. Fife Safety Camera partnership was funding 2 Slow Down signs for permanent use in Dairsie to be installed this financial year. No date yet.

**Pedestrian Crossing button not working.** Mr Hain to progress this.

**School Consultation Survey** – Mr Hain explained that Mrs Halliday, Dairsie Headmistress was retiring. There was a new policy promoting joint Heads for smaller schools. The Parent Council had had a meeting with the Education Officers to discuss options. The status quo was preferred. The Community Council agreed to back the Parent Council and Mr Hain would contact the Parent Council and also send a late response to the Consultation Survey.

**Kerbside maintenance of cars-** Two members of the public queried the kerbside maintenance of cars in Ardencaple Terrace. It was deemed reasonable for a private individual personally repairing his own taxed car but there were concerns that cars were being repaired for selling on. Was this trading? Council House tenants were prohibited from using their home as a business. What was the situation regarding a private homeowner using the kerbside for trading?

**Mrs Tomlinson's Retiral as Local Correspondent-** It was agreed that the Community Council Chair would contact the Hall Chairman re contributions from village groups and that a presentation be made to Mrs Tomlinson at the Hall Strawberry Tea at the end of May to mark her many years of valued contribution and service to Dairsie life from participating in many groups to recording events and news in the Fife Herald. Mrs Woodcock would organise flowers.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.30PM IN HALL**