

DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Thursday 26th November 2009 in Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Present- N Davis (Chair), E Woodcock, J Dowling, S Hain, D May, S Sulemain, PC Michie and seven members of the public.

Apologies- B Littlejohn, Cllrs Guy, Kennedy and Poole, C Gilbert.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting including some residents from Osnaburgh Court.

PC Michie (Community Police Officer) was invited to address the meeting and stated that 1000 calls had been made to Cupar Police Station in a 2 month period and 9 had come from Dairsie. There had been complaints about loud music. He had investigated concerns about vehicles parking on the zigzag lines at the pedestrian crossing. On the occasion he was there two locals were the culprits and had been spoken to. There was a dilemma about cars parked half on the pavement and on the road, especially at the east end as vehicles had been damaged by passing traffic. It was not an offence to park on the pavement but driving on the pavement was.

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

Matters Arising –

Playpark Equipment- The schoolchildren had been asked what they would like and Pitcairn Trust was having a meeting.

Hogmanay Dance- The school Parents' Council were pleased to organise this.

Benches- still to be placed.

Street Lights- had been repaired.

Station Road/Osnaburgh Court junction – Mrs Dowling was liaising with no 2. There was a discussion regarding this issue and that the cheap option was not necessarily the solution. Mr May queried Fife Council's minimum braking distance figures.

Fife Structure Plan- This had taken 6 years to produce, the first draft in 2006, sent to Holyrood and returned to Fife Council. In Sep it appeared about 10 houses were proposed for Dairsie. Now 30 were being mooted. Some of the residents of Osnaburgh Court who would be affected and who had attended the Community Council meeting had the opportunity at this point to air their views. The proposal would mean a 22% increase in housing, the density greater than Osnaburgh Court at present. There were queries about who owned the access point to proposed area.

Fife Council Planning would be superceded in a short time by City/Region and this area would be controlled by Dundee. Dundee was against this plan. Initial documents re City/Region appeared “woolly”.

Was this whole exercise a waste of time and money? There was to be a legal challenge by an individual to the Local Plan and overall Fife Plan. If this happened would the document and contents be valid?

There were worries that Fife Council ignores residents. What could we do? As a Community Council and as individuals we could object. The viability of the school had to be considered but several houses had already been built in Dairsie in the interim.

The decision was to object and a further meeting would be arranged with residents to allow more time for their views to be heard.

Treasurer’s Report- Current Account £333.26 Savings £311.04. Funds would be disbursed at the end of the financial year and the AGM was to be arranged for May.

Correspondence to be circulated