

DAIRSIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of Community Council held in Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on **Thursday 30th September 2010.**

Present- N Davis, E Woodcock, B Littlejohn, J Dowling, S Sulaiman, Cllrs Guy and Poole and one member of the public. Mr Hain was delayed.

Apologies - D May and Cllr Kennedy (who was attending another meeting).

The Chairperson N Davis welcomed those attending and intimated it was the final meeting of the present Community Council's three year term of office. The inaugural meeting of the new Community Council would take place on Thursday 28th October to appoint new officebearers and would be chaired by a Fife Councillor.

Mr Gilbert , Locality Manager, had transferred to Housing and his replacement was Fiona Mitchell who could be contacted at Fiona.Mitchell@fife.gov.uk

Minute of meeting held on 29th July 2010 had been previously distributed and was adopted as correct.

Matters Arising-

Dog bins- Two new bins had been provided, one at the recycling point in Vantage and one on Station Rd near Edenbank Farm. The previous dog warden had retired and her helpful replacement was Kim Davis who could be contacted at Kim.Davis@fife.gov.uk

Core Path- The Lydox-Edengrove path was to be re-instated after the farmer was reminded. Otherwise a letter from Fife council may be necessary.

Pavement obstruction and obscured sightlines at 2 Osnaburgh Court affecting Station Rd and Edenbank Farm entrance. There had been more complaints from residents about this dangerous situation. Mr Poole and Mr Guy agreed to contact the appropriate authorities.

Response to Police request for feedback regarding Air Show traffic arrangements- After discussion various points were raised. They would be forwarded to the police and Cllr Guy would raise issues at a Police meeting he would shortly attend.

1. Signage prior to the event was clear.
2. Adverse weather conditions affected the Park and Ride venues. Chaos was horrendous. Plans should have been in place to counter weather problems.
3. Extend duckboarding.
4. There was a suggestion that East bound traffic to Seggie Park and Ride could enter the Park and Ride the left hand side of the road and not the right side as present. Arrival time has the most impact.
5. There was massive congestion at Dairsie Roundabout as diverted traffic from the closed Five Roads Park and Ride converged on the queue of traffic travelling through Dairsie.

6. It took 1 hour to travel from Balmullo to Dairsie Roundabout to turn right into Dairsie. Air Show traffic would have faced a longer time.
7. Traffic was so slow passing through Dairsie that some families unloaded children from the cars and were walking on the pavement to view some of the overhead flights. The pedestrians were moving faster than the cars.
8. Perhaps the Air Show could carry costs.

Treasurer- The Banks accounts still stood at CA £344.90. Savings Account £312.33, the Savings account contained the residue of the funds of the previous Dairsie Community Association. Mr May would not be continuing as a member of the new Community Council and would be asked to provide Bank Mandate forms etc in time for the Inaugural meeting. The present Office Bearers would remain in place until then.

Correspondence- Emails had been circulated. Other correspondence included information and posters regarding Children's Panel, Fife Cares, Police Custody Visitors, Consultation Review of Supplementary Guidance in Affordable Housing, Review of Bye-Laws Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places.

It was decided that Dairsie need not be included as normally this Bye-Law would be instigated by pra previous reported offence and Dairsie did not have a problem .

Councillors' Reports

There was a lengthy discussion about the **St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan**. Cllr Poole had tried to bring to the attention of the full Planning Committee that the proposed house numbers for Dairsie had been changed from 20 to 30 by the Planners. 20 had been agreed at local level. There would be an Examination in Public and the only hope was representation before Recorders. The format was not clear at that point. All were agreed that Consultations were questionable when no notice was taken of local views and the time and effort taken to compile responses.

Planners were a law unto themselves. There was deep concern about the dilution and diminishment of Local Democracy.

A further issue was the impact on Dairsie of **the forthcoming Fife Budget**. The Guidance for Community Councils for grants meant that Community Councils need to spend 80% of the grant or have unspent money earmarked for a project otherwise the following grant would be reduced. Less money was coming from Holyrood, less income from planning applications, and Council Tax was frozen. However it was not thought that Community Council grants would be reduced because of budget limitations.

Mr Littlejohn queried rules and regulations when buying a Smart Card concession ticket to Inverkeithing and a follow on ticket to Edinburgh. Did the train have to actually stop at Inverkeithing? Cllrs Guy and Poole would mention this to Tony Martin, Chair Transport Committee.

A.O.C.B.

Some of the Child safety leaflets would be given to the Toddler Group and posters would be sent to the village shop.

A large Police Advertisement trailer had been situated at Dairsie Roundabout for 3 months. It was time for it to be moved as the grass underneath was untidy. Other

places were more in need of it. There was a change of emphasis in policing which was now more concerned with community.

The laws were changing in the area of child Protection.

From reports in the Courier it seemed the majority of Community Councils were unable to fill their quota of vacancies. There was a discussion regarding linking with other Community Councils, Was it advisable or beneficial? Perhaps other community links were more beneficial eg churches like Dairsie and Cupar St John's. Perhaps Kemback School when it closed should have had pupils transferred to Dairsie instead of Ceres as there had been links between Dairsie and Kemback Schools.

Cllrs Guy and Poole emphasised that Community Councils did have influence and kept Fife councillors to account. There was strength in a Community Council especially when it was being focused on its own community.

It was clarified that the Dairsie Community Council boundary included Foodieash, Clayton and Bruckley although this was different from the Cupar Ward boundary in which Dairsie is included. The Fife Councillors for Clayton, Bruckley and Foodieash were the Taybridgehead Councillors, Brett, Caird and Taylor.

Perhaps extra members could be recruited from there.

Both the Secretary and the Treasurer would not be continuing as members of the new Community Council and their many years of participation was acknowledged.

NB The Inaugural Meeting of the new Community Council will take place on Thursday 28th October at 7.30pm in Memorial Hall.

The final meeting of 2010 is Thursday 25th November

Meetings for 2011 need to be arranged and the hall booked in advance.