

Dundonald Community Council

Minute of Meeting

12 05 2022

In Attendance - Community Councillors – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Link Officer – [REDACTED]

Community Residents – [REDACTED]

South Ayrshire Councillors – None present – apologies from [REDACTED]. The other two are newly elected; hopefully they will attend in the future.

Police Scotland – Apologies (Report submitted).

Chairperson's Welcome and opening remarks

[REDACTED] chaired the meeting due to current chair being unable to do so due to medical problem. [REDACTED] welcomed all to the meeting noting that it was especially good that our link officer was present at her second meeting. [REDACTED] stated that there was quite a lot to get through as the AGM also had to take place.

Police Report

The police report was read by the secretary. There were no questions raised.

Public Meeting

Unfortunately the representative of ARA was unable to attend however, the secretary had sent all the questions received from the community to ARA and had received answers to them all. The questions and answers were distributed to all present. Those who had submitted questions but were unable to attend would receive an email copy. The questions and answers generated more comments. The mini roundabout at the bottom of Old Loans Road was raised by [REDACTED]. He would like the CC to ask ARA if this should be removed. It was pointed out that signage on the A759 is obscured by trees. Again the poor state of the pavements and roads in Dundonald was raised. [REDACTED] asked why all the white lines had been painted at Castleview with no repairs being carried out. [REDACTED] raised the issue of pot holes being filled in on Kilnford Drive, it was pointed out that there had been minor repairs to some pot holes and speed bumps in the area, but due to the school buses going up and down, the road was still in poor repair. [REDACTED] pointed out that this road is not suitable for buses and asked as to why this was now the case. [REDACTED] raised the speed of the school buses and asked if this could be highlighted to the appropriate department of SAC.

Matters arising from previous minute.

The minute was proposed by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED].

Smugglers' Trail

Given this had been raised at the previous meeting [REDACTED] had undertaken to the task to clarify the position. [REDACTED] had contacted [REDACTED], Outdoor Access Officer of SAC and had a detailed conversation with her. The information received was as follows

1. DCC Responsibilities

As we know the background of the Smugglers Trail (ST) was initiated by a collaboration of Troon, Loans and Dundonald Community Councils, apparently an entity called Smuggles Trail Inc. was developed and created. This entity no longer exists and over time SAC has through default, taken over the maintenance of the ST. [REDACTED] confirmed that DCC have no responsibilities in any way.

SAC take responsibility for the maintenance and work very closely with each of the various land owners wherever the path is located. SAC work closely for example Hillhouse Quarry and Troon Golf Club etc., and these entities work in conjunction with SAC to provide maintenance wherever possible by funding and providing their own contractors. For example the 2 x Information Boards currently in the woods were funded by Hillhouse Quarry. This is not always the case and SAC will provide the funding in the first instance if required.

2. Who Has Access

The ST is meant only for 'Non Motorised' Access ONLY.

3. Trail Bikes

These are definitely not allowed on the ST. I informed ■ there used to be signage in prominent places regarding Trail Bikes etc. not being allowed, ■ was unaware of this and therefore thinks it was Hillhouse Quarry who put these in place. ■ will have a discussion with Hillhouse Quarry to explore if they would be willing to re-instate new signage as a deterrent.

In the meantime, should we find Trail Bikes are causing a nuisance, we should liaise with the local Police.

4. Future Initiatives

If the CC have any ideas for the improvement of the trail to contact ■.

Community Garden

This was raised by ■, who stated that the DCSRHA had offered to get their contractor to do some work and this had not come to pass. ■ stated that he had put things in place but they were stopped. There was a heated exchange of views, the Chair reminded everyone present to speak to each other through the chair and to be respectful to each other, it was however noted that this project has been ongoing with little advance. ■ offered to help, it was pointed out that the CC were making enquiries with groups ■ stated that there is a garden in West Kilbride that the BBs assisted with, this will be investigated by DCC.

Service on Sunday

The church is holding a remembrance service on Sunday at 2pm for people who were unable to say goodbye to loved ones during the pandemic. All members of the community are invited.

Defibrillator Pads

We are not in receipt of them as yet as there is a shortage. Treasurer will update when available.

There being no further business the AGM took place.

Date and Time of next meeting.

Thursday 9th June @7pm Montgomerie Hall.

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