

Dundonald Community Council

Minute

14 09 2023

Present: Community Councillors - FC, SM, HN, RK, MS, SA

Members of Public - BF, AF, AC, MP, NB, NB , DQ, AA, LD, DD,RS, AS + one other

SAC Councillors - None present

Link Officer - KB

Apologies - Police Scotland. MF, JA

Chairperson's Opening Remarks.

SA, Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all present to our first meeting since the summer recess.

Police Report.

The police submitted a written report that was read to the meeting by the secretary.

Various issues were raised under this section. There was great concern about the events of the past two weekends within the village. There were reports of vandalism and violence from groups of young people many of whom are not residents of the village and are travelling to the village from other areas. Police are aware and did attend. A MOP raised an issue re the Church graveyard. Youths in the area, throwing things over the wall after receiving complaints the police did attend. It has also been reported that older young people are hanging around the area. The ask that if anyone sees or hears of anything to report it as they are trying to build up intelligence data. The Chair of the CC noted that at a recent meeting of all the local CCs it was felt that police attendance at meetings would be gratefully accepted. A MOP stated that dirt bikes in the woods were also a problem, it was suggested that signs be put up banning motorised vehicles however, there were signs previously that were vandalised. It was noted that there is a shortage of police officers for this area and that this does not help with the situation. There was a view that the provision of bus passes for young people were contributing to some travelling outwith their own areas causing trouble.

Public Forum. Community Issues.

The Playing Field

It was noted that the lease for the playing field has been terminated as of 4th September 2023. The Council are now in full control of the field. It is an open space for the use of all. Large events will have to apply to the Council for use of the field.

It is believed that a professional has been employed to assess the water run off from the field. Information was shared that a swale has to be put in and that the blockage in the outfall pipe will be dealt with. The privacy issue will be discussed with residents in close proximity of the field. Access to the field will also have to be looked at.

A MOP asked for details re the swale however, no information from the Council to the CC is available at this time.

A MOP stated that they had been informed that a topographical study has to be carried out by the end of the year. It would be helpful if there were more sandbags available.

SM a Community Councillor stated that prior to any works being carried out that all residents and not only those in the immediate vicinity should be consulted as the park is for all. The

construction works for the swale should be available to all as should plans for any fencing etc be made available with costings being made public. He also asked if the previous lease holders would be asked to contribute to the costs. The public should also be made aware to the access and egress points for any vehicular traffic to the field.

AC stated that the car park at the Castle belongs to SAC but there is a considerable slope down to the field. MS secretary stated that she would not be participating in any discussion around this as she is also a trustee of FODC and declared an interest.

Montgomerie Hall

Work will begin on the hall next week.

Wind Turbines Proposal

A MOP asked for an update. The CC has contacted the Farm Energy Company and there is no further information on this project other than what has been shared.

Incinerator Shewalton

MOP raised this issue. Great concerns over health and wellbeing issues and increased traffic in the village. The CC will write to MSP.

Traffic Calming Measures

MOP raised this issue as to where we are at about the measures being assessed. The CC will write to ARA asking for their attendance at a future meeting.

Community Council Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by SM and seconded by HN.

Matters Arising

It was noted that equipment has been purchased to keep the area tidy.

Chairperson Report

SA reported that he had attended the Sustainable Travel Group.the link from Dundonald to Troon has been agreed therefore do we need to attend all further meetings. He reported that he attended a SAC Community Council Chairs forum where strategic issues were discussed. He noted it would be helpful if other CCs would volunteer to attend this group as necessary.

Secretary Report

MS reported that the CC should advertise vacancies once more. She will draw up an advert and send it out for approval.

Treasurer Report

Money in Bank £5622.61

Expenditure £70 DHG for programme advert, £164.83 for gardening equipment, £33 to Secretary for ink.

Elected Members Report

None

Licensing and Planning

Nothing

Locality Planning

Nothing

Correspondence

Winter Resilience Plan - DCC not participating
Scottish Civic Trust - to be decided

AOCB.

Date and time of next meeting. Thursday October 12 @ 7pm

MS. Secretary