

# Dundonald Community Council

## Minute

13 04 2023

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

Members of Public - BF, AC, NB, NB , MS, RS, DQ, AF, RS, KD (Press), EG, DG, SP, HA, AP, YC, JG, DD, RD, SM, FY, CY, AS, EM, JB, SE, DD, AS, PN, IM, RM, SN, CN, GB, TB, CL, AB

SAC Councillors - Julie Dettbarn. Apologies Stephen Ferry, D Townson

Link Officer - MF

Apologies - Police Scotland.

In Attendance - M Newall SAC, T Burns SAC, K Braidwood ARA

### **Chairperson's Opening Remarks.**

SA, Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all present. He explained that the officers of the Council were there primarily to discuss the Montgomerie Hall but would take questions on any other community issues. The Chair asked that all be respectful and intimate by putting their hand up that they wished to speak.

### **Police Report.**

The police submitted a written report which was read by the secretary. No issues were raised by the public.

### **Public Forum.**

#### **Community Issues. The Montgomerie Hall.**

Mike Newall was invited to address the meeting. He stated that the Montgomerie Hall was to be subject to complete overhaul. The money for the refurbishment would come from various budget headings. The work on the hall to commence late summer. During the period of renovation the hall will be closed. The work is programmed to be completed by November 2023. Contractors will be chosen through the procurement process of SAC. Mike then invited questions/comments from those present.

A MOP and Games Committee Member asked that work start after the Dundonald Highland Games as the hall is needed during Games week. This was agreed.

MOP asked about the heating system that will be installed. Information given that it will be an efficient gas boiler, there will also be solar panels on the roof and new windows will be installed.

The question of asset transfer was raised. The Council were asked if they could guarantee that the hall would still be in the hands of the council in 5 years time. It was explained that no guarantee could be given. T Burns explained that the process is complicated and that any organisation asking for an asset transfer would have to prove their ability to comply with all aspects of current legislation. It was pointed out that the community may not wish for this to happen at anytime and asked that the council would listen. The officers confirmed that they would and do listen to the wishes of communities. Prior to any asset transfer there would be a full consultation.

MOP asked if an asbestos survey would be carried out. This was confirmed as being part of the contract of works.

MOP/CC asked if the hall is safe to use up to the commencement of the work. The information given is that the hall is safe to use.

The Chair asked about the £1m infrastructure fund for communities. It was explained that this fund is capital budget and not revenue budget. There will be a review of the Place Planning Activities where priorities for action will be identified. This will go to Council Cabinet on 25th April 2023. The capital assets management group will decide on projects to be taken forward. This fund is available from 2023 to 2027. £1m per ward. This money is not available for routine maintenance. Advice will be sought from local members on priorities.

### **Other Community Issues.**

MOP raised an issue about housing defects in Earl Rise. Although not SAC housing but an Ayrshire Homes issue there was a commitment to look into this.

MOP raised the traffic calming on the Main Street stating that it was not working to improve the flow of traffic. Kevin Braidwood from ARA will look into this.

MOP raised the situation with the field. He asked why the caveats attached to the planning permission had not been met within the prescribe timescale. Was informed that there is a level of flexibility in applying timescale, weather etc. It was pointed out that the planning Dept had not informed residents of what is actually happening. Cllr detrain stated that she had spoken to Craig isles at Planning and that he had informed her that the DCSRHA are attempting to do as they were asked. She went on to say that she had informed planning of the threat of water to residents homes.

MOP pointed out the field is unusable and has been since June 2021. He pointed out that residents are very frustrated, his house has been flooded. This situation is unacceptable.

Dundonald Games thanked Cllr Dettbarn and T Burns SAC for assisting them to have access to the field last year however, they pointed out that access to the field is both too steep and too soft. The games are a huge event not only for Dundonald but the whole of Ayrshire. They asked who and when is this situation going to be sorted out.

There was a far ranging discussion on the field. The community want to know what is going to happen re drainage as the survey carried out showed the outfall pipe not be in working order. There are sandbags needed to stem water run off. Safe vehicular or pedestrian access to the field no longer exists. Mike Newall stated that it was time to get all of this sorted out and he undertook to return to the CC with an update.

MOP asked about dog bins. The red ones have been removed. This will be looked into.

### **Elected Members' Report**

Cllr Dettbarn reported that much of her time had been taken up by the following issues, the Montgomerie Hall, the playing field and many active housing cases. She will be in the village for a surgery with the MSP on 15th May. Venue Montgomerie Hall. She thanked the Castle Visitor centre for their hospitality on a recent visit.

The Chair thanked the officers of the Council for attending

### **Community Council Meeting.**

The minute of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by SM and seconded by HN.

### **Matters Arising.**

The traffic warden has visited Winehouse Yett.

Speeding within the village raised with police.

**Chairperson's Report.**

Stated that he had reluctantly agreed to the proposed Police Reporting format. He stated that he had given a written response.

**Secretary Report**

Looking into the transfer of the FB page and the website. All communication distributed to CCs. Christmas Lights, she had been informed by the Christmas Lights Committee that he would no longer be able to carry on. Hanging Baskets, will contact SAC. Dean Barlas has been contacted re garden. More to follow.

**Treasurer Report.**

Closing Balance £5520.45.

**Planning.**

Nothing to report.

**AOCB.**

Date and time of next meeting. Thursday 11th May, 7pm

MS

Secretary