

Dundonald Community Council

Minute of Meeting

14 04 2022

In Attendance - Community Councillors – [REDACTED]

Community Residents – [REDACTED]

South Ayrshire Councillors – [REDACTED]

In Attendance – [REDACTED] CC Link Officer SAC

Police Scotland – Apologies (Report submitted).

Chairperson's Welcome and opening remarks – [REDACTED] opened the meeting by welcoming all present. Although the chair of the CC present [REDACTED] chaired the meeting as our chair had undergone a medical procedure. He asked that people wishing to speak should indicate this and speak clearly and with respect. He welcomed [REDACTED], our newly appointed link officer.

The police report was read to the meeting by the secretary.

The chair invited [REDACTED] to address the meeting. She gave a resume of her principal role within SAC. She stated that she is now the link between the Community/Community Council and SAC and will endeavour to attend meetings as often as possible. The chair thanked her for her input and stated that the CC look forward to working with her.

Public Meeting

[REDACTED] asked the Community Council what were their plans for the year ahead for the village and what the CC was going to do to enhance the village. He raised the issue of the Community Garden and what were we doing about it. The secretary informed the meeting that it was not for the CC to draw up plans for the village rather it was for the community to raise issues with the CC that may be pertinent at any given time. She stated that the CC was not a campaigning group and that all who serve are volunteers. It was pointed out that the Community Garden had been discussed on numerous occasions but in fact many efforts had been thwarted by individuals. [REDACTED] stated that there was no magic wand to get people to participate and repeated that the CC are volunteers. [REDACTED] offered to assist in getting quotes for the garden. NB stated that there was no need for the garden to be anything fancy, a few nice flowers would be good.

Smugglers Trail

This issue was raised as it was understood that the trail was for walkers only. It was reported that cyclists, horse riders and dirt bikes were accessing the trail. It was stated that a number of residents had contacted the police re this. It was also pointed out that the signs on the trail had been removed/vandalised. Cllr [REDACTED] stated that the trail should be used by walkers only. He stated that there was an agreement between DCC and Hillhouse Quarry which sets out all aspects of the trail. He stated that he had given a copy of said document to the secretary, this was confirmed but the meeting was informed that it would appear that the document is out of date. [REDACTED] undertook to investigate what exactly was the position re the trail and the woodland walk.

Ayrshire Roads Alliance

The CC once again asked for questions to be submitted in advance of next CC.

Grass Cutting

This issue was raised by [REDACTED]. He asked who was responsible for the grass cutting in Castleview as the cut grass is strewn all over the pavements and roads. Can something be done about this. The Cllrs present said that this issue would be raised with the relevant department. [REDACTED] stated that Troon is immaculate and why do we not get the same service in Dundonald.

Community Council Meeting

The minute of the previous meeting proposed by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED]. No report was given by the Chair due to personal circumstances

Secretary Report. The secretary reported that she had now caught up with all the tasks and that all emails had been answered and invites extended. Secretary asked link officer to check where agreed minutes have to be sent. Link Officer also asked to find out when we will receive copies of the new schedule for the CC.

Treasure Report

Money in bank - £5492.72 A cheque for pads for the Defibrillator to be deducted £88.80. Dr [REDACTED] will fit the pads. Accounts to be audited.

Elected Members Report

Cllr [REDACTED] stated that she had reported the heating problems in the Montgomerie Hall. We were able to let her know that architects had visited the hall. Cllr [REDACTED] stated that the windows of the Montgomerie Hall have to be replaced [REDACTED] reported that the containers currently housed in Fullerton Avenue are for the new build houses. She reported that some schools had applied for funds for the Queen's Jubilee. Cllr [REDACTED] informed the meeting that Dundonald PS were doing a project. The secretary informed the councillors that she had emailed groups in the village. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had visited the supported housing unit to offer them assistance however there are still restrictions on them. [REDACTED] stated that for the CC to organise a village event is too much, however people who want to have events should do so. [REDACTED] asked the Cllrs to give information on the renovation of some flats and why this is different from Castleview. [REDACTED] confirmed it was being operated under Scottish Government regulations, if everyone does not agree then it cannot go ahead. Cllr [REDACTED] reported that the rose beds have been very poor this year. This led onto a discussion re hanging baskets and questions were raised with the councillors as to why the CC has to hang and water them when other areas are beautifully adorned. The secretary will contact the relevant dept to ask this question. [REDACTED] asked about the Station Hotel and the money being spent on H and S. Cllrs stated that there was no option due to their duty of care. [REDACTED] asked councillors to consider the lack of activities for the youth of the village. Cllr [REDACTED] spoke on how he has enjoyed working with the CC and villagers during his tenure as a local councillor.

Correspondence

All correspondence has been distributed and dealt with by the secretary.

Date and time of next meeting. Thursday 12th May 2022 @ 7pm Montgomerie Hall.