

Dundonald Community Council

Minute of Meeting

09 12 2021

In Attendance - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Apologies – [REDACTED]

Community Residents [REDACTED]

South Ayrshire Councillors – [REDACTED]

Police Scotland – No report

Chairperson's Welcome and opening remarks – [REDACTED] Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming all present. He stated that there were several items on the agenda. He said that there were several items to be heard in the Public Forum. He asked that those wishing to speak did so through the Chair and reminded all present to show respect for all present.

Public Meeting

Dundonald Playing Field – AB, member of the community, stated that the issues re the Playing Field continued to be very problematic for residents backing onto the field. He stated that the flooding of gardens continues and there are now over 200 sandbags distributed on the field and in residents gardens. He expressed his anger re the inactivity to alleviate this situation and also about the notice, publicly displayed, by the DCSRHA identifying residents, although not by name but by street who have raised issues. He stated that residents are now concerned re the validity of their home insurance should the water enter into their houses. He stated that he and his wife have children including a new born and the whole situation is affecting their lives. He stated that he had lived in the village all of his life and had never experienced anything like this. He asked for clarification on the status of the Planning Application. Cllr [REDACTED] intimated that a meeting has been arranged for next week with Council Officers and that he could not comment further on the matter. AB stated that the residents knew nothing of the meeting and asked he should be informed of details.

BF, member of the community, informed the meeting that on the Local Government Web Page it states that local Councillors should stand up and represent local residents. He asked Cllr [REDACTED] as 'to why he is not doing so. He asked if Cllr [REDACTED] role in the DCSRHA was a conflict of interest and stated that this organisation had publicly misrepresented both the Community Council and local residents. He asked if Cllr [REDACTED] was still a trustee and member of the association. He asked Cllr [REDACTED] about the meeting that had been alluded to and when it had been arranged. Cllr [REDACTED] stated that he had been informed at 4pm this evening that a meeting was to be held with [REDACTED] SAC, Cllr [REDACTED], other council officers and the residents.

RS, member of the community, stated the work that has been done needed planning permission and so far this has not been submitted to SAC by the DCSRHA. He asked when this would happen. He stated that the work that has been done is not up to standard as the embankments are made of clay and are slipping, the field cannot be used. He stated that residents had received professional advice, the drains are covered by small plastic lids that are easily removed and are not fit for purpose. He asked if the DCSRHA have the money to put things to right. He asked if SEPA had been informed.

BF, member of the community, stated that SEPA and Scottish Water should have been informed at the outset of the project and this had not happened. He stated that SEPA may ask for an hydrology report which may cost up to 10k.

MJ, community councillor stated that it would appear that the whole situation is in impasse, no definitive answers have been provided by SAC. He stated that the planning official who had attended

in November was very helpful but there still appeared to be no plan of action. The field is not fit for purpose which is a disgrace as members of the public should be able to use it safely.

BF, member of the community, stated the Cllr [REDACTED] has been very helpful and is seeking a meeting with the DCSRHA and the Council. There is great concern over the flooding of residents' properties.

AB, member of the community, stated that residents are looking for action. The park is not draining properly. He said that residents have lost faith with all concerned. He stated that since the council issued a stop notice, contractors have been on the field.

JMcG, member of the community, asked if the football team is still coming to play on the field.

BF, member of the community, stated that the field is supposed to meet SFA standards. He went on to say that he has heard that the DHG are concerned about access to the field. Parents have concerns about the play area. The embankments are slipping away.

JMcG, member of the community, asked about plans. RS stated that no plans have ever been seen. The contractors at meetings with residents stated that plans would be available to be viewed in the Bowling Club but this has never happened.

NB, member of the community, asked about parking. She stated that there are strong objections to extra traffic on our streets during football matches. She asked if there is a traffic plan in place. The development of the field should not be to the detriment to the community re traffic, the village is our home. What will happen if there is a bowling game and football on the same day. This will be unmanageable. These problems have been highlighted for many years and this is causing division in the village. It was pointed out that there was a proposal by the DCSRHA re a car park, nothing happened and there were objections to this plan. This outlined in the minute of 2018.

BF, member of the community, stated that the contractor has only been in operation for 2 to 3 years, he stated that the assets were shown to be half of what the contract was worth. RS stated that he had been told that there were three quotes two of which were cheaper than the chosen contractor, this has not been verified. AB asked that the Community Council and the local councillors back the residents.

MS stated that the CC had sent an FOI request to the council relating to all the matters raised. The CC were not happy with the response and would be raising these matters again.

RK, community councillor, asked Cllr Spurling who was responsible for the costs to make the field up to standard. AS stated that the funds were available. She asked why the DCSRHA have not responded to residents re a meeting. She also pointed out that the FB page and the website of the DCSRHA were not in operation. MS, secretary to invite a representative from DCSRHA to attend meeting in February. Concerns were once more raised about the availability and suitability of the field for the DHG. AS stated that only two days ago the DCSRHA had received a plan from the games committee. MS to contact the games committee re their plans as it would be in the interest of everyone to have a clear picture.

Pavements.

MP, member of the community, raised the issue of the pavements in Dundonald. Her sister had fallen and broken her shoulder and had numerous facial injuries. She and her family have written to ARA. MS stated that the CC would also contact ARA and offered their support in this matter.

Traffic Calming.

JMcG, member of the community, raised issues re the newly installed measures and asked when work would be completed as the signs needed have not been installed as yet. There have been complaints re this. JA, chair asked that any complaints from residents should be forwarded to ARA and the CC. RK, community councillor stated that she had contacted ARA re the lack of signs and was told that they are awaiting the delivery of said signage. MS, secretary will write to ARA re all of these concerns.

Community Council Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were ratified being proposed by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED]

There was no report from the chair or the police.

Secretary Report.

The secretary informed the meeting that there had been a great number of emails during the month. All the information had been shared and correspondence dealt with.

Treasurer Report.

Balance £5,618. The batteries in the defibulator are due to be replaced. A cost to be sought.

Elected Members Report.

Cllr [REDACTED] reported on the new fire regulations coming into force in February 2022. There was discussion on the cost of this for households. Advice was given to contact Fire Brigade who will keep people right on what they need in their house.

AOCB

Community Halls.

There is a SAC report on Community Halls in the area. The CC will seek clarity on this matter.

Christmas Lights.

AS stated that he and his wife have organised this for 17 years with the help of the Christmas Lights Committee. He asked if younger people could be encouraged to join.

Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 10th February 2022, 7pm, Montgomerie Hall.

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Secretary