

## Dysart Community Council

### Notes from meeting – Tuesday 11 March 2025

#### Dysart and St Clair Parish Church Hall – 7pm

<b>Present</b>	M Kirkbride (MK), H Rae (HR), J Summers (JS), M Pollock (MP), J Wallace (JW), C Grubb (CG), B Chrisite (BC), J Patterson (JP), R Brown (RB), R Scott (RS), P Stafford (PS), D Rae (DR), S Crooks (SC), A Wiler (AW), S Bellfiend (SB), G Strang (GS), M Irvine (MI), J & I McLaughlin, N Rankine (NR), D Elder (DE), J Ferguson (JF), E Ioannou (EI), P Rychlewski (PR), G Baillie (GB), M Jones (MJ), S Myles (SM), G
<b>In attendance</b>	A Mellvile (AM) – Fife Council, L Winters (LW) – Fife Council, Gary Hankin (GH) – Safer Communities
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr I Cameron (IC), Cllr R Cavanagh (RC), C Coutts (CC)

Item		Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and declaration of interest –</b> MK opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending.  There was no declaration of interest.  MK then asked if there was any other AOCB which will be documented in section 10.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Notes of last meeting –</b> The notes from 28 January 2025 were reviewed and approved.  Proposed by MK Seconded by RS and SC - meeting notes approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting –</b> <b>Cook Street Play park -</b> Since previous meeting an anonymous donation was made by a Dysart resident for £1500, this is very much appreciated.  Over recent weeks some to the Community Councillors have been raising money by using 'Name the Teddy' or 'Pick the Football Team' - a total of £308 has been raised.  LW, RS and Roz spoke about other fundraising applications and community engagement – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Community application has been made.</li><li>• Fife Council has money set aside.</li><li>• An application has been made to the Ward Budget.</li><li>• Application to Fife Environmental Trust has been drafted – this was approved by all Community Councillors present.</li><li>• An application has been made for match funding (min £1500)</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LW proposed that £500 could be considered from DCC funds – this was agreed by all Community Councillors present.</li> </ul> <p>RS attended Dysart Primary School to discuss what the young people would like to see at the park and to design a logo. A community event will also be held during the Easter Holidays.</p> <p><b>You Decide Application –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 15/3/25 Adam Smith Centre will show case all of the applications. There are 4 categories; each person can submit 5 votes in each category.</li> <li>• Votes can be made at Adam Smith Centre on 15/3/25 or on line for a limited time.</li> <li>• DCC has made an application to re develop harbour area around The Sea Beams.</li> <li>• Dysart Colliery Youth Ban has also made an application.</li> </ul> <p><b>Floral Enhancement Grant –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MK stated at previous meeting that DCC have been granted £250 grant.</li> <li>• The gardening group is currently GS, SB and CG – EI has kindly offered to join this group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Men's Shed –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GS stated that quote received to make replacement table tops and benches in harbour area is £290. This was approved by all Community Councillors present.</li> <li>• JMCL has kindly offered to collect when ready and fit to bases.</li> </ul> <p><b>Missing lamp post (High Street), Victorian lamp post, steps at The Walk –</b> IC not in attendance to give update.</p>	
4	<p><b>Service Updates –</b> No updates provided</p>	
5	<p><b>Planning Applications –</b> <b>Previously discussed -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shutters installed at 50 High Street Dysart without planning permission</li> <li>• Liquor Licence granted for 50 High Street Dysart 3 year ago – premises not using this licence</li> <li>• Nimbus Signs fitted to empty shop at The Port without planning permission</li> </ul>	IC not at meeting to provide update on any of the previously discussed issues

	<b>New Planning Applications –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To change interior of Royal Hotel, Dysart</li> <li>• Reinstatement of Green House, Walled Garden, Ravenscraig Park</li> <li>• Change of Regeneration off High Street, Dysart to a flatted dwelling.</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Reports from Working Groups –</b> No reports.	
7	<b>Update from Fife Council Ward Councillors, Safer Communities &amp; Police –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to meeting IC made MK aware that funding had been approved for repair of tunnel and cliff face at the harbour.</li> <li>• G H – Safer Communities was made aware of ongoing antisocial behaviour of youths in the area. He was also made aware of anti social behaviour and possible drug dealing. GH stated that the Council and Police should be made aware of this. Any issues should be reported to the Police on 101 or if there was immediate danger 999. GK also spoke to concerned residents in private to gain more information at the end of the meeting.</li> <li>• GH stated that during the day Safer Communities deal with reports of fly tipping, littering, dog fouling, and vermin in gardens. It was explained that photographic evidence can be invaluable and that all reports are treated in confidence.</li> <li>• After 6pm Safer Communities deal with domestic noise and patrol areas when not dealing with reported issues.</li> <li>• GH was made aware that there are a number of youths (5-10) displaying antisocial behaviour around Dysart – Safer Communities are patrolling to try to gain evidence and discuss this behaviour with individuals.</li> <li>• GH also spoke about the Mining Remediation Authority. If there any situations in the area of The Francis Colliery or ‘Dubbie’ that is a threat to life assistance should be sought by dialling 999. If there are any other hazards this should be reported to Mining Remediation Authority Emergency Help Line – 08002884242.</li> </ul> <p>No updates received from the Police.</p>	
8	<b>Correspondence-</b> Nil	
9	<b>Treasurer –</b> GS reported that there was £6,324.99 was the current balance in account.	

	<p>Income –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floral Enhancement Grant - £250</li> <li>• Anon Fund Donation - £1500</li> <li>• Funds from selling names on cards - £308</li> </ul> <p>Expenditure –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little Monkeys - £100</li> <li>• Bulbs (MK) - £68.87</li> <li>• Mohawk Entertainment - £185</li> <li>• Key - £9</li> <li>• Flowers (HR) - £10</li> </ul> <p>In addition GS stated that to register for Data Protection with IOC will cost £52 per year</p>	
10	<p><b>AOCB –</b>  Archie Melville – Manager Fife Council Street Cleansing attended the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He stated that currently there are 208 street cleansing staff employed across Fife. This is a reduction of 30%.</li> <li>• There are 7800 street bins across Fife which need emptied on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Fife Council have recently purchased 4 new (small) motorised street sweepers.</li> </ul> <p>AM also stated that the following is the responsibility of different agencies –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bins and road works barriers on the beach – Fife Coastal Trust</li> <li>• Dead dolphins etc – Fife Council</li> </ul> <p>There is a bin audit being carried out in Dysart. A new bin will be placed in Pan Ha.</p> <p>Large Plastic/Tin bin needs replaced for the use of the residents in the flats at 104-128 High Street.</p> <p>Newly appointed Council Street Cleanser will be in Dysart 2 days per week.</p> <p>Residents made AM aware that street bins have been tied up and left beside bins. On occasions they have been left over the weekend allowing Seagulls to tear then causing additional litter.</p> <p>A local resident stated that she had been sweeping her street as this she had been told Fitzroy Street was not on the rota – AM</p>	<p>Street Cleanser person has been out in the area since DCC meeting.</p>

	<p>advised that this by the now be attended to by the small motorised street sweepers.</p> <p>AM was informed that the car park behind Baxter's was regularly used for fly tipping and that there was a lot of litter in the area. AM stated he would arrange to have this tidied up.</p> <p>AM to arrange a replacement Blue bin which was removed from the flats between Howard Place and The Walk. This bin was removed and never replaced.</p> <p>AM made aware of insulation materials from the demolition of Howard Place flats being in a number of locations in Dysart – as far as St Serfs Tower.</p> <p>GS stated that residential bins are being place back away from the properties; he asked if they could be returned closer to the pickup points.</p> <p>DR stated that there are 2 x lose aerals on the roof 10-14 Victoria Street. He shared photos of these.</p> <p>It was reported (by Lesley) that there are problems with pigeon infestation at Normand Road Church. She stated that she was informed that it is the owner's responsibility to remedy this.</p> <p>RB discussed communication and suggested that there may be benefit is placing information such as dates and time of meetings in notice board near Cook Street, Church notice board as well as at The Cross.</p>	<p>This area has been cleared since DCC meeting.</p> <p>Blue bin has been replaced since DCC meeting.</p> <p>After the meeting MK made contact with the demolition contractor. HR made contact with SEPA and R Haddow (RH)– Fife Council. RH has been in contact with the contractor and has instructed them to clean up the litter from the insulation.</p> <p>GH has agreed to report this to Fife Council.</p> <p>Lesley to send an email to MK allowing him to make further enquiries in relation to this.</p> <p>SB stated that there is a problem with the lock on notice board near Cook Street.</p> <p>MK stated that information is currently</p>
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<b>11</b>	<b>Date of next meetings – Tuesday 29 April 2025 Tuesday 27 May 2025</b>	