

Dalry Community Council

Monday 6 February 2017

MINUTES

Meeting held in Dalry Community Centre on 6th February 2017 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Community Councillors present:

Heather Grossart, Julie Wales, Alastair Adamson and Diane Mackie

Apologies:

James McCosh and Jackie Flynn

In Attendance :

Robert Barr, Catherine MacMillian, Sgt Graeme Smith, Kay Hall, Todd Ferguson, Mary Devlin, Craig Alison, JH Mack, Emily Shedden, Francis Gourlay

Speaker:

James McCosh - Dalry Community Development Hub

AA spoke in the absence of JM, he advised that the DCDH was formed 3 years ago. It was noted that the DCC will take over some of DCDH responsibilities that deal directly with NAC and these should be transferred by end of March. Any funding issues not directly with NAC will be dealt with by DCDH. It is noted that most of the Community Councillors are also Trustees of DCDH which helps both the Community Council and DCDH to work well. **AA** then went on to go through many of the projects being undertaken by DCDH.

HG welcomed Kay Hall and Todd Ferguson who are both standing in the local elections in May.

Police Report:

Sgt Graeme Smith gave us the monthly report for Dalry, he advised that there had been 124 incidents in the period 9th January to 6th February.

Included in this was 1 common assault which is a live ongoing enquiry, 1 detected Drugs offence, 3 undetected vandalisms, 6 thefts 1 of which has been detected some of the thefts include missing bins, 1 detected breach of the peace and 4 miscellaneous offences 3 of which have been detected.

AA asked about the difficulty in getting CCTV when an incident occurs. **Sgt G Smith** advised that if there is an incident then to call it in and it will be looked at there and then. There was a question from the floor regarding parking on double yellow lines in Townend Street and can the police do anything about this. We were advised that **Sgt G Smith** will have this looked into.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site12788/170109%20DCC%20minutes.pdf>

Proposed by **DM**

Seconded by **JW**

Matters Arising

De-Trunking of the A737

HG advised that she had received a letter from NAC advising that they will not look into options until the de-trunking is complete and it is known what the traffic will be like. It was suggested by **AA** that we do not accept this and that he will look further into issues that need to be addressed.

Trust my Place Award

HG told us about an email DCC had received about this and explained about the award and advised that we were too late this year to nominate but suggested that next year we could possibly nominate the Lynn Glen.

Update: Kenneth Gibson MSP

Kenneth had offered to provide written confirmation regarding the approval, funding and timescales for the Dalry Bypass and the Den Re-alignment projects. -This has not been received to our knowledge and contact to be made to get this written confirmation

RB

- ☐ The old laundry - there are some funding issues regarding this re mortgages
- ☐ *Realignment of the two bad bends, on the Girtle farm and Yonderhouse sections of the B714 from Dalry to Saltcoats. - this is being looked at again*
- ☐ Last month were advised that the site of the old school was earmarked for development of new sheltered housing and a centralised local NAC offices and the councillors also stated that the total footprint would be occupied by the planned development. - it has since come to light that not all of the site is going to be used **HG** to request plans to look at this in more detail.

Dalry Park Playground

This is developing further

Centralised Bin store at Dalry Cross

A meeting took place last week about this with representatives of NAC and they are going to progress this by lettering occupants and businesses affected.

There was a discussion regarding the Wood walk where it was and if it could be looked at to see if it is still able to be used. **HG** agreed to look into this further

Community Council Boundary it has been noted that these are now clarified to the satisfaction of all in DCC.

The suggestion of a wind farm as discussed in last meeting is still being progressed

Chair Report:

HG advised that most topics will be covered in the agenda and a meeting had taken place last week with Gregg Brown Access Officer and **AA** advised that this meeting provided an opportunity, for those interested in the current and future development of Dalry Walks and the future engagement DCC and DCDH will have with NAC, to meet with Greg the new Active Travel Officer. The ongoing issues with the Lynn Glen project, what can be done to improve Dalry walks, the current activities associated with "Dalry Heritage Trail" and the potential development of a cycle track through Dalry was on the agenda to be discussed.

This was just an initial "get to know you" meeting and further meetings will no doubt be arranged.

AA discussed the purpose of the DCDH and that, for the past 3 years, it has been addressing many local community issues. The overview discussion hopefully provided an insight of what the representatives of Dalry Community are attempting to achieve, and the part they would like NAC to play. Greg noted the many "Active Travel Opportunities" which Dalry could offer if all parties were engaged in the process.

Greg was then informed that all roads leaving Dalry require bridges to cross over rivers. Dalry also has a wealth of neglected old Track, Railway and path ways worthy of regeneration. With this valued legacy Dalry could no doubt have a very significant role to play in Garnock Connections.

The cycle track was discussed. Greg advised that the Garnock Connections delivery team would be meeting to discuss potential projects. Year 2017 would be the Project Development year, and that only a successful submission of a project plan will lead to full funding.

Projects have not been selected and full consultation will be undertaken with interested parties and the public. Consultation events are planned and the most local ones are proposed for the 13th March 2017 in Beith and Kilbirnie. When consultation event dates, times and locations are confirmed Greg will ensure representatives from the Dalry Community Council and Dalry Community Development Hub and other active Garnock community groups are personally invited to attend.

The DCC & DCDH would be very willing to discuss their concerns with Greg, as early intervention may then result in the correct allocation of resources and funding.

The Dalry Heritage Trail initiative was then made known to Greg, and its synergies with existing Dalry Walks discussed. Greg indicated his intention to visit Dalry on a number of occasions to walk the recorded paths and attempt to establish how they could be developed to create better connectivity.

The Lynn Glen project and current progress was also discussed.

Greg was then invited to attend the next DCDH or DCC meeting to secure further information and help cement a joint relationship, which will be an essential element for future understanding and success.

Treasurer Report

JW told the meeting that the new bank account was almost ready for use.

The post of Secretary has become available Diane Mackie was proposed by **HG** and seconded by **JW** and accepted the post.

The signatories for the new bank account with TSB are to be

Heather Grossart

Julie Wales

Diane Mackie

The chequebooks for the previous Community Council are to be collected after the meeting by representatives of the previous CC.

Planning Applications:

Lidl erection of illuminated billboards

Erection of a single story extension at 12 Braehead

Erection of a cattle shed at High Mountcastle

Property in Westpark Wynd wanting to extend garden further into grounds

There were no objections to any of the above

Licensing:

The Auld Hoose

There were no objections to this

Correspondence:

There has been no correspondence

A.O.C.B.

Training for Community Councillors will receive training between now and the summer. One aspect of this will be the Local Development Plan

Award for Volunteer of the Year. It was noted that other Community Councils give out or sponsor awards such as this. After some discussion it was agreed that this would be something DCC would like to look into in the future.

RB advised that the Dalry Sports Club have been nominated for the Provosts Award.

HG advised we have had a resignation from CC and that **AA** is leaving at end of March and that we are looking for new Councillors.

Craig Allison asked if we would be willing to help the skateboarding groups get a skatepark in Dalry, and after some discussions it was decided to get them to the next meeting and engage with them. Also to invite Gary Tait a Youth Worker for Mates Project and Alan McGinlay of Dalry Community Sports Club.

HG then closed the meeting.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7pm in Dalry Community Centre