

**Boarhills and Dunino Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Boarhills**  
**Village Hall**

**Present:** B Simpson Chairman, M Frodsham Treasurer, S Blair Secretary, D Chalmers,  
**In attendance:** Councillor J Docherty, Councillor W Porteous, Alan Cairns, Lorna Drummond, John Gallon, Peter Heathcote, Leslie Henshilwood, Fiona Henshilwood Bruce Low, Lynne Matthews, Barbara Maxwell, Mary Ranceillor, James Ranceillor, Donna Reid, Louise Roger, Bill Roger, Moyra Warden

**1. Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the Boarhills and Dunino CC meeting  
**Apologies:** D Guild, Councillor L Holt

**2. Minutes of Meeting** held on 24/5/17 were approved.

**3. Matters arising**

- Bridge to Dunino church. Email from Mrs Ballantine, Balkaithley Farm seeking support for local funding. If the sum for repairs falls under 5k it can be approved locally and may be matched by the residents. However, it was agreed that this bridge requires attention now as it is in a general state of disrepair, and currently contract work is progressing and should be completed shortly.
- Open reach connected now and much faster in the Boarhills area. Dunino residents are still experiencing major internet connection problems as the exchange is sited at Boarhills
- EE – no further correspondence from BT / EE re request to attend a CC meeting, despite several approaches. WP requested the email trail for information. **(Post meeting note:** lack of information now superceded by a letter from BT re a pilot scheme which is to be carried out in the New Year )
- Leaflet drop carried out in August - generated some good contacts in Dunino area and feedback
- Defibrillator. Good demonstration and now up and running. Originally it was hoped that the community council would make a small donation. The treasurer regrets that this will not be possible as no finance available.
- Road disruption in Boarhills village - Still ongoing with cones and equipment left lying in village. It was reported that the Council is to make an inspection shortly – action awaited. **(Post Meeting note:** This has now at last been rectified

**4. Appeal on installation of Underground Electricity cable re Kenly Wind Farm.**  
Councillors report that the appeal is still pending. **(Post meeting note – appeal**

**dismissed 13/10/17 by David Russell, a Reporter appointed by the Scottish Ministers)**

### **5. Boarhills Brownhills and Dunino Improvement Project**

Ms Lorna Drummond informed the meeting that this group is now formally established as a company limited by guarantee, and to be named 'Boarhills and Dunino Community Trust'. The 1st general meeting is being held tonight to elect directors. A minimum of 10 members and 3 directors are required and a sum of £2955 is currently lodged in the community council bank account until a Board has been appointed. Articles of association state that 1 person from the community council is required to join the Board of directors in order to facilitate communication and strong links - it was agreed that Bobby Simpson Chairman of the CC would be elected. Ms Drummond requested that a link from the CC to the trust is established on the website. She updated the meeting that a Company limited by guarantee can also apply to become a Charity – and noted that the Trust may do this in future, and acknowledged the help the project group has received from the Scottish Government with guidance from OSCA.

All objectives will be community based, and the following current projects are ongoing –

1. Walking maps are to be prepared to cover the areas of interest and core paths in Boarhills and Dunino.

2. Ms Drummond indicated that Interest has been formally registered in land surrounding the doocot in Boarhills as it is hoped that perhaps an orchard, seating and picnic area could be established for the community with hopes to possibly restore the doocot in the future. The land next to the doocot is currently part of a planning application, but the project group has a proposal on the land already prepared and has made an application to register interest – this will be on hold if the land is ever to come up for sale when there may be funding to help. St. Andrews Preservation Trust funded the restoration of the other doocot in the village and they presently own it.

Ms Drummond read out the list of other projects which had previously been suggested by members of the public – the most notable one for the area of Dunino would be to investigate ownership / use of Dunino school

### **6. Speeding traffic**

The last traffic survey was carried out in 2011 and JD informed the meeting that a further survey is to take place on volume and speed of traffic in both Boarhills and Dunino areas. There was general discussion around the danger areas which has been highlighted recently by several concerned residents – main areas of concern is around Belay Bridge and Stravithie bridge in the Dunino area and around the village turnoff to Boarhills. Access to the main road from Dunino Church is very dangerous and requires to be addressed. It was suggested that the wall needs to be lowered to increase visibility as use of mirrors is unlikely to solve the problem.

Concern was also expressed about big potholes and the councillors urged local residents to write in to the council re damage caused. It was agreed that the main roads are entirely unfit for purpose. **Action SB** to forward main danger areas to JD who is to contact traffic re the siting of speed monitors

There was general discussion around the need for safer cycling routes as there are a number of cyclists regularly using the St Andrews to Anstruther route. Although the ultimate plan is to have a cycling route running from Elie to St Andrews via the coast, there is no knowledge of any plans for the direct route along the B9131. WP stated that although funding is available for the coastal cycle path at present the delay is around the ability of the various organisations to get agreement re land access etc. Maintenance of the route is also unclear at present.

**7. Parking Boarhills Village** - problem with parking on the corner after accessing the village. Discussion centred around the speed of cars, the volume of traffic, the route taken by farm vehicles, painting of double yellow lines, and availability of parking spaces at hall and noticeboard. It was suggested that visitors are welcomed and encouraged to use additional parking at village hall. The CC can apply for road signage and also access NFU signs. Contact for design is Gordon Hughes at the council.

**Action: BS** – A no parking sign to be erected on the corner, also an encouraging parking sign at the village hall.

There was also discussion around the poor street lighting in the village with trees obscuring telephone wires, lighting and affecting parking. **Action BS** to send JD information to ask the council to initiate action **SB** to contact in first instance local farmer to request pruning of trees at noticeboard.

## **8. AOCB**

- Off shore windfarm not approved - consulting locally in affected areas. Stakeholders have had emails requesting their views. The development will be visible, though out to sea and around 80 turbines are planned.
- East Neuk Trust - talk at the centre Tuesday 7th November
- Policing plan for Fife out for consultation - comments by 17th October
- New development of 8 houses at Belay Bridge. Concern expressed by local resident around the numbering of the new houses – apparently using the same numbering system as Belay Bridge, although the developers have now decided to name the houses (1-4 Lochinvar, 5-8 Balcomie) Royal Mail state they are not involved. **Action SB to contact planning.**
- Outstanding bill for rent and wheelie bin share by community council **Action MF**
- Flooding in winter. Drain to Kenly water often blocked, with a lot of water pouring out of the pond at Stonywynd Farm. New drain has been established at Kenly green which is helping but not solving the problem during heavy rain.

Drains have been cleaned but residents report that the issue may be the collapsed drain at school lane detected previously by cameras.

- Bin calendars – residents are no longer being issued with a schedule. Telephone 03451 550022 for the bin helpline if unable to access information on the council website.
- Fraud - Scam through letterbox with a note stating unable to deliver. BE AWARE as the note asks for details. It does not carry royal mail symbol.
- WP expressed concern about the bus service to the community hospital. The 95 bus goes to the bus station then becomes 97 up to hospital. He has written to stagecoach requesting that they amend routes owing to the circuitous route and length of journey time.
- V & A Dundee. WP attended an excellent presentation on the new V&A at Hill of Tarvit recently. On target for opening late 2018

**9. Next meeting Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 6pm at the Boarhill's Village Hall.**