

Boarhills and Dunino Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 27th June 2018 in Boarhills Village Hall

Present: Mr B Simpson Chairman, Mrs S Blair Secretary, Mr M Frodsham Treasurer

In attendance: Councillor W Porteous, Councillor L Holt, Ms Lorna Drummond, Community Police Officer Gillian Tetlow

1. Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the Boarhills and Dunino CC meeting

Apologies: D Guild, Councillor Docherty

At this point Mr Simpson introduced Community Policewoman Gillian Tetlow who was present to hear about issues of specific community interest and concern. She was also asked by Councillor Porteous to update those present on recent issues in her role as a community police officer for East Neuk and Landward team. She started by saying that both she and Lee Robb the other community policeman were very keen to be involved with local communities and their remit includes schools, neighbourhood disputes, speeding traffic etc. Speeding on both the B917 and B9131 was the main topic and she offered to obtain Policeman Bob who will be sited at various locations on both roads. As it is over 8 years since the last speed monitoring exercise, she has requested speeding strips which will be positioned on the 40mph restriction around Dunino (there is a waiting list of approx. 8-10 weeks) and the data from the exercise will then review average speed and volume of traffic throughout the day. Depending on outcome additional speed restraining measures may be implemented. PC Tetlow said it was unlikely that the speed restriction would be lowered but additional equipment such as flashing speed restriction signs might be installed. The Council are against numerous signs for road safety reasons but are aware of the concern in this area. SB asked about reviewing the number of accidents over the past few years – she will apply to obtain a freedom of information request. As a community we could take part in a speed watch, and also petition the area committee. However at present it was decided to be guided by the measures being taken by PC Tetlow and SB is to email her and copy in to the Councillors suggestions for the siting of the strips. Notable successes recently (apart for rescuing a dog trapped in a hot car today at Leuchars railway station!) have been in connection with drug warrants and a joint visit with housing which ensured a successful outcome. She urged all present to use the community police officers in order to pass on information on a range of community matters e.g. speeding traffic particularly if at specific junctions. She raised the issue of an increase in a fraudulent culture and mentioned incidents of calls by bogus workman. Both police officers take every opportunity to get out on foot patrol and on their bikes – in her view she said its real policing and has an instant impact with members of the community. She was warmly thanked for attending and we look forward to having her attend future meetings.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 17/01/18 – Approved

3. Matters Arising -

Boarhills Village. The sign at the corner after entering the village has now been erected and reports are positive. Councillor Holt updated the meeting around the Council's enforcement policy on disabled parking bays, and a new ruling about to be enforced around parking on pavements. BS reported that the management of the overhanging trees is currently being actioned.

The EE /BT project – Councillor Porteous reported that the technical issues have apparently been solved but there is no further progress.

Project with Wade Academy – Any person over 16 years of age can be a member of a community Council, which could be a real asset in tapping into active secondary school community involvement projects.

East Neuk Tourism Association in connection with V&A Dundee – Exciting opportunities for future tourism links in connection to all our local community attractions including the Fife coastal path.

4. BDCT update

Ms Drummond updated the meeting on the recent ballot in connection with the proposed land purchase. There was a 55% turnout with 78% in favour of the right to buy and the community vote has been approved by Scottish Ministers. By 17th September the Trust need to have the funds in place in order to conclude the missives. The Trust will hear from the Scottish Land Fund by 3rd August if their bid has been successful – they believe that they should be successful in securing this bid which will cover 95% of the cost. They have been granted £3,800 from the Council's Community Planning Budget and have around £1,500 from the startup grants. Some revenue has been brought in from the recent walk but they still need to find almost 3k – time is short. The Landowner however could withdraw the sale of the land from the market and use it for his/her own private house build. However if the land was subsequently put on the market again in the future the community would still have the right to buy within a specific timeframe. If no grant is approved by 3rd August, the project will be unable to go ahead although the Trust will still have to cover the legal fees – however they have sufficient funds. There was some discussion around using a solicitor knowledgeable in the right to buy process, as it is possible that the same solicitor in the area could be instructed by both parties, but Ms Drummond said that she believes that at this stage the process is a straightforward purchase. The Councillors urged her to keep in contact if they foresee a shortfall in funding as they may be able to access other funding avenues or involve the lands tribunal if there are additional delays.

5. Community Council Elections – 4th October 2018

Information and nomination packs will not be available until August. An updated version of the Community Council Election Rules are available at www.fifedirect.org.uk/communitycouncils. Beth Flynn, the Community Council Liaison Officer has asked that all Community Councils use the lead time to plan business for the remainder of the term; consider local publicity; and make arrangements for the inaugural meeting which must be held within 1 month of the elections. At present we have a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer + 2 additional members – however the chairman is unclear as to what our quorate is in order to meet or how many members our Community Council can appoint. Ms Drummond stressed how useful it is to have an overlap

with the Trust and this should be encouraged and hopefully membership with dual roles increased.

6. AOCB

- **Grit Bins**

Councillor Holt updated the meeting about the planned removal of grit bins and this met with general agreement as the village is gritted within a statutory timeframe when ice is forecast. Councillor Porteous has no update on the concern expressed at a previous meeting about the state of Station Rd – Dunino to Kingsbarns road which is the main route for school children attending Kingsbarns Primary school, the catchment school.

- **East Neuk Community Forum**

Public meetings are to be held regularly with high profile speakers which should attract a wide audience, as the focus will be of interest to all communities. The next meeting is to be held at Wade Academy, Anstruther on Thursday 13th September. Councillor Holt said that there are grants available to community groups for a wide range of projects – Janice Laird, Area Community Manager is the lead person.

- **Armistice Day Celebrations**

Councillor Porteous updated the meeting about the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day which falls this year. Communities are being encouraged to consider how this can be marked in their area – e.g. read out the names of those members of the community who gave their lives, focus on memorials in the local area and perhaps spruce them up etc.

- **Out of Hours service**

- Councillor Porteous commented on the withdrawal of the out of hours service at St Andrews Community Hospital, despite no consultation. It is unclear if it will be reinstated

7. Next Meeting

To be advised in line with the Community Council Elections