

Boarhills and Dunino Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 24th May 2017 in Boarhills Village Hall

Present: B Simpson Chairman, M Frodsham Treasurer, S Blair, D Guild, D Chalmers, Councillor W Porteous, Councillor J Docherty, Councillor L Holt.

- In attendance: J Gallon, B McQueen and her granddaughter.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and directed his welcome and introductions to our newly elected Councillors.

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 8/02/17 which are posted on the website were accepted.

3. Matters arising

- Local development planning officer Fiona Mitchell is currently reviewing the funding application from BBDIP (Boarhills Brownhills and Dunino Improvement Project) **this funding has now been accepted.**
- Bridge at Dunino Church – This is ongoing at present with a construction report recently compiled, discussions still taking place
- Street lighting above notice board in Boarhills village – still awaited

4. Footpath. Resident Brenda McQueen raised the issue of the ploughing up of the footpath / right of way across farm field from Boarhills village towards Burnside Road. This first happened 2 years ago and has been ploughed over again this year. Historically it is believed to be a recognised right of way, and she asks that the CC takes this matter up with the owner of the field Joe Harper **Action: B Simpson.**

D Chalmers also raised the matter of the overgrown core path leading from Dunino Church to the millennium bridge **Action: J Docherty**

5. Road surfaces – The matter raised was the condition of the road surfaces in the area particularly St Andrews to Kingsbarns stretch. Concern was expressed about the number of visitors expected in August for the Ricoh Women's British Open golf tournament due to be hosted at Kingsbarns. J Docherty reported that potholes require to be 4cms in depth and urged members of the community to take photographs and report to Fife Council. Currently there

are a number of potholes circled in yellow which indicates work pending and the level of priority.

6. Road works in Village and Open reach plans. Community Council is currently pursuing update on advance notice on any planned road works in the area. **Action: J Docherty & S Blair.** Concern was expressed by residents about frequent and increased speed in the village, and an awareness of increased traffic. **Action: J Docherty** to investigate signage and it was agreed that this should be done.

The community council has been approached by the Regional Director for BT wishing to discuss the opportunity to pilot 4G mobile with EE in Boarhills. This is for mobile signal and not in connection with broadband services. They have initially surveyed a site and had initial discussions with a local farmer to position a small echo cell. The pilot will impact on EE network users and EE are offering to complete the pilot free of charge. After discussion it was agreed to request attendance at our next meeting to explore this issue further. Request also to include Dunino area in the pilot.

7. Wind Farm – Planning authority ref: 16/00873/EIA

Letter received today from the reporter, following the recent appeal regarding the submitted landowner certificate, concludes that although erroneously completed he will not formally 'decline to determine' the appeal for a further 5 weeks from 24/5/17. This is to allow the appellant to undertake a fresh notification of all the relevant landowners along the proposed route.

Councillor Holt explained the term 'stranded assets' where consent has been approved in the past for a project but it does not go ahead, and she believes that this may happen with this proposal as the project has not received radar approval, subsidies have now ceased, and as the wind farm is relatively small viability is questionable. In view of her comments and frustrated at the lengthy delays, it was agreed that a letter to the Principal of the University would be submitted by the Community Council - this to be drafted and agreed with the Councillors.

8. Defibrillator. J Gallon has been in contact with Dr Hamish Tait, following the installation of the defibrillator, and training has been organised for Tuesday 20th June in Boarhills Village Hall at 7pm – Mr Gallon will distribute flyers around the village.

9. CC Finances. Mr Frodsham informed the meeting that our finances are small with an annual grant around £440 per year. At present our expenses are half the annual cost of the wheelie bins at the village hall, and the rent of £12 per hour for quarterly meetings. Mr Gallon agreed to investigate these matters.

10. AOCB

- **Dunino School.** DC asked for an update from the councillors regarding the use of the school. A small group of local residents had approached the council to access it for community use and been turned down. He also informed the meeting that Fife Council are required to carry out an ongoing review of school placements for children in the catchment area. Dunino catchment area is greater than the community council boundary and this has not been reviewed by the council.
- DC is concerned about the profile of the community council and urged increased communication to local residents. He suggested emailing minutes, agenda, meetings etc out to residents. There is an old list of contacts and this could be reviewed. As a start the leaflet drop needs to be carried out and views canvassed. Councillor Holt suggested a press release soon with information about the group and then again before the next meeting
- Local buses – there is presently a consultation ongoing canvassing opinions from bus users of North East Fife regarding the future of subsidised local services – information on Fife Council website – and Councillor Porteous urged involvement. Flexi Bus service was also discussed and residents are encouraged to explore availability, although unfortunately evening cover is not possible.
- Transportation to and from nursery school. Councillor Porteous informed the group about his involvement in promoting this area to increase access in rural areas.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 6pm in Boarhills Village Hall (please note change of time)