

Boarhills and Dunino Community Council
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2016 in Boarhills Village Hall

Present: B Simpson Chairman, M Frodsham Treasurer, D Guild, D Chalmers, S Blair Secretary

In attendance: Councillor D McGregor, Councillor J Docherty, Councillor E Riches

B McQueen, J Gallon **Apologies:** J Furness

The Chairman welcomed all present

Matters arising

- **St Andrews Green Belt Forum** – this has now been officially wound up, and responsibility now passes to the Preservation Trust in liaison with St Andrews Community Council and all neighbouring Community Councils including Boarhills and Dunino.
- **Village hall.** Request from JG that the community council pays for the wheelie bin collection which costs £144 every 6 months - this was met by the previous community council. After discussion it was agreed to fund 50% of the cost which would be backdated to March 2016. There was discussion around funding available to all community councils – grant forms to be completed and submitted with details of accounts to Finance and Corporate Services. **Action Treasurer MF**
- **Defibrillator** - this requires minimal power to run and in line with many small rural communities would be seen by locals and visitors alike to be a valuable resource. If a position adjacent to the notice board is not suitable because of the necessity for a power source, then positioning beside the village hall might be acceptable. Heart start funding may be available and it was noted that a named person would be required from the village but that training would be provided. **Action SB to pursue with Gillian Duncan who is the East Neuk First Aid Responder.**
- **Toilet facilities** in the village. In view of the numbers of walkers passing through there was a query as to whether the toilets at the front door of the village hall could be accessed as the remainder of the hall could remain locked. It was reported that Fife Council is no longer running this community access scheme and it was decided not to pursue this further.
- **Signage** - notice board to be updated with current bus timetable - laminated timetable to be requested from Stagecoach. Robbie Blyth is the contact in the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust re signage - coastal path in Boarhills and the core path in Dunino would benefit from signage. **Action DC**
- **Wind turbines** - query as to whether the community council should write a letter backing up the objections raised by our councillors to the latest proposal in connection with the turbines. Although full community canvassing would be required prior to any letter written by the community council on behalf of the community protesting at the development, it was noted that this had been carried out around 2 years ago when the Kenly project was first proposed. **Action DG**
Windfarm and cable route - The planning application to install 15.4 kms of underground electricity cable, erection of a substation building, transformer and a 2m high fence is currently on the Council website. Concern was expressed about the proposed cabling route with potential damage to the trees on the Lathoker road (there is a protection order in place), major transport disruption to the rural community, and possible lasting impact to the network of roads. It was agreed to lodge an objection on behalf of the members of the community council, and this has been done.. **Action SB/BS/DC**
- **Community involvement** - it was agreed that coordinating community involvement initiated by the Boarhills, Brownhills and Dunino Improvement Project, the community council, and possibly some increased community outreach by the Church (now that an Interim Minister Russell McLarty is in place) would take the form of a leaflet drop rather than any attempt to reach community members by e-mail. Beach clean up with some refreshments is to be held on Sunday 15th May (flyers have already been prepared) and the church is hosting another walk and BBQ on Sunday 19th June. **Action - JG will coordinate Boarhills and information will be passed to SB for Dunino.** Information on the Improvement group is on facebook and it was suggested by the councillors that the community council establish a website in the future **Action – BS to investigate**
- **COINEF** - Community initiative for NE Fife. This could be an important resource for some local initiatives, information and action planning as some funding may be available. The Contact link is Fiona Mitchell

and the East Neuk forum is to be held at Cameron hall on 16th June. **Action - BS to attend on behalf of the cc**

- **Community emergency plan** newsletter received by SB outlining possible future planning around potential winter problems – eg flooding, and supporting our vulnerable community residents. **Action SB to link with Emma Palmer**
- **School placement.** Letter giving information on the schooling arrangements for the 3 children in the former Dunino PS catchment area was read out by Councillor Riches. DC disputed the information as the numbers were inaccurate, and stated that the schools being accessed are Canongate, Lawhead, Greyfriars, Kingsbarnes and Strathkinnes. Councillor Riches to follow this up. Future of the school was raised – Legal services need to resolve issues in connection with the Council's title before any marketing can proceed. The Affordable Housing Team were considering a feasibility study on the vacant properties, but Housing has confirmed that they are not going forward with this proposal.
- **Super fast broadband** – Councillor Riches informed the meeting about the project group investigating the service in this area. The group can involve all areas and consumers not covered by BT, and it was unanimously agreed by all present that these residents need to be involved. However once the superfast broadband service is up and running, these householders can then approach / be approached by the group.

AOB

- **William Welsh** is retiring at the beginning of May as community liaison officer, and his role will be taken by Beth Flynn. **Action. SB to thank WW for his role with the previous cc and introduce the newly formed cc to Beth**
- **Pop up Bob** - the lookalike traffic cop who patrols this area – is to be asked to visit our traffic blackspots - **Action JD**
- **ENCAP** - East neck community action plan. Two communities are currently being supported and helped and survey is ongoing. Other communities could be involved in the future
- **Planning contact** required for weekly updates. **Action BS**
- **Health / social care integration board** - contact required. This group is now known as IJB - (Integrated joint board) which is recognised by the government. **Action SB**
- **Surgeries** - Stephen Gethin MP
John Docherty Councillor for East Neuk
Information on advice Surgeries 01334 657765.
Elie primary School 11th May; 14th September and 14th December from 6.30 pm.
Kingsbarnes Primary School 8th June and 9th November from 6.30pm
- **Community council website** for all information and personnel on every community council
- **Next meeting.** It was suggested that we meet quarterly and this was agreed. Date agreed is Wednesday 24th August 2016, at 5.45 in Boarhills Village Hall