

**Saline and Steelend Community Council  
Minute of Meeting of 25.02.14 in Saline Community Centre**

**Present**

John Crane (chair) , Marie Crane, Muriel Phillips, Isobel Menzies, David Chisholm, Peter Ball, Helga Corp, Dave Quinney, Til Kroeber, Sgt. Jillian Neill, Tom Bishop, Ewan Masson, PC Ian Rushford.

**1. Apologies**

Jim Hensman, Donald Murdoch, Joan Featherstone, Roger Featherstone  
Kay Jackson, Jim Currie. Irene Wardell.

**2. Chair's Opening Remarks**

The chair welcomed everyone. Prior to the meeting proper, the chair invited Tom Bishop and Euan Masson who represented "Dunfermline Advocacy" to give a presentation on the activities of their organisation. It was explained that Dunfermline Advocacy had been working throughout West Fife since 1992. The objective was to provide a lifeline in the local community, linking local citizens with vulnerable people in the area.

Following a number of questions, Tom concluded by stating that anyone wishing to help Dunfermline Advocacy in any way should ring 01383 624382 or go online to <enquiries@dunfermlineadvocacy.org>

David Chisholm said that he would ask Mark Bough if he could include an article about Dunfermline Advocacy in the next issue of the Bulletin.

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The chair thanked Tom and Euan for their interesting and thought provoking talk.

**3. Minutes of Meeting of 26.1.14**

Approved. Proposed by David Chisholm, seconded by Muriel Philips.

**4. Matters Arising**

The Centre's caretaker had informed the chair that a requisition to fit a handrail at the entrance of the Community Centre had been raised by Fife Council. We will continue to monitor.

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Peter Ball, Peter Philps, Stewart Miller, Sandy Carstairs and John Crane had visited the church grounds and decided a location and type of platform for the Barrowman Plough. The chair said that he was awaiting a drawing from Sandy Carstairs and added that he had decided to obtain a written certification from Fife Council that planning permission is not necessary.

JC

Concerning the agreement at the previous meeting, letters relating to the road subsidence on the A823 had been sent to Thomas Docherty MP and Cora Hilton MSP.

A letter had been received from Fife Council stating that the owner of the overgrown garden

had been given 28 days to cut back the bushes and trees encroaching onto the footpath. If this was not done, Fife Council would undertake the task and endeavour to recover the costs from the owner.

With regard to the complaint from Liz Harvey on the flooding of the car park at the turning circle, a letter has been sent to Fife Council requesting that the drain in this area be unblocked and asking for a survey to determine if any other action could be undertaken to avoid future flooding.

Peter Ball and Isobel Menzies highlighted other drains in the village that were blocked and it was agreed that the regular cleaning of drains appeared to have ceased. It was agreed that we should wait and see the reaction to our letter before taking any further action. The chair will monitor.

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### **5. Police Report.**

Sgt. Jillian Neill stated that she was extremely happy to be back working in the West Fife Villages. Jillian continued by outlining the procedures and duties of the local Community Police and added that she was supported by PCs Gillian Wilson and Ian Rushford.

Jillian provided a detailed report of incidents that had occurred in the Saline and Steelend area over the past month. These included one case of sheep worrying, an attempted house breaking, that was detected, the theft of a ladder from a garden, damage to a parked car and some disruptive behaviour by a group of youths.

Jillian continued by advising that lights should be left on in houses when people were out and outlined a scam where people were asked to provide funds for the Commonwealth Games. She added that people should make absolutely sure of the identity of callers before letting come in to the house.

The chair thanked Jillian for her report and for attending the meeting. Jillian replied that she hoped to attend future meetings as she felt it was important to learn what was going on in the area.

### **6. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer reported that there was no change to the finances since the last meeting. £2712.71 is currently held but only £470.17 is available to the community council with the balance required to restore the Barrowman Plough and an amount ring-fenced for future bonfire and firework displays.

### **7. Secretary's Report**

The secretary outlined correspondence and planning applications received since the last meeting. These included planning applications for additional rooms at Bandrum and alterations to the listed Prestonfield House.

Fife Council had asked where in the village warning posters about the consumption of alcohol. It was considered that these posters should be displayed at the Glen entrance, the turning circle and the bus stop on Main Street by Oaklea. The secretary said she would

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respond to Fife Council.

The secretary outlined an e-mail received from Sue Hamilton the secretary of the Charlestown, Limekilns and Pattiesmuir Community Council. This communication warned of the dangers to the environment from gas extraction. It was noted that an article on this subject had appeared in the Courier dated 18th February.

**MP**

The secretary concluded by saying that when she returns from holiday she intends to take up the matter of the deplorable state of the West Road recreation field with Fife Council.

### **8. AOB**

Peter Ball stated that he had received an extremely detailed analysis of the 2010 census statistics for the Saline area and on request, agreed to pass the link to the chair.

**JC**

Peter Ball mentioned that Fiona Aitken was looking into the possibility of setting up a group to help local people suffering with Alzheimer's. The chair said he would speak to Fiona about this.

Several members of the community council commented on the fact that none of our elected representatives had attended our meetings this year.

### **9. Date of Next Meeting.**

25th March 2014.

