

## **inchgarth1iNote of Dunbar Community Council Extraordinary Meeting**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> 2015**

### **Present**

Stephen Bunyan (Chair), Jacquie Bell (Minute), Pippa Swan, Sue Anderson, Isobel Knox, Alberto Massimo (Part)

### **Apology Will Collin**

#### **1) Flag Policy**

Stephen noted that there had been 93 comments on the DCC website relating to the flying of flags at the John Muir Anniversary on Christmas Eve. These followed inaccurate reporting by the Edinburgh Evening News (apology later received) and Sputnik International ( a Russian News agency) which suggested wrongly that the Saltire had been replaced permanently by the Union flag.

Stephen expressed concern that there appeared to have been a negative campaign about the flag flying. He was checking which flags had been flown on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 as they may have not been in accord with to the policy agreed by the Community Council.

Of the comments 92 appeared to be from outside Dunbar. Most were sent after the Saltire was replaced. One was received as late as January 9<sup>th</sup>. Most were anonymous aside from e mail address. Some were abusive.

All had been passed on to Councillors Hampshire and Veitch.

At Stephen's request Jacquie had printed off 2 copies of all the comments and the stories from the Evening News and Sputnik International.

Stephen noted that David Williamson of Dunbar had e mailed him and that he is expected to send correspondence to the Community Council prior to the next meeting

A formal statement on flag policy is still awaited from ELC.

In the meantime the plan to fly the Community Council Coat of Arms in place of the Saltire on February 8<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of the granting of the charter by David II, will not go ahead.

#### **2)Information Boards**

##### **a) Parish Church**

It was agreed that plans for these boards should go ahead. Funding is in place.

##### **b) Pool and Gun Sites**

It was agreed that these should be replaced by refurbished boards. It was agreed that Pippa will make direct contact with Peter Blood at Osprey. There is likely to be an additional cost to the Community Council.It was agreed that this refurbishment would be funded from the Local Priorities Fund. This was accepted.

Once clearer financial information is available Pippa will fill in a claim form.

Thanks were expressed to Douglas Forrest for his photos of the existing information boards.

#### **2) Planning Matters**

##### **a) McDonalds**

It was noted that the site already had longstanding outline planning permission for a fast food outlet. It was agreed that Jacquie would respond to ELC planning on specific matters e.g. size, aesthetic appearance, advertising. It was also agreed that questions should be raised about artwork on Spott Road Roundabout and tourist information.

#### **b) Development in Conservation Areas**

There was discussion about the painting of the doors and the banner at Castellau. A member had heard that the tenant had said that they had been told that the changes they had made would be allowed. This was thought by Jacquie and Stephen to be contrary to policy on conservation areas. Jacquie agreed to check with ELC planning.

Pippa suggested that ELC should inform people of Conservation area planning policies when they purchase properties within conservation areas.

#### **3) Correspondence**

##### **Post Office Temporary Closure**

Jacquie noted information that the Post Office is to be modernised. To allow for this Dunbar Post Office will be closed from 23/2 (pm) to 9/3. It is suggested that people should use facilities at Haddington or East Linton. Concerns were raised about this length of closure for those who depend on the facility for pensions etc. The alternatives were thought to be too distant and not easy to access on public transport. Sue agreed to speak to staff at the office and Jacquie agreed to contact Post Office management about the concerns for interim arrangements.

#### **4) Local Development Plan , Main Issues Report (MIR)**

Responses from the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January had been drawn together. There was further discussion. Pippa, Stephen and Jacquie were also to attend a Community Planning meeting to discuss MIR on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

It was agreed that Pippa would submit the response from Dunbar Community Council with the views from the public meeting as an attachment.

Jacquie Bell

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