

Boarhills and Dunino Community Council
Tues 1 November 2011, 7.30pm,
Boarhills village hall

The meeting will begin with a presentation by Anne Little from the Alzheimer Scotland Office

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The presentation from Anne Little of the Alzheimer Scotland Office will now take place on 10 January 2012. JF apologised for a confusion of dates which was not picked up from last minutes.

1. Apologies: P Kushner, E Riches; Liz Ogilvie; Peter de Wolff, Jonathan Titterton; Present: Local residents Andrew Burnley, Victoria Kilgour, Alex Jarrett, Bill Roger, Ian Steven; Fife Councillors Donald McGregor and Mike Scott-Hayward; Community Councillors Janice Furness and John Kilgour.

All were sorry to hear of the death of Elizabeth Riches husband David on 26 October; JF will write to her on everyone's behalf.

2. Minutes of 6 September. Correction from Louise Roger - BDCC *had* sent a response to the Local Plan Consultation. Minutes accepted.

3. Matters arising:

3.1. Dunino Footbridge

Peter Kushner has moved to Cupar, and has 'handed the baton' back re finishing the bridge project. JK spoke to Alasdair Roger yesterday – AR has arranged for someone to do the shot blasting and painting. The bridge will need two concrete anchor pads poured on site, which the bridge will rest on and be bolted to. Once concrete done PK will help AR install the bridge. JK asked if anyone knew anyone who could do the concreting. He will speak to Geoffrey Sprott. Ideally the walls would be repointed too. PK had emailed that Alisdair will be sending an invoice for his labour thus far and payment in advance for shot blasting the railings to clean them up for painting. Labour and blasting should come to around £900. All that remains from him, then, is his labour for painting the railings, the paint, installing the bridge when the time comes, bolts for fastening the bridge and the railings and some money for diesel etc for the machines. In total that will be about £700. JK has not yet had a final estimate from Alasdair.

Louise Roger and Peter Kushner had emailed questioning the closing of the millennium account and the transferring of its contents into the main account. This was done for simplicity.

3.2. Flooding update, Boarhills village George Duncan visited again with his team in early October. JF spoke to him on phone today: Camera showed drains clear from schoolhouse to Jimmy Christie, but diameter restricts water, so they're looking into costings of a larger pipe. **No chance of anything being done before winter** – once costed has to be approved, then date fixed. Frank's – 3 pipes in his culvert, may be a

choke point, may put a single large pipe there instead. J Brown – perhaps roots inside pipe from his pond to schoolhouse, waiting for camera report to confirm. Gullies through village from Old Edinburgh to Mrs Wilson's bench go into a soakaway rather than into main pipe – he says this is not unusual. He'll let me have any further news when he has it.

3.3. Road safety update 40 mph from church to Jenny McQueen's approved at Fife Council meeting 21 Sep, now out for consultation. M S-H thinks they'll probably repair the wall and put up the 'drive carefully' signs in village at the same time.

3.4. University Windfarm

Fife Council has written to the university objecting to the height of the proposed turbines and not accepting the university's claim that they will not be visible from St Andrews. Their letter is on their website. The Council have advised that an application with turbines of around 50 metres would be considered more appropriate, as detailed in their planning guidance. They also say the means of connecting to the grid must be stipulated with the application, not once planning permission has been granted.

Roddy Yarr has not responded to the community benefit policy we adopted at the last meeting, in fact has not answered any of the 3 emails since that meeting from JF. They have still not sent the minutes of the liaison group meeting of 22 April or notified of a new date (planned for end of summer) and seem to have given up on liaison entirely. We await their response to Fife's decision. Will they challenge it? Will they submit a new application for a greater number of smaller turbines? Will they decide the project is now economically unviable?

3.5. Lingo wind farm CC decided not to let West Coast Energy (WCE) use this meeting for their presentation as we had not done this for the Kenly project. JF gave them John Gallon's details for booking the hall, and they arranged a public exhibition there for Thurs 27 Oct from 2-8pm, which 32 people in all attended – a very low turnout. David King's exit poll gave 27 against, 3 for and 2 refused to say. The same exhibition 2-8pm the following day at Arncroach gave 36 against, 14 for, 1 don't know and 6 refused to say. The earlier exhibitions at Largoward and Cameron had 55 against, 19 for, 3 don't know and 11 refused to say. The series of exhibitions are now over and WCE are intending to submit their application shortly.

There have been two meetings at Inn of Lathones (31 August and 26 October) on possibly establishing a Lingo Community Liaison Group. It was agreed to call it **Lingo Community Benefit Group** in preference. Four communities are affected: Boarhills/Dunino will have 3 of the turbines, Arncroach will have 2, but these would be only just inside Arncroach's boundary with Cameron. Largoward will also be affected. Kingsbarns might also want to be part of it. Cameron CC boycotted the second meeting, but JF and JK were there to represent our community and ensure that if planning permission is given we get the best possible deal for the community. WCE made clear the group would go ahead without all communities if necessary. Louise Roger and Lynne Matthews were also there to observe. Largoward does not have a

CC at present. Efforts will be made to persuade Cameron CC to be part of it. The group would look at options but nothing definite would be done until/ unless planning permission is given. WCE proposed the Vice Chair of the Governors of Elmwood College, Eileen Walker as independent chair of the group and this was accepted. EW was present, introduced herself and declared herself prepared to take it on. It was somewhat worrying to see at the exhibition in Boarhills the following day that WCE are working closely with Elmwood.

4. Treasurer's Financial Statement. JK had drawn up the accounts for the year ended March 2011 and had them audited by David Gilchrist. Copies were available for all present. These are attached on a separate sheet.

5. Secretary's Correspondence.

a) Invitation to a CC training day on Sat 29 Oct in Kirkcaldy on Planning and Scotland's Zero Waste Plan. Declined. New one received for 12 Nov in Kinross or 19 Nov in Cupar will also be declined.

b) Fife Shoreline Management Plan: views on the future of Fife's coast. Comments on the draft plan welcome by 28 Nov. See www.fifedirect.org.uk/shoreline

c) Fife Forest and Woodland Strategy, consultation forum Wed 16 Nov Rothes Hall 4-7.30pm. Questions and comments, if anyone has any, to be filled in and returned by 21 Nov.

d) Fife Constabulary invitations to Policing Plan Review 24 Oct in Cupar and next local meeting Largoward Community Hall 7pm Thurs 3 Nov. No-one able to attend either meeting.

e) Neighbourhood Watch AGM Tues 15 Nov 7pm. JF will attend.

f) Production of new Fife Local Development Plan (land use and spatial strategy) approved in June, new style of plan following changes to planning legislation in 2006 – will replace current Local Plans. Fife Local Development Exchange is to be set up, a forum to exchange ideas and act as an informal sounding board. Will not be decision making or get involved in detailed site issues. Is BDCC interested in becoming part of this? MS-H thought it good that local CCs were involved as otherwise it was dominated by developers. JF will reply accordingly.

g) Warning from HM Revenue and Customs of dramatic increase in fraudulent emails claiming to offer a refund of overpaid taxes.. Notify HMCR before deleting. *HMRC will only ever contact by post, not phone, emails or external companies.*

h) Information and Guidance Leaflet on *Winter Gritting and Snow Clearing Service 2011-2012*

i) Countless documents sent relating to Hearing, Town Hall, 4 October re **St Andrews West Strategic Land Allocation** and **St Andrews Green Belt (inner boundary to west and south of town)** which JF attended. (Reporter – Karen Heywood - verdict by

10 Dec or later). St Andrews CC – Iain Goudie; St A Preservation Trust- David Middleton; Green Belt – Iain McIver and Sam Taylor – all excellent! Uni wanting plans accepted for proposed massive expansion on land it owns, greenfield sites mainly to west of town. If brownfield sites also used would make 1400-1500 houses altogether!

Guardbridge paper mill acquired by university, should provoke a rethink of location of proposed science park and commercial enterprises – an ideal location for science-based commercial enterprises as the site can be developed economically, responding to new climate change legislation. Additional benefit of access to mainline railway station. Ideal brownfield site. Using greenfield land for industrial development, especially land with irreplaceable landscape value when a viable alternative is available, is not acceptable planning practice.

Main development sites considered:

i) **wedge between Strathkinness High and Low roads.** Uni want to start here but = too visible, worst option

ii) **between Strathkinness Low Road and Craigtoun** (housing) and to SE of Craigtoun road (business park) = option preferred by Green Belt, St A Preservation Trust and St A CC as less visible.. However, landowner and neighbours object strongly. (nb Fife's oldest heronry somewhere here)

j) Boundary Commission for Scotland, Notification of change to UK parliamentary constituencies – from 650 to 600, meaning for Scotland 59 down to 52, meaning changes to constituency borders. 12 week consultation period (13 Oct – 4 Jan) Public meeting relative to Fife in City Chambers, 14 City Square, Dundee on Tues 29 Nov. Comments on initial proposals by 4 Jan 2012. 3 constituencies are wholly contained in Fife; Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline West covers West Fife and all Clackmannanshire. Nobody expressed interest in attending Dundee meeting.

k) East Neuk First Responders, next meeting Thurs 1 Dec, 6.30pm, Mayview Hotel, St Monans. JK and JF will definitely attend this. DMcG said the chief planning officer would be present.

6. **AOCB** – there was none.

7. **Date of next meeting: 10 January 2012** It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Jan 10th. the second Tues of January, instead of 3rd January.