



Dunblane Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council, held on Monday, 1 March, 2010, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Sue Faulkner (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Craig French (Vice-Chairman), John Alexander, Angela Edgar, Charles McHugh, Kevin Curtin, Frederic Gilmour, Kate Fawcett.

In attendance: Councillors Campbell and Houston, PC Stewart Kerr, Moira Stewart, Alison McCallum (*Allanwater News*), Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary) and a group of residents from Kinbuck among whom were David and Janet Garrell, Sally and Ciaran Henderson, Mike Wilson, Ann Haile, Kathleen Forsyth, Clare Clark, Colin Forsyth, Andy Powell, Mr Eden (Cromlix House), Alex Clark and Eileen Robb.

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Alan Booth, PC Simon Fraser and Councillor Goss.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed the group of Kinbuck residents to the meeting and intimated that he would suspend the order of the agenda after the Police Report to allow them to address the community council.

The Chairman expressed disappointment that no-one has put their name forward as a candidate for the vacancies on the community council. However, three co-opted members will be appointed.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 1 February 2010

These were approved, proposed by the Secretary and seconded by John Alexander.

4. Matters arising

Housing for the homeless Councillor Campbell confirmed that he would update

figures he had sent previously, in time for the next meeting. **Action: Councillor Campbell.**

George Street With reference to the painting of double yellow lines at the junction with the Old Doune Road, the Chairman has been told that the community council will be informed when this will happen. Kevin Curtin has been informed that 20 mph speed limits will be in place in this financial year and John Alexander thanked him for his efforts in getting "Children Playing" signs erected.

Footpath to Ashfield The Chairman reported that there has been a further collapse of the bank onto the path, photos of which he emailed to Stirling Council and warning notices have now been erected. However, as it is designated a countryside path, the Council will not repair it. It was pointed out by Angela Edgar that this is a well-used route from Ashfield to Dunblane and Councillor Houston agreed to raise the issue again. **Action: Councillor Houston.**

Lane between George Street and Charles Street John Alexander reported that Councillor Goss, on seeing the state of this lane, was going to submit a report to the Roads Department, pressing for its repair. **Action: Councillor Goss.**

Bus stops The Secretary confirmed that these will remain.

Grass at Mill Row car park It was reported that the grass will be reinstated when the weather improves.

Site huts at Barbush These are still present and the Secretary will write again. **Action: The Secretary.**

Nursing home places In reply to Angela Edgar, Councillor Houston reported that the Council responds according to demand by buying bed places in nursing homes. At present there is not a waiting list and he is not aware of any concerns, although he admitted that there might be a delay in discharging a patient from hospital if a specific nursing home was requested. Angela Edgar repeated her concerns that Dunblane residents might have to accept places further away from family and friends than they would desire.

RSVP storage space in the Burgh Chambers Councillor Houston reported that their use of a room at the Burgh Chambers will be sanctioned on a month to month basis and notice will be given if anyone wished to rent the room. Moira Stewart reiterated the importance of the RSVP group and her unhappiness at the lack of support from Stirling Council.

Access at Ramoyle The Chairman has received further details of the difficulties experienced by an ambulance due to inconsiderate parking of other vehicles. He reported that more "no access" signs at a greater distance from the entrance to Ramoyle will be erected during the next financial year.

Sand in Argyle Way The Chairman, reporting that the sand dumped in Argyle Way was still there, asked Councillor Houston to follow this up. **Action: Councillor Houston.**

Laighills pavilion John Alexander reported that the plumbing repairs have been carried out but expressed disappointment that the football teams were reluctant to raise funds to help with further repairs.

5. Police Report: See attached.

PC Kerr introduced himself and read out the report prepared by PC Fraser. He confirmed that a meeting is to be held in April of local groups targeting youth anti-social behaviour.

Beaully to Denny powerline

The Chairman suspended the order of the meeting at this point to allow a discussion of the Beaully to Denny powerline by Kinbuck residents and community councillors. He reported that Angela Edgar and he had met with Vicky Gibson, Community Liaison Manager of Scottish and Southern Energy, which is responsible for the powerline north of the Wharry Burn. (South of the Wharry Burn it is the responsibility of Scottish Power.) Vicky Gibson had shown him maps of the position of the towers (pylons) and they can be viewed on the SSE website. Detailed 1:10000 scale maps showing access track details are not yet available to the public but are available at any meetings. She is anxious to be proactive, and attend a future community council meeting, and will bring the maps to meetings and roadshows. Dunblane and Kinbuck will have separate meetings with SSE and the Chairman reported that ground work is expected to start next year, with the project completed in four years followed by reinstatement work lasting a year.

Sally Henderson, speaking for Kinbuck residents, expressed their dissatisfaction with SSE and that they felt they had been unsupported. She appealed for help in preventing SSE from bullying the community. It was confirmed that the bridge into Kinbuck will not be upgraded or used by construction traffic. She pointed out that the road to Kinbuck is designated by the Council as a safe route to school and was reassured by Angela Edgar that no access roads are planned through Kinbuck. The Chairman hoped to get road plans shortly but intimated that a new access road is planned from the A9 to Sheriffmuir and that construction traffic will not be using the Glen Road.

While encouraging Kinbuck residents to have a meeting with Vicky Gibson by the end of April, the Chairman stressed that this would only be for information and answering questions, not for negotiations over moving or undergrounding the powerline.

Kinbuck residents and Angela Edgar have met with Bruce Crawford MSP about the powerline and Angela Edgar has asked him for the rationale behind the decision of Jim Mather (Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism) not to insist on undergrounding the line.

Councillor Houston stated that there is a duty on both power companies to liaise with communities through the Council about issues such as construction traffic. Although the decision over the powerline will not be changed, the community can have some say about its impact and it would be worthwhile to build up a relationship with the power companies. There is to be a meeting on 6 March with officials from the Planning Department of Stirling Council to ensure that the latter have all the information from the communities that they need before entering into discussions with SSE and Scottish Power. Both the Chairman and Angela Edgar will attend this meeting. In particular, it was felt that the Reporter did not take into account health risks associated with towers and up-to-date lower costs of undergrounding were not considered at the Public Inquiry. However, Councillor Houston pointed out that, as undergrounding is not included as part of the permission granted to

SSE, the latter will not have to consider it, although Scottish Power is under an obligation to at least consider it where suitable. In Perth District, towers have to be no closer than 100 metres from houses, but no such stipulation was made by Stirling Council in its original submission. This, however, could be negotiated with the power companies. The Chairman and Angela Edgar confirmed that they will press for towers to be moved because of potential health risks.

The discussion ended with Kathleen Forsyth repeating that Kinbuck residents felt very frustrated in their efforts to be heard and they felt they had not been helped. The Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting and they left at this point.

The Chairman reported that roadshows, led by Vicky Gibson with various experts, will probably be held in Kinbuck by the end of April and in Dunblane in May. He urged the meeting to consider the impact on the Battle of Sheriffmuir site. Councillor Houston suggested that a meeting with the powerline representatives in which they gave the information on the planned work should be followed by another meeting after people have had time to consider the details and formulate questions. The Chairman will forward to community councillors the new road map with access to the construction site coming off the A9. **Action: The Chairman.**

6. Correspondence: See attached list.

1. This meeting is to be held on 27 March and it was agreed that the Chairman and Kevin Curtin will attend.

4. Community councillors expressed dissatisfaction that the speed limit was not extended to the Old Doune Road junction, but stopped at Anchorscross. Councillor Houston agreed to check whether speed limits were planned on the Old Doune Road in the future. **Action: Councillor Houston.**

5. Councillor Houston has replied and will send a copy of his reply to the Chairman. The Secretary will also acknowledge the letter. **Action: Councillor Houston and the Secretary.**

7. This was passed to the Chairman.

10. The Chairman and Angela Edgar will attend this meeting.

13. The Secretary will write to Visit Scotland in support of Dunblane Museum. **Action: The Secretary.**

The Chairman has also received a letter from Anne McGuire MP and Richard Simpson MSP with reference to the Beauly to Denny powerline and Stirling Before Pylons. This he passed to Angela Edgar.

7. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

The Community Pride Fund grant of £1,000 has been passed to Newton Primary for the sedum roof on the outdoor classroom.

8. Development Trust Report

The Treasurer reported that Tim Hughes has been elected the new convenor of the DDT, seven new ordinary members have joined and membership forms are in the process of being revised.

Steve Mason from the DDT wishes to attend the next meeting of the community council to report on the work of the Working Groups and invite individuals to join these groups.

A press release has been issued about the High Street project, work on which is expected to start by the end of this month. Although the original plan of a restaurant at street level remains unaltered, the original specification of three flats with offices and storage has been changed to four one-bedroom flats and one two-bedroom flat as the DDT considers this to be the best way to maximise income. Concerns were expressed over this change which councillors felt had not been communicated properly to the community. The Treasurer was urged to report to the DDT their unease over the lack of notice of this change of use and he agreed to find out for the next meeting when the decision was taken to alter the plans.

The Treasurer suggested that the Development Trust and the community council should meet to discuss the Gladman proposals.

He also confirmed that Stirling University are to undertake a retail capacity survey of Dunblane.

The windfarm grant funding has been received from Airtricity (through its parent company, SSE, and will be distributed to successful applicants. Craig French pressed for publicity to be given to this.

9. Planning Report: See attached.

With reference to an application from Kippenross Estate to the Forestry Commission to fell trees on the estate, it was agreed to support the objections of Stirling Council.

It was agreed to participate in a meeting in mid-April with Gladman developers.

The Main Issues Report (MIR) of the Local Development Plan (LDP) process is on course to be presented to the Council on 22 April. An 8-week period of community consultation will follow.

10. Report on Meetings

The Chairman reported that at a recent meeting it was reported that Stirling Council have only one Licensing Standards Officer to provide information and guidance and work with the police and licensees.

11. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Campbell reported that his work on the Scrutiny Panel on Disruption in Schools was progressing. Much work was also going on with reference to the powerline and a site visit by all Councillors was planned for the next day.

Councillor Houston reported that the Council budget has been passed, with no cuts to services.

12. AOCB

In response to a report from John Alexander that the footpath in the Laighills was in a bad state, Councillor Houston agreed to follow this up by finding out about the progress on the Council strategy for the Laighills. **Action: Councillor Houston.**

In response to a report from John Alexander that the temporary gabions in the river were tilting, Councillor Houston agreed to follow this up. **Action: Councillor Houston.**

Moira Stewart also produced a photograph of the barrier on the pavement opposite the bowling green and John Alexander agreed to check on this. **Action: John Alexander.**

When Craig French reported that the ground up to the skatepark needed to be levelled and regressed, the Chairman informed him that the Council were not minded to regrass it because of the difficulties an ambulance had in accessing the skatepark. It was agreed that Craig French will email the Chairman with details and the Council will be asked what they intend to do. **Action: Craig French and the Chairman.**

Craig French also reported that the 50 mph sign at the U-turn on the B8033 has been bent over.

Community councillors agreed with Craig French to use the recent community survey as the basis of their evidence to discussions on the LDP, as the formulation of a new, worthwhile, poll would be too time-consuming. The Treasurer suggested that after the MIR is published, this should be discussed again.

The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.
This is a true representation of the meeting.

Terence O’Byrne Date
Chairman

Sue Faulkner Date
Secretary

POLICE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2010

Over the last month there have been a total of 18 reported crimes and road traffic offences in the Dunblane area.

DETECTED

There have been 8 detected crimes, these include 2 assaults, a domestic breach of the peace, a breach of bail, a vandalism, a telecommunications offence (offensive text message), drinking in public and dangerous driving.

The 2 above assaults are in relation incidents involving snowballs last week, 1 was an assault involving a person being struck by a snowball and the other was as a result of snowballs being thrown.

UNDETECTED

There have been a total of 6 undetected crimes reported, these include 5 theft (from a house, from a garage and from unlocked premises) and an assault.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There have been 4 road traffic offences reported, these include 2 lighting offences, a driver who failed to obey a traffic sign and a driver who was not in proper control of his vehicle.

There have also been 32 fixed penalty tickets issued for offences including parking in a permit holders zone, not displaying road tax, parking on double yellow lines, parking in a loading bay, exceeding 60 minutes waiting, fail to display valid ticket, parking in a bus stop and parking in a disabled bay.

Simon Fraser (096)

Correspondence received since last meeting (February 2010)

No	.Dated	from	subject	regarding
1.	1.02.10	Stirling Council	Community Council	Induction Day
2.	3.02.10	DCC	Gladman proposal	response
3.	2.02.10	Stirling Council	traffic issues	George Street
4.	3.02.10	Stirling Council	20mph speed limit	Wallace Road
5.	4.02.10	Bill Baird	snow clearing	
6.	8.02.10	Stirling Council	planning & Licensing Seminar	
7.		Stirling Council	minutes 18.1.2010	Acute Hospital
8.	8.02.10	Alan Booth	housing development	community survey
9.	12.02.10	Stirling Council	Licensing Application	Tappit Hen
10. line	16.02.10	Stirling Council	Invitation to Meeting	Beauly to Denny power
11.	8.02.10	Stirling Council	Funding Surgery	
12.	23.02.10	Stirling Council	path to Ashfield	
13.			copy letter from Dunblane Museum to Visit Scotland re.Tourist Info. Point	

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Treasurers Report

26th February 2010

'Administration Account'	00347702
Community Pride Fund income	£1000.00
Community Pride Fund expenditure	£1000.00
Expenditure since last report	£30.00
Interest	£0.07
Account balance to date 26 th February 2010	<u>£632.19</u>

'Community Fund'	00347753
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.02
Account balance to date 26 th February 2010	<u>£201.02</u>

Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 26th February 2010.

Lawrie Dewar
Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT – March 2010.

New Planning Applications received since last meeting

It is considered that the following applications have no implications for Dunblane as a whole and it is recommended that we leave it to the neighbour notification system to identify any local objections that there may be:
Extensions at 7 Pont Crescent, The Knowe Doune Road, 22 Dykedale.
Replace windows at 18E Buccleuch Court, Sign at Scottish Churches House,
Replace sign at 63 High St Bank of Scotland, New Velux window and re-roof at 8 The Clachan Ashfield

An application to fell trees on the Kippenross Estate has been made, Stirling Council has objected to this. Details will be discussed at this meeting.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

Outline permission was granted for the 5/6 new houses at Wester Cambushinne. Conditions were imposed to ensure junction access to the B8033 was improved and that the access road itself be reconstructed with bitumen surface over its entire length with passing places.

No decisions on the 3 townhouses at the Stirling Arms, 2 new houses at Park Cottage.

Other Planning Matters

Gladman have asked that they be allowed to provide a presentation to the Development Trust and Community Council on their proposals for the Barbush site.

The Chairman attended the annual planning training event at the Council. No new information came to light other than the LDP process is on schedule to produce the Main issues report at the end of April. Details of community consultation events will be available in the next couple of weeks with these events taking place in the 8 week consultation period in May/June.

Terence O'Byrne