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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 1 December 2008, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Frederic Gilmour (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Sue Faulkner, John Alexander, Charles McHugh, Kate Fawcett, Kevin Curtin, Sylvia Cairns, Alan Booth, Domenico Angiolini.

In attendance: Councillor Graham Houston, Councillor David Goss, Sgt R Swan, PC Simon Fraser, Moira Stewart, Angela Edgar, Brenda Reid, Lorraine Darwin, Martin Little (*Allanwater News*), Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies There was none.

2. Chairman's Remarks There was none.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 3 November 2008

It was noted that Alex Kerr's name had been misspelt. With this amendment, the minutes were approved, proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Treasurer.

4. Matters arising

Construction traffic at the High School Thanks were expressed to Councillor Houston that, at last, the builders have agreed to restrict construction traffic between the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., 12 noon to 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. during school terms. The Chairman has supported the builder's request that some deliveries could be made between 7.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. The Chairman expressed his disappointment that Stirling Council officers had not been willing to get this agreement with the builders.

Scouring burn bridge Alan Booth reported that nothing has been done to remedy the dangerous situation there. Councillor Houston will report back when there is any progress. **Action:** Councillor Houston. The Chairman and Domenico Angiolini are also going to meet to discuss the situation.

Bus timetable Councillor Houston reported that this was nearly ready.

Non-attendance of Councillors The Chairman will contact the two Councillors who do not attend community council meetings. **Action:** The Chairman.

Paint colours used in High Street Sue Faulkner reported that the High Street is a conservation area and that some shops are B-listed, and some C-listed, while others are unlisted. No specific colour is designated, although shops do have to apply for planning permission if they wish to change to a more obtrusive colour. In theory, the High Street should be inspected regularly to ensure everyone complies, but if a shop front remains unchanged for five years then it is deemed to be acceptable. Sue Faulkner agreed to follow this up by finding out who is responsible for the inspections and what the schedule over the last five years has been. **Action:** Sue Faulkner.

High School facilities Councillor Houston reported that the all-weather pitch at the High School is owned by the Council but maintained by the contractor, with all income generated by out-of-school use going to the contractor. However, a problem has arisen at the Laighills pitch used by the Dunblane Soccer Club, which is very popular with children. John Alexander reported that, because a Council vehicle has churned up the ground, it is now unplayable and the football teams have had to make alternative arrangements at Stirling University. The cost of hiring the all-weather pitch at the High School is too high for the club, at £70 per night, and Councillor Houston agreed to find out what the cost of hiring this would have been before the PPP build. The Chairman expressed his concerns over the high charge for facilities at the new PPP school. He also asked Councillor Goss to make an arrangement so that the soccer club could have use of the school facilities without additional cost until such times as the Laighills pitch is repaired. Alan Booth pointed out, however, that the all-weather pitch had been given by Cala Developments as part of their planning permission to build in Dunblane and it should, therefore, be free for the use of children in Dunblane. Councillor Goss has been told that the cost of repairing the Laighills pitch will be £13,000 and it was noted that Dunblane Soccer Club is incurring extra expense because this pitch is out of use. He agreed to follow this up with the Council. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

Toilets Councillor Houston will let the Chairman know when the Council's survey of public toilets is available. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

Footpath to Ashfield Councillor Goss provided photographs of the extent of the damage where the path has collapsed into the river. He will follow this up with Network Rail.
Action: Councillor Goss.

Windfarm Community Grant Domenico Angiolini reported that the money for this year has been allocated. In the absence of Craig French, the Chairman said he would enquire from Craig as to the position with regard to informing applicants.

5. Police Report: See attached.

Sergeant Swan introduced himself and informed the community council of the restructuring changes in the community policing programme. He is going to work with community groups and with people in the community in general to find out what is perceived as major policing issues. When these are identified, then resources will be focused on tackling them, while PC Fraser will thus be able to spend more time in Dunblane either on bike or on foot. Sergeant Swan highlighted the problems of anti-social behaviour, the supply of alcohol to under-age youngsters and vandalism. When concern was expressed by Kate Fawcett as to the small number of police officers available between Dunblane and Balfron, Sergeant Swan stressed that resources are not limitless. The Chairman asked Sergeant Swan to return once he has collated the views of the community on the targets for community policing.

A discussion ensued about the new parking regulations and their enforcement. The Chairman had expected to have been sent the figures for this meeting about parking offences and the frequency of visits by traffic wardens and will contact Inspector Sharkey to obtain them. **Action:** The Chairman. Alan Booth reminded the meeting that problems with parking have been going on for a long time and that if the previous parking restrictions in the High Street had been enforced, then the new regulations would not have been necessary.

When PC Fraser gave his report on incidents over the last month, community councillors also brought up the problems of illegal parking in Ramoyle and at the bus stop outside Tesco, and the need for double yellow lines at Clarendon Place. In reply to an appeal by Moira Stewart about the lack of facilities for young people in Dunblane, Sergeant Swan said that a multi-agency approach was required.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Swan and PC Fraser for attending the meeting.

6. Correspondence: See attached.

The Chairman will email the Development Officer of Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environment Trust to find out how best to deal with giant hogweed and other invasive plants.

In view of the confusion whether the double yellow lines are going to be in Clarendon Place or Stirling Road, the Chairman will contact the Council to find out. **Action:** The Chairman.

Alan Booth has received a letter from Alan Tuft about the Community Futures Plan. He has a list of community groups to contact and hoped that community consultation would start in February or March next year.

7. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

8. Planning Report: See attached.

With reference to the Council's desire to making changes to the regulations covering planning in the countryside, Angela Edgar has summarised the main points of the Council proposals for the benefit of the Chairman. Stirling Council is looking to adopt proposals already followed by Perth and Kinross policy, which have had a minimum effect. What is proposed is that, where there are building groups of only a few houses, another house could be added, perhaps where there is a gap site. The Chairman outlined the following queries with regards to the proposals:

- (a) There is no Design Guide to regulate what proposed houses in the countryside should look like.
- (b) The maximum number of houses in a "building group" is not given.
- (c) To encourage people to stay in the countryside, there should be provision to allow planning gain from all developments, regardless of size, to be used to incorporate social housing into developments.
- (d) There should be measures to prevent owners from allowing sites to become deliberately derelict so that they could be developed.

More details are required, but Councillor Houston stressed that it was important to make it easier for more people to stay in the countryside where they had been brought up. Commercial units would also be included in the proposals.

9. Report of meetings

The Chairman has had a meeting with Ian Young and two Flood Prevention Officers from Stirling Council about the state of the riverbank. Council officials are following Government legislation and concentrating on formulating a detailed flood plan. However, the Chairman was concerned that not enough attention is being paid to the state of the riverside path or on the erosion of the river banks not owned by the Council. Problems are being caused by the river being squeezed and by rubble being washed down the river while litter in the river was not being removed because of Health and Safety regulations. As a temporary measure, concrete blocks are to be dropped in the river to prevent further damage to the wall.

10. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Goss reported that the Council has approved the application for Government funding to build social housing. One of the areas being considered for housing is at Bogside, Dunblane, where the Scottish Woodlands Trust is at present. A discussion ensued about the terms of the bequest by which this land was given to the people in Dunblane and Alan Booth agreed to find out more about the terms of the trust for the February meeting of the

community council. **Action:** Alan Booth. More details of the area being considered for development are necessary and the Councillors agreed to forward a map to the Chairman. **Action:** Councillors Goss and Houston. Councillor Goss suggested that the Council might be able to buy back housing developments, such as at Anchorscross, where the builders have delayed in starting because of the economic downturn.

Other issues mentioned by the Councillors included the dangerous state of the footpath between Dunblane and Kinbuck, and the prevention of U-turns on the dual carriageway between Beech Road and the traffic lights, while John Alexander reiterated the need to have the football pitch at the Laighills repaired.

Councillor Goss agreed to organise a meeting with Alan Booth, Countryside Services, SEPA and the designer of the bridge to sort out the problems with the scouring burn bridge, the river and flooding. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

Alan Booth has not heard anything further from Donald Balsillie, Head of Countryside Services, on the subject of the Laighills becoming a Local Nature Reserve. Councillor Houston agreed to look into this. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

To Domenico Angiolini's query as to the cost of running the Laighills Park, Alan Booth explained that they were trying to find out how much money was spent at present and what it was used for. If the community leased it from the Council (like Braeport), then it would have more access to funding but if this was unaffordable there was still the possibility of running it as a Local Nature Reserve under the local authority. Facilities, such as the playpark and pitches will still be run by the Council.

11. AOCB

John Alexander reported that the roads on the Rylands estate have been retarred.

The Chairman complimented the Development Trust on the Christmas lights in the High Street.

The Chairman reported that two people have expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the community council for the primary school ward, where only one vacancy exists. He will speak to them and if they are both willing they can speak at the next community council meeting, after which a vote will be taken.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

This is a true representation of the meeting.

Chairman

Date

Terence O'Byrne

Secretary

Date

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Frederic Gilmour

CRIME FIGURES FOR DUNBLANE – NOVEMBER 2008

There have been a total of 26 recorded crimes over the month of November.

DETECTED

Of these 11 are detected crimes that include 4 Vandalisms, 3 Breach of the Peace, 2 supply alcohol, a drink driver and a male caught with an offensive weapon.

There have also been 6 minor traffic offences including, speeding, use of mobile phone, no seatbelt and no road tax.

UNDETECTED

There have been 9 undetected crimes reported which include 3 Vandalisms and 6 reported Thefts .

PC 96 Simon Fraser.

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Correspondence Received – Period 4 November to 1 December 2008

- 1) on 5 November 2008 from Stirling Council (SC) re Community Council elections advising of newly elected members of DCC.
- 2) on 7 November from SC re *ad-hoc* Scrutiny Panel – Customer Care Provision
- 3) on 8 November 2008 from SC – Notice of Meeting of Planning Panel on 13/11, 1000hrs.
- 4) on 10 November from ‘Stirling Landfill Tax Trust re alien invasive weeds (species specified).
- 5) On 12 November from SC re proposed no waiting at any time restrictions in Clarendon Place, Dunblane (+ map).
- 6) On 12 November from SC requesting email details (from hon sec DCC).
- 7) On 12 November from SC re temporary amendment (amendment No1) to the Dunblane Controlled Parking Zone order 2008 inc +map.
- 8) On 24 November from SC re 50mph speed limit consolidation etc order 2008 on the southbound B8033 between Clarendon Place and Keir roundabouts.
- 9) On 25 November from SC advising special meeting of the Council on 28 November at 0900hrs re strategic housing investment plan. (NB, no Report attached).

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Honorary Secretary
Dunblane Community Council

1 December 2008

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Treasurers Report

28th November 2008.

'Administration Account'	00347702
Expenditure since last report	£30.00
Interest	£0.08
Income	£0.00
Account balance to date 28 th November 2008.	<u>£412.98</u>

'Community Fund'	00347753
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.04
Account balance to date 28 th November 2008	<u>£200.65</u>

Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 28th November 2008

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Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT – December 2008.

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: Conservatory at 31 Ochiltree, Garage extension at Cardona Glen Road, New access/ramp at Brough Cottage Ramoyle.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The application by the Development Trust for the gap site at the High St has been approved subject to a section 75 agreement with a £6000 contribution to the parking at Mill Row.

Final confirmation has been received from Ogilvie's that that they will restrict construction traffic during school term, 8am to 9am, 12pm to 2pm and 3pm to 4pm. Thanks to Graham Houston for organising this, no thanks whatsoever to Stirling Council who claimed that they could not get involved. Ogilvie's have asked the council to allow them to make limited deliveries between 7.30 and 8am. A letter of support has been sent from this Community Council.

No progress on the requested construction traffic restrictions at Anchorscross.

No decisions on the 3 townhouses at the Stirling Arms, Ellenacbeich, Inverloch, Conversion of the agricultural building at Little Hill, new house at Mid Cambushinne, new house at 25 Ochloch Park.

Other Planning Matters

The Council wishes to make changes to regulations covering planning in the Countryside, this is to support the growth policy for the Council Area. Current regulations presume against development normally. These proposals are based on Perth & Kinross policy which has been operating since 2005. The consultation response is required by December 10th. There was a consultation meeting on Nov 13th. Points to emerge include the lack of a Design Guide Criteria document in which much of the detail will be present, lack of any planning gain from the likely small developments for social housing, clarity on housing style (not to be urban style?), the concept of Building Groups not clear as no upper limit on size of such developments. The planning committee will meet to discuss the detail of our response.

Terence O'Byrne