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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 3 August 2009, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Sue Faulkner (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Frederic Gilmour (Vice-Chairman), John Alexander, Alan Booth, Charles McHugh, Kate Fawcett, Domenico Angiolini, Craig French.

In attendance: Claire Milne, Peter Morgan and Sandra Lindsay, from Stirling Council, Planning Department; Sandy Mackay, David Gill, Bryan Grieve and Bill and Margaret Boland from the Dunblane Development Trust; Moira Stewart, Steve Mason, Martin Little (*Allanwater News*), Trudy Whyle, Douglas Thornton, Ian Stein, Councillors David Goss and Graham Houston, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Councillors Colin Finlay and Callum Campbell, and from Kevin Curtin.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the first meeting after the summer break.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 1 June 2009

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

4. Matters arising

Windows in the Burgh Chambers The Secretary has been informed that the windows are not stuck, and they were opened.

Football pitches at the High School The Chairman has not yet had a reply from Lesley Malkin (Corporate Asset Management, Stirling Council) about extending the usage of the pitches.

Access road to pitches at the High School There is a very complicated situation regarding the control of access to the pitches which, in view of the increasing numbers of cars driving up to the pitches, needs to be resolved. The Chairman will pursue this matter, with the help of Councillor Goss. **Action:** The Chairman and Councillor Goss.

Cycle-lane on the B8033 It was felt that the reply from Darren Ryan (Transport Team, Stirling Council) to Charles McHugh, in which he agreed to review the lining at the narrow section, did not address the overall problem. In particular, he has not given details of the regulations covering cycle lanes. In view of this it was agreed that Charles McHugh will follow this up. **Action:** Charles McHugh.

Police Report The Chairman and the Secretary will meet with the inspector within the next few weeks.

Noticeboard in the High Street The Secretary reported that this has now been repaired.

Repair of surface at Smithy Loan junction Councillor Houston reported that the section of roadway from the High Street up to the Fourways roundabout is due to be resurfaced during this financial year.

Housing for the homeless As Councillor Campbell has not sent a reply about this, the Secretary will follow this up. **Action:** The Secretary.

Laighills meeting John Alexander pointed out that he had been unable to attend the meeting referred to in the previous minutes as he had not been notified of a change of arrangement.

Stirling Arms Kate Fawcett reported that Stirling Council is to undertake a survey of a boundary wall which is in a state of disrepair. If it is deemed to need repair, Stirling Council will undertake the work, sending the bill to the owner.

Youth initiatives Councillor Houston reported that the team of youth and outreach workers is organising activities to engage with young people on Saturday, 26 September. They are also planning to talk with focus groups at the High School, concentrating mainly on young people's attitudes to alcohol. Alan Booth will email Councillor Houston with the replies of High School pupils to the Community Survey in which they expressed concern about the behaviour of young people in the Laighills. Feed back from the youth team will be communicated to the community council by Councillor Houston. **Action:** Alan Booth and Councillor Houston.

5. Police Report

No report has been received and no apologies sent.

6. Update on Local Development Plan

The Chairman welcomed Claire Milne, Peter Morgan and Sandra Lindsay from the Planning Department at Stirling Council and invited them to address the meeting. Claire Milne outlined the three-year timescale involved in preparing a Local Development Plan (LDP) and explained that the new plan will cover the whole of the Stirling area, excluding the national park. The plan will have relevance for the next twenty years, up to 2032 and will allocate land for housing, business, retail etc. Plans of site proposals, drawn up after expressions of interest from all parties had been invited, were distributed.

The next step is to produce a Main Issues Report (MIR) by early 2010 and it is to facilitate this that discussions with local groups, including the community council, are being held. Questions such as how much growth should there be over the Stirling area and what role Dunblane will play in this, together with the needs and planning issues of Dunblane will be considered. It was pointed out that the Community Survey will provide a good basis for ascertaining people's opinions (including those of young people) of the good and bad points of living in Dunblane. It was felt that in the past Dunblane has suffered from a disproportionate increase in housing without a corresponding increase in facilities and a discussion took place on the type of housing needed in the future, especially the need for social housing. The issue of planning gain also caused much discussion and Peter Morgan stressed that a gift of planning gain from a developer does not make something acceptable which would otherwise not be acceptable. However, he did point out that money is tight in local government and the community, while identifying the needs of Dunblane, should have a realistic idea of how facilities can be provided by all agencies involved.

It was agreed that the community council at its next meeting will discuss the process of deciding the issues for the MIR and that the planning officers are invited back to its December meeting. Alan Booth, in the meantime, will forward to Claire Milne the latest data from the Community Survey. Once the MIR has been finalised, then public discussions will be held to garner opinion from the wider community.

Ian Stein recalled the old Dunblane Forum (which had formed the basis of the DDT) had provided an opportunity for different groups to work together and it was agreed that this is an ideal opportunity to kick-start an Area Forum in Dunblane.

The Chairman thanked the Planning Officers for their input.

7. Correspondence

A list has already been distributed.

George Street Kevin Curtin had emailed that the proposal for a 20 mph restriction had been turned down by the Council although they were prepared to erect playground warning signs.

Traffic survey on B8033 A survey was done in April and the Chairman will forward its results to Alan Booth.

Consultation on the establishment of community councils A reply to this is required by 24 August and the Chairman passed it to Craig French. In particular Dunblane community council wishes the rules on co-opted members relaxed (see minutes of March 2009). It was agreed that Craig French will liaise with the Secretary in replying to this consultation document. **Action:** The Secretary and Craig French.

20 mph zone around the High School Stirling Council has not agreed to any of the changes requested by the Secretary (see minutes June 2009) and Councillor Houston. The latter agreed to follow this up and keep the Secretary informed of any progress. **Action:** Councillor Houston. Alan Booth noted that, from the Community Survey, it was apparent that very few children cycled to school.

Dunblane in Bloom The following clarification of the minutes of May 2009 has been received from Sandy Mackay.

“We decided not to compete in the Beautiful Scotland competition for a variety of reasons:

- 1) We do not consider the competition to be a level playing field
- 2) We were never going to win against Forres who always win our category, mainly due to the input from their local Authority over the years;
- 3) The extra work required preparing a presentation folder, a CD of slides and presentation to the judges on the day;
- 4) The whole competition was becoming too politicised covering environmental issues, global warming, carbon footprint etc.”

Meeting with the Development Trust Trudy Whyte pointed out that people in Dunblane are aware there is an issue with the Dunblane Development Trust (DDT) becoming involved with the Kippendavie Group Trust (see minutes June 2009) and she thought that the community council had been pressing for a public meeting so that the DDT could bring everything out into the open. Craig French replied that a letter had been sent from the community council to the DDT and it was hoped that the relationship between the two bodies could be brought back onto a proper basis. The DDT is holding its AGM on 19 September and it was agreed that a meeting between the DDT’s Board and the community council will take place at the Braeport Centre on 14 September, with Councillor Houston in the chair. Kate Fawcett and Charles McHugh expressed the view that the meeting should be held sooner. The Treasurer noted that both the DDT and the community council will have to agree any joint public statement as a result of this meeting.

8. Treasurer’s Report: See attached.

9. Development Trust Report

The Treasurer reported that the DDT had secured the services of a cherry-picker from FES and the Christmas lights have now been taken down. He noted that David Gill is continuing to work on applications for funding from the Big Lottery and the Regeneration Fund. Craig French praised the work of the DDT in building the drystone dyke on the riverside walk.

10 (i) Planning Report: See attached.

The Chairman noted that the new planning regulations are still unclear and need clarification.

(ii) Community Plan Update

Alan Booth reported that this is progressing, three community consultations have taken place and Alan Tuffs, having analysed the figures, is now close to finalising his report. He questioned whether the Community Plan should continue in tandem with the Local Development Plan and felt the community should be informed of the findings soon. A community meeting is planned for 3 October.

11. Report of meetings

The Chairman and Bryan Grieve had a meeting with Lesley Malkin (Stirling Council) about Abbotsford. The Council has made a submission to OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) to change the terms of the trust so that Abbotsford could be sold with the proceeds being used for some kind of housing development for the elderly of Dunblane and Lecropt. It was agreed that the Council will be asked to pursue this diligently and the MSP will be contacted to expedite matters. The Secretary will also write to the Council asking for the grass at Abbotsford to be cut. **Action:** The Secretary.

12. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Houston reported that the recent reorganisation of the structure of the Council should improve communication and speed up decision-making. Councillor Goss reported that the points system was being finalised to facilitate transferring people from larger to smaller properties where appropriate. When the Secretary queried whether all the pavement in Wallace Road was being resurfaced, or only patched, Councillor Goss agreed to find out. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

13. AOCB

Charles McHugh reported that the library did not keep a file of community council minutes, although the Chairman sent a copy to them via email. It was agreed that Charles McHugh will check out the email address at the library. It was agreed that up-to-date minutes should appear on the noticeboard and on the website.

John Alexander reported on the difficulties in getting the Council to effect satisfactory repairs on the showers in the pavilion at the Laighills and Councillor Houston agreed to follow this up. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

Domenico Angiolini reported that abandoned site portacabins at Barbush are being vandalised by youngsters who gathered there having been moved on by the police from the Laighills. The Secretary will follow this up. **Action:** The Secretary.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

This is a true representation of the meeting.

Terence O'Byrne Date
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Chairman

Sue Faulkner Date
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Secretary

DUNBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT – MARCH 09

Over the last month there have been a total of 21 reported crimes reported in the Dunblane area.

DETECTED

There have been 5 detected crimes reported, these include a male who was arrested for a breach of the peace and assault in Dunblane High Street. There have also been an additional 2 breach of the peace detected, a female traced for an offence against the telecommunications act (sending an offensive text message) and a male caught drinking in public (Millrow).

UNDETECTED

There have been a total of 12 crimes reported in March that are currently undetected. These include 6 reported thefts (2 from Dunblane Hydro, 1 from QV school, 1 from Dunblane High and 2 other unconnected thefts) and 1 theft by housebreaking when a local coffee shop was broken into. There have also been 4 vandalism reported and a reckless conduct.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There have been a total of 4 road traffic offences reported, these include using a mobile telephone and no road tax.

There have been a total of 11 tickets issued over the month for a variety of offences including, parking in a permit holders bay, parking in a taxi rank, parking in a bus stop and double yellow lines. These tickets have also been issued in a number of areas including The Cross, Millrow, Station Road, Springfield Terrace, Stirling Road, High Street and Beech Road.

DUNBLANE COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Over the next 3 months, the 3 priorities will be Anti-social behaviour, Vandalism and Supply of alcohol to persons under 18.

Correspondence List – March 2009

- 1) On 6 March: from NHS Forth Valley: Subject: Notes of meeting on 28 January
- 2) On 6 March: from NHS Forth Valley: Subject: advertising open meeting on 18 March 2009
- 3) On 7 March: from Rt Hon Anne McGuire MP: Subject: note of constituency advice surgeries outwith Dunblane.
- 4) On 11 March: from NHS Forth Valley: issue of Community News.
- 5) On 11 March: from Stirling Council (SC): subject: Notice per Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 advising application for Temporary Public Entertainment Licence (TPEL) for Doune & Dunblane Agricultural Society show on 4 July 2009 at Keir Mains, Dunblane. (Limit of 6000 attendees)
- 6) On 12 March: from SC: subject: Notification of public procession in Dunblane on 30 May 2009 by the Doune and Dunblane Fling.
- 7) On 17 March: from SC: Agenda of Special Meeting of SC on 19 March 2009.
- 8) On 26 March: from SC: a second notice for the same meeting as at (7) above.
- 9) On 23 March: from Forth Housing Association Ltd – Newsletter.
- 10) On 28 March: from SC: agenda for SC meeting on 2 April 2009.
- 11) On 31 March: from SC: notice of Special Meeting of SC on 3 April 2009 to confer the freedom of the City of Stirling on Mr Irvin Iffla.
- 12) On 2 April: from Rt Hon Anne McGuire MP, notice of constituency advice surgeries outwith Dunblane.
- 13) On 4 April: from NHS Forth Valley: advertisement for NHSFV Community Health Partnership meeting, on 29 April at the conference centre at Stirling Royal Infirmary, kick off at 7pm (until 9pm)

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Treasurers Report

6th April 2009.

'Administration Account'	00347702
Expenditure since last report	£113.86
Interest	£0.15
Income	£nil
Account balance to date 31 st March 2009.	<u>£1489.45</u>

'Community Fund'	00347753
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.04
Account balance to date 31 st March 2009	<u>£200.80</u>

Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 6th April 2009.

Lawrie Dewar
Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT – April 2009.

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 The Rowans Smithy Loan, 65 Mentieth View, 6 Dykedale, 5 Barbush, 17 St Lawrence Ave (amendment). Porch in the walled yard at Tomdoran, Replace 6 antennae at the Kippenrait mast (approved). New guest Tce at Dunblane Hydro, New front porch at Dunblane Hydro

Two new applications have been received for consideration at this meeting. An extension to the existing leisure club at Dunblane Hydro and renewal of consent to convert the stable block at Elmswood, The Crescent which was re-granted 5 years ago based on the original approval in 1998.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The tree removal plan has been submitted for the new house in The Crescent, a copy of this plan has been requested given that the site is in the conservation area.

The new house at 35 Old Doune Road is nearing completion, there seems to be a deviation from the approved plans, Planning Enforcement Officers have been asked to investigate.

A new road has been laid to provide access to the new house being developed near Pisgah. Planning Enforcement Officers have confirmed that this road is to allow access to the site during construction, this was not on the original plans approved. We have asked that the developer be made to re-instate the field and boundary wall to Glen Road once development has been completed.

No decisions on the 3 townhouses at the Stirling Arms, Conversion of the agricultural building at Little Hill, new house at Mid Cambushinne, 2 new houses at Park Cottage.

Other Planning Matters

None

Terence O'Byrne