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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 3 October, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.

Present: Tony Ford (Chairman), Sandy Mackay (Secretary), Terence O'Byrne, Kirsten Strachan.

In attendance: PC Love, Councillor Ann Dickson, Ian Patterson (Chairman, Stirling Before Pylons), Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Peter McCusker, Duncan Taylor and Stuart Hepburn.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman suspended the order of the agenda and invited Ian Patterson, Chairman of the action group *Stirling Before Pylons*, to speak to the meeting. On 17 October he is going to speak to the Environment Committee of Stirling Council, in a bid to get their support for a public enquiry into the proposed high voltage Beauly to Denny power line. To strengthen his case, he is asking Community Councils to write to the Council asking for a public enquiry and it was agreed that he would send a draft letter to Dunblane Community Council to forward to the Council. Notices will appear in the Press in the following weeks about the proposals, inviting public discussion and comment. The period of public consultation will end in February 2006 and it would be another year before any public enquiry would start. It was also agreed that Terence O'Byrne would put a link on the Dunblane website to *Stirling Before Pylons*.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 5 September, 2005

With the amendment of the date of the previous meeting to 5 September, these were approved, proposed by Terence O'Byrne and seconded by Kirsten Strachan.

4. Matters arising

Noticeboard This was now repaired.

Cemetery Following on from a complaint about the damage caused by rabbits in the cemetery, the Secretary had inspected the site and complained to the Council that the service gates and the main gates were left open. When he suggested that mesh be put on the main gates down to ground level, it was pointed out that the ground would need to be levelled out first. The vandalised shelter at the cemetery will be made safe in the first instance before demolition in the future.

Zebra crossing It has been agreed by the Council to install a zebra crossing at Springfield Terrace but the Secretary is to enquire if the position of the crossing is to be at the bottom of the George Street lane as previously requested.

Bridgend footbridge Stirling Council has agreed to repair the surface of the footbridge, although pointing out that the structure of the bridge is the responsibility of Network Rail.

5. Correspondence: See attached list.

There are five vacancies on the Community Council and it was agreed to put a notice on the Noticeboard about the forthcoming elections.

Stirling Council's *Community Litter Plan* was passed to Terence O'Byrne.

6. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

7. Planning Report: See attached.

It was agreed to confirm that Community Councillors might attend the public enquiry into Provan but were not intending to speak.

Terence O'Byrne is to attend a seminar on 29 October at the Scottish Executive about planning.

8. Report of Meetings

The Secretary reported on a recent meeting about parking, when it had been agreed to carry out another study. There would be another meeting in the future.

At the Area Community Planning Meeting on 22 September, the police had given a presentation on dealing with anti-social behaviour. There is to be regular meetings between the public and the community police officer to take forward decisions on how to deal with this problem, but it was stressed that this would need to be adequately funded. The delays in setting up the Dunblane skateboard park because of lack of funds were highlighted, and the expense of employing a Youth Worker at the Dunblane Centre. The Dunblane Centre could not afford to stay open after 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

PC Love is to receive further training in dealing with youth anti-social behaviour.

9. Police Report: See attached.

It was agreed that the Secretary will write to the Chief Constable about the need for CCTVs in Dunblane.

10. Councillor's Report

Councillor Ann Dickson agreed to investigate the position of the proposed zebra crossing at Springfield Terrace.

The meeting ended at 9 p.m.

MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2005

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: Single storey extension at Ardvreck Braeport

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The public enquiry about Provan will be held on December 6/7/8th in the Victoria Halls. We have to confirm whether we wish to attend in the next few days.

Permission was granted for the Dunblane Christian Fellowship building, all our objections were ignored with the exception of the roofing materials which are now to be slate.

The High School project is still delayed awaiting a decision from the Scottish Executive which has now been over 3 months.

Still no decisions yet from the Planners regarding the applications at Randolph Hill, Cairnston and Ault Wharrie .

Other Planning Matters

The next meeting of the Planning sub-committee will be called on an as required basis, no firm date has been set

Terence O'Byrne.