



Dunblane Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 3 November 2008, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Frederic Gilmour (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Alan Booth, John Alexander, Kevin Curtin, Sue Faulkner, Craig French.

In attendance: Councillor Graham Houston, Councillor David Goss, Sgt Joyce Greenhorn, Martin Little (*Allanwater News*), Angela Edgar, Caroline Krieger, Diana Davies, John Ure, Ann Shaw, Frances Fielding, John Grey, Denise Fyfe, Moira Stewart, Alex Keir, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies Apologies have been received from Sylvia Cairns and Charles McHugh.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Sue Faulkner and Kevin Curtin on to the community council. Lawrie Dewar has also been returned unopposed and remains as Treasurer. However, he expressed disappointment that more people had not put themselves forward for election, despite the fact that over 1,000 leaflets were delivered.

In order to let Sgt Greenhorn away early, the Chairman changed the order of the agenda and the police report was taken next.

5. Police Report: See attached.

Sergeant Greenhorn reported that more pro-active patrols have been directed to the High Street and Ramoyle areas, especially at weekends, because of an increase in vandalism there.

She warned that there has been an increase in the circulation of counterfeit money, especially Bank of England £20 notes and £1 coins.

Sergeant Greenhorn distributed leaflets about home security, and this information will also be available on the website. She is also going to meet with the new licensee of the Stirling Arms to express police concern over the behaviour of its clientele in the past.

Police road checks will be resumed at various times and in various places in an attempt to hinder any criminals coming into the area in the run-up to Christmas.

She was encouraged by the intelligence received from the public about drug possession and urged people to keep the police informed.

John Alexander informed Sgt Greenhorn about an unsafe quantity of mud on the road past the Sheriffmuir Road end and the Chairman, describing anti-social Halloween activities, said that people still felt the police were not interested in these reports.

The Chairman informed Sgt Greenhorn that residents in The Cross area were concerned with the lack of police action in the area on Halloween night. It was their contention that yobbish behaviour had been getting worse in recent weeks, and the Chairman asked Sgt Greenhorn to take more action.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 6 October, 2008

These were approved, proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Treasurer.

4. Matters arising

CCTV The Chairman reported that police Antisocial Behaviour Teams have worked in Dunblane and distributed age-restricted sales packs to traders in the town selling alcohol, glue, etc. The Council's Streetworks team also worked in Dunblane during the summer to encourage youngsters to become more involved in looking after the town.

Windfarm Community Grant Craig French reported that a meeting of the committee will take place on 6 November to consider all the applications.

Construction traffic at High School site Councillor Houston hoped to have a response from Stewart Milne Builders later this week, and he will keep the Chairman informed. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

Scouring burn bridge Councillor Houston has been in contact with the Countryside Officer and hopes to be able to report on progress soon. He agreed to keep the Chairman informed. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

Bus timetable Councillor Houston reported that this will be available by mid-November and will let the Chairman have the information so that it can be put on the website. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

Community Council boundaries The Chairman reported that the Kilmadock community council is of a mind to agree to have the new High School pitch incorporated into the Dunblane community council boundaries. It will be considered for approval at the next Stirling Council meeting in December.

Stirling Arms It was reported that the new licensee hopes to open the Stirling Arms on a restricted basis from 7 November.

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

Paint colours used in the High Street Sue Faulkner agreed to contact the Council for an explanation of Council policy about approved paint colours in the High Street. **Action:** Sue Faulkner.

High School facilities Councillor Houston was able to report that the facilities at the High School were well-used, albeit with an emphasis on football. In response to a question from Alan Booth about the status of the all-weather pitch, Councillor Houston agreed to find out who is responsible for its maintenance and how much is charged for its use. Councillor Houston also reported that, although the Dunblane Centre is closed on Saturday evenings to the public, it is open for a youth club for teenagers. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

Transition Town Project The Chairman invited Denise Fyfe and Kevin Curtin to address the meeting about the progress of the Transition Town Project. Denise Fyfe explained that, in a post-petroleum age, life and work patterns will have to change and Dunblane should be looking to implement this over the next 10 to 25 years. She highlighted the Garden Share scheme, where those with gardens receive help in cultivating them, the produce being shared; the idea of a plastic bag free Dunblane; and a children's orchard, to get children interested in growing food. She urged people to look at the websites of the WWF and the Fife diet for further information. The next meeting of the Transition Town Project group will be in the Victoria Hall on 18 November.

Kevin Curtin emphasised the need to think and act "local" to combat climate change, reduce our carbon footprint, and make Dunblane more sustainable. The group wants to be inclusive and engage with community groups. Expanding on the scheme to make Dunblane plastic bag free, he noted the need for co-operation from traders and supermarkets to replace plastic bags with either compostable bags or cloth bags. When Sue Faulkner pointed out that plastic bags were useful to keep shopping waterproof, Kevin Curtin replied that alternatives were available.

It was recognised that this would be a long-term campaign, but Denise Fyfe was encouraged by the education of youngsters through the Curriculum for Excellence and the development of Eco Schools. However, Alex Keir noted the amount of litter dropped by pupils on a daily basis.

It was agreed that the community council will continue to support in principle the aims of the Transition Town group, but emphasised the need for support from the whole community. The Chairman asked for more information about the plastic bag free scheme once all the traders have been contacted.

6. Correspondence: See attached.

It was agreed to respond to Stirling Council's request for comments on the naming of the new street on the old High School site by endorsing that it be named after Bishop Maurice.

Alex Keir criticised the new parking regulations.

Craig French was critical of the Boys' Brigade Remembrance Day parade last year when the boys were parading in shirt-sleeves on a cold day.

7. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

The Treasurer reminded community councillors to claim for expenses and the Chairman agreed to email the appropriate form along with the next set of minutes. **Action:** The Chairman.

8. Planning Report: See attached.

With regards to the application for a golf course at Kippendavie, as there was no change to the original application, it was agreed to adopt the same stance as was taken last time.

The Chairman noted that methods of dealing with applications in the countryside were being revised and there will be a proper consultation process about this, in which the community council will participate.

A long discussion followed over the renewed application for a golf course at Park of Keir, the original application having been the subject of a Public Enquiry in 2004 which had resulted in the Reporter finding in favour of the developer, although with stringent conditions attached. The original planning permission has been allowed to lapse and there was a debate over whether the new application should be regarded as a renewal, which would come under the terms of the original Section 75 conditions, or as a completely new application. Stirling Council has issued a Procedure Note, stating that account has to be made of the original conditions and Councillor Houston was mindful that the Council was treating this application, although a new one, as a continuation of what has gone before, and

that there would have to be a substantial reason to change the original decision of the Reporter.

It was noted that issues of surface water and drainage, and an environmental study of protected species should be incorporated into any consideration of the application. Alan Booth also queried the figures in the developer's traffic survey which seemed to be at odds with Stirling Council's own figures. **Action:** Alan Booth will look into the environmental and traffic issues and inform the Chairman about his findings.

It was also agreed that the maps provided with the application were not clear.

It was agreed that the community council will look for a guarantee that the original Section 75 conditions be attached to this application. Councillor Houston confirmed that this application will be considered by the Planning Panel.

9. Report of meetings

The Chairman and Alan Booth have met with David Balsillie (Head of Countryside Services), Willie Hamill (Community Services), and members of the Dunblane Development Trust to consider the Laighills and the damage at the Scouring Burn bridge, where culverts need to be installed. David Balsillie was content for the Laighills to be designated a local nature reserve, although warned that this would be costly. It would be better if the management of the non-formal areas of the Laighills were transferred to the Development Trust or the Community Council, so that it would be possible to apply for grant aid.

In reply to Alex Keir's complaint about the state of the toilet block at the Laighills, Councillor Houston informed the meeting that the Council has instituted a survey of all public toilets, and he agreed to forward a copy of this to the Chairman when it was available. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

The Chairman, Alan Booth and Bryan Grieve from the Development Trust, have had a meeting with a representative of SEPA to discuss the flooding of the river, especially at Allanside House, and the collapse of the riverside wall. A hydrologist report from Stirling Council is required. In the meantime, Claire Thomson (Assistant Flood Officer) from the Council has contacted the Chairman for information about issues in connection with the river and the Chairman is to meet her on 6 November. The Chairman stressed that issues arising from the erosion of the river were the responsibility of Stirling Council.

10. Councillors' Report

Councillor Goss reported that Stirling Council is considering building council houses, although none at present are proposed for Dunblane. Indeed, the housing association development at Anchorscross has been delayed.

Councillor Goss reported that the fishing on the Forth is to become self-financing through rents.

He also informed the meeting that he was reassured that the investments made by the Council from the sale of the Thistle Centre are proving to be financially healthy.

In reply to a query from Alan Booth about the status of Dunblane with regards to Area Community Planning Forums, Councillor Houston promised to find out about his. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

11. AOCB

John Alexander complained about the unsafe footpath to Ashfield, where the bridge has been damaged. Although this is a Core Path, Councillor Goss noted that there was no money available for the repair. However, as this is in a dangerous state where even a temporary repair would be worthwhile, he agreed to look into this. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

It was also noted that the building of a new house at Caledonian Place has caused damage to grass verges, which will require to be reinstated.

Alan Booth reported that a bid to the Lottery Fund for money to draw up a new Community Plan has been unsuccessful. He will be calling on community councillors to do more by consulting with members of the community to collect opinions and information.

The next meeting of the community council will be on Monday, 1 December, 2008.

The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

This is a true representation of the meeting.

Chairman Date
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Terence O'Byrne

Secretary Date
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Frederic Gilmour

POLICE REPORT FOR DUNBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2008

Over the last month there have been a total of 29 reported crimes and 14 reported Road Traffic Offences.

DETECTED

There have been a total 11 detected crimes including charges of theft x2, vandalism x3, theft of motor vehicle x2, theft by shoplifting x2 and assault.

UNDETECTED

There have been a total of 18 undetected crimes reported, these include 10 vandalisms, theft of Motor vehicle x2, Theft by Shoplifting x2, Attempted Housebreaking and theft x3.

ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES

There have been a total of 14 Road Traffic offences over the month, these include 8 drivers caught speeding, 6 of which were in Dunblane, 3 for defective tyres, 1 for not displaying an excise licence, 1 for defective lights and 1 vehicle for carrying a dangerous load.

Raise issue re increase in use of Counterfeit currency
Extra security re dark nights and Housebreakings – advice leaflet

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Correspondence Received – Period 7 October to 3 November 2008

- 1) on 4 October from Stirling Council (SC) re control of town-centre parking
- 2) on 9 October from SC re Springfield Terrace (Tesco) car park
- 3) on 10 October from SC re 50mph speed limit on southbound carriageway of B8033 between the end-of-30mph limit sign near the Dunblane Centre and the Keir roundabout on the A9/M9.
- 4) on 15 October from SC re Remembrance Sunday parade by Boys' Brigade, on 9 November.
- 5) On 18 October from SC re meeting of SC Planning Panel on 21/10.
- 6) On 20 October from NHS Forth Valley Trust – a news letter.
- 7) On 23 October from SC re naming of street/s at the site of the former Dunblane high school (named after local religious figures, until list exhausted)
- 8) On 24 October from SC proposing the prohibition of U-turns at two openings in the central reservation of the B8033 viz: (1) at traffic-lighted junction with Springfield terrace and, (2), opposite the Kippendavie lodge house.
- 9) On 25 October from SC re notice of SC meeting on 30/10.
- 10) (letter passed to others) from the Association of Scottish Community Councils seeking representatives from those Councils
- 11) (letter passed to others) from SC re financial support available to CCs to meet secretarial costs.

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Honorary Secretary
Dunblane Community Council

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Treasurers Report

3rd November 2008.

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| 'Administration Account' | 00347702 |
| Expenditure since last report | £124.20 |
| Interest | £0.20 |
| Income | £0.00 |
| Account balance to date 3 rd November 2008. | <u>£442.90</u> |

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| 'Community Fund' | 00347753 |
| Expenditure since last report | Nil |
| Income since last report | Nil |
| Interest | £0.09 |
| Account balance to date 3 rd November 2008 | <u>£200.61</u> |

Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 3rd November 2008

MONTHLY REPORT – November 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: Extensions at 19 Dargai Tce, 8 Atholl Place, 11 Coldstream Ave, Dormers at 30 Murdoch Tce, High Craighton. New signs, refuse area and trolley bays at the M&S site.

An application to erect a new house on vacant land in St Margaret's Drive was considered by the planning committee, it was decided not to object providing that full details of any tree removal were provided.

An application to renew the outline permission for the golf course at Kippendavie was received and will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

An application to 'renew' the outline permission for the golf course at Park of Keir has been lodged. The permission for this has expired so this is a new application which means that the Section 75 agreement and Inquiry report from 2004/2005 do not technically apply. This application will be discussed at tonight's meeting

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The housing development at the High School has commenced, we are still awaiting final confirmation of our request that construction traffic be restricted during times when pupils are coming to and leaving school

No progress on the requested construction traffic restrictions at Anchorscross.

No decisions on the gap site in the High Street, the 3 townhouses at the Stirling Arms, Ellenacbeich, Inverlochy, Conversion of the agricultural building at Little Hill, new house at Mid Cambushinne, new house at 25 Ochloch Park.

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