

# Dunblane Community Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 4 December 2006, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.**

**Present:** Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Kirsten Strachan (Secretary), Peter McCusker (Treasurer), Sandy Mackay, Frederic Gilmour.

**In attendance:** PC Linzi Meek, Moira Stewart, Sue Faulkner, Alan Booth, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies have been received from John Alexander.

## **2. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed the new member to the Community Council, Frederic Gilmour. There are nine community councillors at present; a full complement would be 15. With reference to the Constitution, Sandy Mackay expressed an objection to the Area Planning Forums which he felt were meetings of unelected people who were taking decisions and being given money by Stirling Council. It was agreed that the Secretary will arrange a meeting of some members of the Community Council, to include the Chairman and Frederic Gilmour, and Fiona MacLeod from Stirling Council in January, in order to discuss where Community Councils fit in with Area Planning Forums. **Action:** the Secretary.

## **3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 2 October 2006**

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

## **4. Matters arising**

Bollard at The Haining This has not yet been replaced.

Grass-cutting The Treasurer reported that, as heavy equipment had been used for the final cut, the land, in wet conditions, had become very swampy. The Chairman confirmed that further consultations about grass-cutting were to take place next year with Mr Goodfellow.

CCTV Statistics relating to crime in Dunblane were received from PC Meek and it was agreed that the Chairman and Sandy Mackay will follow this up. **Action:** the Chairman and Sandy Mackay.

Zebra crossing As there was nothing to report, the Secretary will follow this up. **Action:** the Secretary.

**5. Correspondence:** See attached.

A letter has been received from the British Legion which is looking for reimbursement for the use of a PA system on Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that the Community Council would not pay for this. **Action:** the Secretary.

A letter has been received from the Scottish Executive about the re-opening of Blackford station, in which Tavish Scott MSP acknowledges Sandy Mackay's letter about the impact this would have on Dunblane.

A request from Dunblane High School has been received about having the Community Cup engraved. This was passed to the Treasurer who reported that this had already been done.

A letter has been received from Sylvia Jackson MPS about parking in Dunblane and the re-opening of Blackford station.

A letter has been received from the Council in which temporary repairs to the potholes in the car park at the pharmacy in Well Place were promised.

A meeting with Jim Mullen re parking in Dunblane will be held on 13 December.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** See attached.

**7. Planning Report:** See attached.

In view of the Council's permission being given to demolish 35 Old Doune Road and erect two new houses, it was agreed that the Chairman will ask Stirling Council about the ground rules on over-development. **Action:** the Chairman.

It was agreed that Frederic Gilmour will join the Planning Subcommittee.

**8. Report of meetings:** There was none.

**9. Police Report:** See attached.

PC Meek provided a brief report of crimes in Dunblane in November.

**10. Councillor's Report**

As neither of the councillors was present, there was nothing to report.

**11. AOCB**

The Treasurer reported on the damage being done to Baxter's Loan by the building of the new High School. A ditch has been removed, thus causing drains to silt up and water to flood the path. Although the Rangers Department have been informed and a channel is to be cut across the foot path, this is not a final solution. It was agreed that the Treasurer will draft a letter and send it to the Chairman for him to forward to the site manager and to Gateway. **Action:** the Treasurer and the Chairman.

There are still problems of mud on the roads and lorries trying to approach the site outwith the agreed times. A neighbours' meeting is to be held soon at the High School and the Treasurer will attend.

The Secretary announced that she has resigned from the Dunblane Development Trust as the representative of the Community Council on the DDT. Sandy Mackay, as a member of the DDT, agreed that he would report back to the Community Council.

Alan Booth reported that the scouring burn has been overflowing, due to the lack of culverting on the new footpath built by Cala from Barbush to Ramoyle. He is going to write a letter to Cala, and send a copy to the Chairman.

In response to a plea from Alan Booth, it was agreed to invite someone from the Holmehill group to explain the present situation and why they are appealing for support. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. **Action:** the Secretary.

Photographs of the community councillors will appear in the next *Community View*, due out in mid-February.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

## MONTHLY REPORT –DECEMBER 2006.

### **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 21 Ramsay Drive, 7 Drummond Rise, Allan Park, Westholm Kilbryde, 20 Backroft Ranoye, 48 Montgomery Cres, 8 Lindsay Brae, 4 Buchan Drive, 79 Argyle Way, Willowbank House Bridgend, 13 Kippendavie Ave. Conservatory at 5 Argyle Way, Boundary fencing at Glendyne The Crescent, 10 Argyle Grove. Summer house at 12 Grant Drive, renew temporary permission at Tillyvere Ramoyle. Add 300mm dish at mast near the station. Fascia and sign at 42 High St. Replace windows at Lower Byranston St Margaret's Drive. Shed at Roblin Ramoyle. Convert 2 flats to one at 11 Caledonian Place.

An outline application to demolish the existing house at 35 Old Doune Road and erect 2 new houses has been lodged. At a meeting in November it was agreed to object on the grounds of over development and backyard. Permission has been granted and all objections overruled.

An outline application to erect a house in the grounds between 13 and 17 Atholl Place has been made. The Community Council received copies of 12 letters of objection from neighbours. It was decided at a meeting in November to object to the application on the grounds of backyard, over development and the proposed access to Keir St would set a precedent and cause traffic problems.

An application to convert a disused agricultural building at Little Hill on the Keir Estate was received. At a meeting in November it was decided to neither object nor support the application.

### **Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.**

No progress on the phone mast at Barbush or the Perth Road near the Bowling Club

We received a reply from O2 to our letter of May 24<sup>th</sup> in which we raised concerns about the application for a 3G mast near the bowling club. It took them 6 months to reply. Our main point was the lack of consultation prior to submission of the planning application. Their response stated that they had consulted in accordance with the Code of Best Practice. We still contend that they did not consult.

### **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