

Dunblane Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 5 March 2007, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Kirsten Strachan (Secretary), Peter McCusker (Treasurer), Sandy Mackay, Frederic Gilmour, Domenico Angiolini, Charles McHugh, Craig French, Kate Fawcett.

In attendance: Bryan Grieve (Dunblane Development Trust), Akri Jones (a Braeport resident), Lawrie Dewar (prospective community councillor), Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary), David Goss (Liberal Democrat candidate for Stirling Council) and Hugh McCrea and Callum Campbell (Conservative candidates for Stirling Council).

1. Co-option of new community councillors

It was agreed, proposed by Domenico Angiolini and seconded by Craig French, to co-opt Lawrie Dewar in the Town Centre ward. He will have to stand for re-election at the next round of elections. There are four contesting the vacancies in the Argyle and Braemar ward and the result of the election will be known on 15 March. It is also hoped to co-opt Stella Reid, which would leave only one vacancy in the community council, in Landward.

2. Apologies

Apologies have been received from John Alexander.

3. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed the new members, Kate Fawcett and Alan Booth, to the community council. He reiterated his intention that the council become more proactive and

invited community councillors to have ideas by the next meeting of what they want to happen. **Action:** All councillors.

4. Minutes of last meeting of 5 February 2007

With the change of spelling to Jim Mullan on pages 3 and 4, these were approved, proposed by Frederic Gilmour and seconded by Sandy Mackay.

5. Matters arising

Grass-cutting The Secretary has had no reply to her letter to Mr Goodfellow. **Action:** the Secretary.

CCTV A local petition in favour of the installation of CCTV has been started in premises in the High Street. It was agreed that community councillors could support the petition as individuals, but the community council as such will not get involved with it. It was agreed that Sandy Mackay will liaise with the police, restart discussions about CCTV and report back at the next meeting. **Action:** Sandy Mackay.

Zebra crossing Sandy Mackay reported that Stirling Council has postponed installing a zebra crossing at its preferred site near Tesco because of the bus stop there. The community council favour a site at the end of the George Street lane, and it was agreed that Sandy Mackay will follow this up. **Action:** Sandy Mackay.

Parking The minutes of a meeting Sandy Mackay had with Jim Mullan have still not been sent and it was agreed that Sandy Mackay will follow this up. **Action:** Sandy Mackay.

Flooding at Allanside House Stirling Council state that Mrs McLaren, the owner of the property, has to bear full responsibility for the damage to her property caused by recent flooding. She, on the other hand, claims that, as debris in the river exacerbates the problem, and as Stirling Council is responsible for the drains and culverts draining into the river, Stirling Council is ultimately responsible. Although this is not a matter for the community council, it was agreed that Kate Fawcett should try to move the stalemate on, by liaising between the two parties, and by finding out about the Flood Relief Scheme. **Action:** Kate Fawcett.

Structure plan revisions The updated draft plan will be considered by the planning group.

Community council boundaries In reply to the Chairman's letter about the constitution and community council boundaries, Helen Geddes has replied that no funding will be made available until the constitution is signed and that the boundaries do not form part of the constitution. It was agreed that consultation should take place with other community councils and that a detailed map should be requested from Gateway, the contractors at the High School. **Action:** the Chairman.

6. Correspondence: See attached.

The notice about a meeting of the Development Management Panel was passed to Lawrie Dewar who will follow this up. **Action:** Lawrie Dewar.

With reference to padding out round the manhole cover in Atholl Place and replacing the central discs on the Scottish Water manhole covers in the High Street, it was agreed that the Secretary will write to the Council and to Scottish Water asking for dates to be set for repairs. **Action:** the Secretary.

With reference to the general untidiness at the cemetery, it was agreed that the Secretary will write to Stirling Council about this. **Action:** the Secretary.

The Chairman has received two letters:

(i) In reply to a letter to Lynne Currie at Stirling Council, the Chairman has been informed that repairs have been done at the Chinese restaurant and that a grant has been applied for to pay for replacing windows. As it is felt that repainting is still necessary, the Chairman will follow this up. **Action:** the Chairman.

(ii) With reference to a report in the *Allanwater News* that the Stirling Arms, having been taken over by Scottish & Newcastle, was due to be refurbished and partly opened by this month, the Chairman has written to S&N for details. However, their reply did not elucidate when it would be refurbished, or if a new tenant was a pre-requisite of refurbishment. The Chairman will follow this up, as, although the Stirling Arms has been boarded up tidily, it is a wasted asset to the town. As yet, no planning application has appeared on the schedule. **Action:** the Chairman.

7. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

With the approach of the end of the financial year, the Treasurer asked that all outstanding expenses be submitted as soon as possible.

8. Planning Report

It was agreed to object to the proposed development at Inverlochry on the following grounds: it would be an over-development of the site, there is no information about access, and there is not enough detail in the application.

The application by Mr Petrie to build a garage and workshop on land at Holme Gate, Braeport, was considered and the community council heard the objections of Akri Jones, who lives at Holme Gate. There were concerns that Mr Petrie, who operates heavy plant and machinery wanted to use this land for the parking and repair of his large vehicles. A workshop and lorry park had been on the site previously, before the new houses were built, and the Chairman will check with the Council that this would, therefore, not constitute a change of use. However, contrary to what was stated in his application, the site is not served by utilities such as sewerage. It was also felt that regular heavy traffic of this nature

would not be suitable on such a narrow road, with little pavement, and with Braeport Community Centre next door. It was agreed to object to this application. **Action:** the Chairman.

9. Report of meetings

The Chairman and Bryan Grieve of the Dunblane Development Trust have attended a meeting about replacing the Memorial Bridge. It has been agreed that a unit of the Royal Engineer Ghurkhas will rebuild the bridge later this year, with Stirling Council paying for the materials (£35,000). The SSE power cable running under the bridge may cause a problem, and SSE has, so far, not been persuaded to help with the costs of rebuilding. Craig French expressed the feelings of all community councillors in expressing thanks that, at last, the bridge is being rebuilt. Bryan Grieve promised to keep the Community Council informed of developments.

Sandy Mackay has attended a *Pride in Your Community* meeting at which Les Goodfellow had been optimistic about the grass-cutting arrangements this year. There are to be dedicated teams of road-sweepers and grass-cutters in each community and there will be more consultation with communities. It was agreed that the Secretary will write to Les Goodfellow, with a copy to Bob Jack, asking for details of community consultation. **Action:** the Secretary.

10. Police Report: See attached.

The community council was unhappy at the lack of a police presence at recent meetings and at the brief outline of a police report which was available. It was agreed that the Chairman will draft a letter for the Secretary to send to Chief Inspector MacLeod, with a copy to the Chief Constable, outlining the council's concerns, and requesting a meeting as soon as possible. **Action:** the Chairman and the Secretary.

11. Councillor's Report

Neither of the councillors was present although the attendance of three prospective Councillors was noted.

12. AOCB

Skatepark Craig French expressed dismay at the state of the road and path from the Faery Bridge to the Laighills, which had become a swamp of mud. Bryan Grieve, while stating that reseeded was to take place later in the year, agreed to contact the contractors to clean and sweep up the tar path. **Action:** the Chairman and Bryan Grieve.

In reply to a question from the prospective Councillor, Hugh McCrea, in which he proposed that candidates for the Stirling Council election be invited to a Community Council meeting, it was agreed that candidates should organise their own hustings.

The Chairman and two community councillors, Frederic Gilmour and Sandy Mackay, signed the constitution.

It was agreed that community councillors should turn up for meetings at 7.15 p.m.

To avoid confusion and duplication, it was agreed that community councillors should have draft letters and emails cleared by the Chairman or Secretary before sending.

It was agreed to look into changing the position of the Community Council noticeboard at the next meeting.

Bryan Grieve pointed out that, as there is only one year left to run of the Community Plan, the Development Trust would like to work with the Community Council in consulting with the community over the next Community Plan and asked that the Community Council would involve itself.

The meeting closed at 9.25 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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Kirsten Strachan

**Mail received since last meeting_
5th February 2007**

Date	From	Subject
06.02.07	Scottish Executive	National Planning Framework Leaflets
06.02.07	Tactran	Public Consultation
09.02.07	Stirling Council	Pride in our community programme
10.02.07	Stirling Council	Dev Mgt panel notice of meeting
17.02.07	Stirling Council	DCC Vacancy Elections update
17.02.07	Stirling Council	Dev Mgt panel 2 special meetings notification
17.02.07	Stirling Council	Local Transport Strategy booklets
17.02.07	CVS Falkirk	Flu conference
17.02.07	Stirling Carers Office	Carers Connection Newsletter Ed18 Feb 2007
17.02.07	Stirling Council	Raised manhole cover Atholl Place
22.02.07	Scottish Water	Missing pavement covers High St
22.02.07	Stirling Council	Stirling Focus Spring 2007 newsletter
23.02.07	Stirling Council	Interim reply re flooding Allanside House
23.02.07	Stirling Council	Reply re flooding Allanside House
27.02.07	Stirling Council	Speed restrictions B8033
27.02.07	Scottish Parliament	Overview of Parliament leaflet
01.03.07	Stirling Council	Doune & Dunblane show licence application
01.03.07	Mrs McLaren	Flooding Allanside House
03.03.07	John Alexander	Dunblane Cemetery
05.03.07	Stirling Council	Clackmannanshire & Stirling Structure Plan

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Treasurers Report

5th March 2007

‘Administration Account’	00347702
Expenditure since last report (February)	£25.00
Income since last report	nil
Interest	£0.71
Account balance to date 5 th March 2007	<u>£406.21</u>

‘Community Fund’	00347753
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.18
Account balance to date 5 th March 2007	<u>£197.59</u>

Peter McCusker
Treasurer

5th March 2007

DUNBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONTHLY REPORT –MARCH 2007 .

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 10 Leighton Avenue, 7 Lawder Place, 36 Buchan Drive, repair chimney at Allan Cottage Millrow, new signage at the Village Bistro & Bar.

An outline application to build a house in the grounds of Inverlochry on the Glen Road has been lodged, this will be considered at this meeting.

Detailed application for erection of a garage and workshop in land at Holme Gate, Braeport has been received. Copies of letters of objection from residents have been received. This plot was the subject of an application to build two houses in 2003 which was refused by Stirling Council. This application will be considered at this meeting.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The appeal against the decision to refuse the conversion of Ault Wharrie to 10 flats has been withdrawn, this is due to the fact that permission to convert the building to 4 flats was granted earlier this year.

Permission to convert the Coach House at Randolph Hill was granted.

No decisions on the 6 flats at Millrow, 4 houses at the top of the Glen Road, Conversion of the agricultural building at Little Hill

Other Planning Matters

Ogilvies have made improvements to Baxter's Loan adjacent to the High School, these were inspected by Community Council members who asked Ogilvie to check that the path remains in a good condition. Ogilvie have reaffirmed that they will be restoring the banks and ditches on Baxter's Loan this summer. The upgrade work to the bridge over the A9 was completed on time.

There is a Telecoms Seminar in Viewforth 6.00 to 8.00 pm on March 21st, Council Chambers. Peter McCusker to attend

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

Dunblane crime 05/02/07 – 03/03/07

Theft or attempted theft – 2, including 1 theft from Dunblane Cathedral Halls

Assault – 3, 2 of which are detected

Breach of the Peace – 2, both are detected

Offensive Weapons – 1, detected

Dangerous Dog – 1, detected

Disqualified driving – 1, detected