



Dunblane Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council, held on Monday, 5 October, 2009, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

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

In attendance: Councillor David Goss, Sergeant Baillie, Martin Little (*Allanwater News*), Angela Edgar, Moira Stewart, Clare Clark, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Councillors Houston and Campbell, and from Lawrie Dewar.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reminded community councillors that this would be the last meeting before elections are held in mid-November. The next meeting of the community council will, therefore, be in December and there will be no November meeting. He encouraged people to put their names forward so that elections would be held in each ward, and he asked the *Allanwater News* to publicise this. If there were vacancies after the election, it will be February 2010 before they could be filled by co-opted members.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 7 September 2009

These were approved, proposed by Alan Booth and seconded by Frederic Gilmour.

4. Matters arising

Access road to pitches at the High School Councillor Goss had forwarded to the Chairman an email from Bob Gill at Stirling Council in which he explained that there is a central booking system, with the key to the gates being held by the janitor. In future, it will be made clear to all those booking the pitches that parking must be at the school and not at the pitches. It was agreed that signs indicating “no access except for emergency or maintenance vehicles” would be appropriate and Councillor Goss agreed to pursue this. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

Cycle-lane on B8033 The reply from Darren Ryan (Transport Team, Stirling Council) to Charles McHugh assured him that all the requirements of rulings referring to cycle lanes were being met. However, he agreed to look at it again in the future to make sure that the buffer zone is of the correct width. Charles McHugh will contact him to ensure that the community council is kept informed of the result of any inspection. **Action:** Charles McHugh.

Housing for the homeless Councillor Campbell has indicated that he will send a report shortly. **Action:** Councillor Campbell.

Resurfacing of High Street to Smithy Loan The Chairman will contact Councillor Houston (see minutes of last meeting). **Action:** The Chairman.

George Street The Chairman has been informed that the double yellow, no-parking, lines should have been extended to the junction of the Old Doune Road when these lines were repainted and was assured that this will be done in the future. The Chairman will write to the Roads Department asking them to expedite this. **Action:** The Chairman. When Kevin Curtin indicated that there is also a problem at the junction with Clarendon Place, he was advised to contact Darren Ryan at Stirling Council. **Action:** Kevin Curtin.

Repair of pavement on Wallace Road Sue Faulkner clarified that parts of this had been resurfaced and others left in a state of disrepair. Councillor Goss agreed to inspect the pavement and follow it up. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

20 mph zones at High School Kevin Curtin has emailed a letter to the Council and will send a copy to the Chairman and Secretary. **Action:** Kevin Curtin.

Woodland on Kippendavie Group Trust land As part of its application for a Forest Enterprise Grant, Kippendavie Group Trust (KGT) held a community meeting, for which neither the community council nor the Development Trust received an invitation. In view of the proposal to extend woodland around the Gathering Stone, concern was expressed by Alan Booth about the need to promote red squirrel populations in the area and also to facilitate access by local residents. Alan Booth will follow this up. **Action:** Alan Booth.

Wind turbine policy of Stirling Council Alan Booth has been informed that, due to the restrictions of the landscape, there were no plans to expand the Braes of Doune windfarm. However, it was agreed that he should contact the Council again, asking that, if there were a small expansion, one of the turbines could be run for the benefit of the community. **Action:** Alan Booth.

Bus timetable Charles McHugh has written (see minutes of last meeting).

Pavement on Perth Road The Chairman has been informed that the barriers are in place while Japanese knotweed is being sprayed.

5. Police Report: See attached.

Sergeant Baillie introduced himself and read the report which had been compiled by PC Simon Fraser. He reported on Operation Broadsword which was a community policing effort to engage with the young people in Dunblane and said that the feedback from them had indicated that it was difficult to obtain alcohol in Dunblane. However, after reports from community councillors on anti-social behaviour and under-age drinking, the consensus was that things were not improving and this was impressed on Sergeant Baillie. It was made clear to him that alcohol was passed on to younger teenagers by older friends and that at the Laighills it was easy for people to scatter on the approach of the police. Clare Clark told him of a previous meeting at the High School, with Councillor Houston and local licensees, to try to involve everyone in preventing alcohol being purchased by young teenagers. However, she felt that no progress had been made. Sergeant Baillie pointed out that there was no simple solution to this problem. The police were also criticised for a delay in interviewing a young victim who was threatened by a knife.

The Chairman requested that specific numbers of crimes be given in the police report in future.

6. Correspondence: See attached list.

1. This was passed to the Chairman.
2. Craig French proposed that the community council and the Development Trust work co-operatively together to get a better Christmas display to make Dunblane more attractive at that time of year. Although recognising that funds and manpower would be required, the community council agreed that the Secretary will write to the Development Trust asking them to consider setting up a Festive Lights Committee comprising various members of the community. **Action:** The Secretary. When Craig French suggested that Stirling Council be asked to provide money for Christmas decorations in Dunblane, Councillor Goss agreed to pursue this. **Action:** Councillor Goss.
4. In reply to a letter from the Chairman, Gordon MacLachlan (Road Department) has said he will be inspecting the area of grass growing on the southbound carriageway of the B8033. The Chairman has also emailed Inspector Sharkie about the safety implications.
7. This was passed to the Chairman.

9. After inspecting the road outside the new development at Pisgah, the Chairman had contacted the Council to complain about the restriction of the width of the road and about the mud on the road. He has been told that a site inspection will take place and will reply to James F. **Action:** The Chairman.

10. Nobody expressed an interest in attending.

13. Following a request for a traffic survey on the B8033 at Kinbuck, Angela Edgar has helped to clarify where this should take place. A survey should take place next year.

14. The B8033 will be closed between Kinbuck and Braco for resurfacing from 2 to 6 November.

A survey of Smithy Loan residents by the Council had confirmed that they preferred a one-way system from the High School to the Perth Road as well as a 20 mph limit.

The Chairman has received a questionnaire on the Local Development Plan and notification of a public procession by the Boys' Brigade and the ATC on 8 November.

7. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

8. Development Trust Report

The Chairman read out the report from the Treasurer. After its AGM on 19 September and a meeting on 21 September, Lawrie Dewar is Acting Chairman of the DDT for the next two meetings. The main business is to look again at agreements made with landowners.

Craig French gave a brief résumé of the meeting between the community council and the DDT on 14 September.

9. Planning Report: See attached.

Kate Fawcett will try to ascertain if the Stirling Arms is going up for sale. **Action:** Kate Fawcett.

Craig French explained that the community council can get involved in the new appeals process that applies to delegated decisions.

A discussion followed about the WYG proposals, a full planning application for which will be submitted within the next 10 weeks. As it is unclear how they intend to consult with the community, it was agreed that the Chairman will write to the Council who, as the planning authority, could insist that WYG hold a public meeting about their plans. **Action:** The Chairman.

It was felt that this proposal should be used as a focus for residents to think about how they want Dunblane to develop in the future. Because of the lack of capacity in the primary schools, any future developments would either have to be very small or of the scale of 500+ houses in order to trigger the building of a new school.

Kippendavie Group Trust is planning to hold an exhibition in the library or the Victoria Hall before Christmas, with displays of their proposals and an opportunity to comment.

Alan Booth reported that a summary of the Community Plan will be inserted as a separate document in the *Community View*. The next *Community View* will be concentrating on the LDP, and he proposed to offer a page to each of those who have registered an interest, to publicise their proposals, and to invite planning officers and each of the four councillors to give their views. He suggested that a telephone poll be carried out afterwards to survey local opinion, hopefully funded by money from the Council or the Scottish Government. It is essential the community council reflects the majority view. He will follow this up with the committee of the *Community View*. **Action:** Alan Booth.

10. Community Plan update

Alan Booth reported that, after a final meeting with the working partners, Alan Tuffs is writing up the last changes. Stirling Council is paying for its publication, while a simplified version will be inserted in *Community View*.

11. Report of meetings: There was none.

12. Councillors' Report

The Secretary read out a report from Councillor Houston on the temporary closure of the B8033, the cleaning of Ochloch Park and vandalism on the Darn Walk.

Councillor Goss reported on changes to the executive of Stirling Council.

13. AOCB

John Alexander reported that Stirling Council had repaired the bridge at the War Memorial shortly after it had been damaged.

Councillor Goss agreed to find out about the repairs required on the bridge on the footpath to Ashfield. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

John Alexander reported that successful repairs to the showers have been made in the Laighills pavilion.

When John Alexander reported on the poor state of the lane between George Street and Charles Street, Councillor Goss agreed to follow this up. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

Alan Booth pressed for the path in the Laighills up to the skatepark to be surfaced, as, following an accident, an ambulance was unable to drive up the hill.

Craig French reported that revised application forms for the windfarm community grants are available and it was agreed that the deadline for submissions will be early November.

Domenico Angiolini agreed to organise the publicity in the *Allanwater News*, to invite applications. **Action:** Domenico Angiolini. Alan Booth will ask for members of the DDT to serve on the committee. All applications will be sent to Sue Faulkner, who is acting as administrator, and it has been decided to inform all applicants of recommendations as soon as decisions are made.

The meeting ended at 9.40 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

Correspondence received since last meeting

Dated	from	subject	regarding
20.08.09	Scot Ambulance Service	Future Strategy	consultation
08.0.09	Lightways	festive lighting	brochure
09.09.09	Stirling Council	20mph speed limit	DPS Doune Road
18.09.09	Stirling Council	Roads Department	reply re.roads issues
16.09.09	Stirling Council	Adoption of National Model Scheme	
18.09.09	WYG Planning	Environmental Impact Assmnt	Kippendavie
28.09.09	Scottish Government	Changes in Scot. Planning system	CC's enhanced role
29.9.09	David Goss	High School pitch access road	systems and action
03.10.09	James F	Development on Glen Road	safety issues
	ASCC	Conference	14.11.09
	Stirling Council	CC Elections	timetable
	Forth Valley NHS	Community News	magazine
	Stirling Council	B8033	traffic survey request
1.10.09	Stirling Council	B8033 road closure	resurfacing work
	Stirling Council	Adoption of National model & Community Council elections	

REPORT OF DUNBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SEPT 09

DETECTED

Over the last month there have been a good number of detected cases, these include a number of Assaults, Vandalisms and several Breach of the Peace (1 racial) , 2 young males caught urinating in the area around the cathedral, a young male with a personal quantity of drugs and a male caught with an offensive weapon.

A number of these cases were as a result of Operation Broadsword that was run over the month of September. During this Operation numerous local enquiries were carried out and a large amount of local intelligence has been gained.

UNDETECTED

There have been a number of undetected crimes reported with a number of Thefts and Attempted Thefts reported, there are also reported Assaults, Breach of the Peace and Act as an Agent (purchase alcohol for person under 18) currently undetected however enquiry is ongoing into a number of these matters.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There have been several Road Traffic cases this month including 2 local residents caught using Ramoyle as a short cut, 2 persons (including a postman) using their mobile phone while driving, a driver entering Sunnyside the wrong way and a person caught Speeding on the Perth Road.

There have been a total of 37 fixed penalty tickets issued for various offences including parking in a bus stop, parking on double yellow lines, parking in permit holders bay, no road tax, loading bay offences and fail to display valid parking ticket.

PC 96 Simon Fraser

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Treasurers Report

25th September 2009.

'Administration Account'	00347702
Expenditure since last report	£30.00
Interest	£0.06
Account balance to date 25 th September 2009.	<u>£845.75</u>

'Community Fund'

00347753

Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.02
Account balance to date 25 th September 2009	<u>£200.92</u>

Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 25th September 2009.

Lawrie Dewar
Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT – October 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 Woodlands the Crescent, 47 Montgomery Drive. Wee Acorns Nursery Perth Road. Replace door/windows at 2 Bishops Gardens. 15kw wind turbine at Wester Cambushinne Farm. New boilers at Holy Family Church.

An application to demolish the existing house at 35 Old Doune Road and erect a new house has been considered by the planning subcommittee. It was decided to object to the request for a new access onto the Old Doune Road, access can be taken from St Lawrence Ave.

A detailed application to extend the existing stable block at Elmswood has been lodged. We objected to the outline application which was granted.

WYG Planning & Design have given notice of their intention to submit a planning application for 550 houses at Kippendavie land to the north east of Dunblane. This is on behalf of the consortium of developers and does not form part of the current Local Development Planning process. We have been asked to submit items for consideration on the environmental assessment impact. WYG intend to consult with various groups within the Dunblane community as part of the requirements under new planning legislation. The community council will ask Stirling Council to request that WYG hold a public meeting in Dunblane as part of their consultations in addition to their proposals for a more informal roadshow.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

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

Other Planning Matters

Terence O'Byrne had a meeting with Peter Morgan and Jay Dawson to discuss the new scheme of delegation. More applications will be dealt with through officer delegation due to the fact that in the past an application was moved to the schedule if any objections were received at all. Under the new scheme objections will have to be deemed significant and relevant before an application becomes a schedule item. There is no definition of what 'significant means.

The result of this is that the extra week to call in an application that was a schedule item will be available less often. It has been agreed that delegated items that have a level of objection will be notified to elected members before the delegated decision is taken. This means that we have to watch delegated items more closely and a decision has been taken to copy any objections to delegated applications to our 4 elected members.

Terence O'Byrne