

# Dunblane Community Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 5 December, 2005, at 7.30 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.**

**Present:** Tony Ford (Chairman), Peter McCusker (Treasurer), Terence O'Byrne, Kirsten Strachan, Stuart Hepburn, Duncan Taylor.

**In attendance:** Councillor Ann Dickson, Sue Faulkner, Moira Stewart, Alan Cameron from Newton Loan and Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies have been received from Sandy Mackay, John Alexander and PC Graham Love.

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

The Chairman suspended the order of the agenda to invite Mr Cameron to address the meeting. Mr Cameron brought to the attention of the community councillors the state of the road at Newton Loan, which has not received any maintenance since the houses were built 14 years ago. He feels it is now in such a state that it is a danger to pedestrians as well as to traffic, and, although the Council has cleared leaves, no repairs have been made. The Chairman agreed to write to the Council on behalf of the residents.

The Chairman has attended a Citizenship Ceremony at Stirling Castle.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the importance of resubmitting all letters protesting against the pylons by the closing date of 12 December.

He has also been helping the Development Trust put up the Christmas lights in the High Street.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 7 November 2005**

It was agreed that the following point should be added:

Moira Stewart asked for an update on the problem of parking in Dunblane.

With this addition, the minutes were approved, proposed by Duncan Taylor and seconded by Peter McCusker.

### **4. Matters arising**

**Cemetery** The Council was trying to improve security at the cemetery against the rabbits.

**Zebra crossing** The Secretary has not received any information about the siting of this crossing on Doune Road.

**Bridgend bridge** This is to be resurfaced after a survey by Stirling Council.

**Community Council vacancies** Mr Brown at Stirling Council has put together a package advertising these. It was decided to distribute flyers around the wards where there were vacancies, and these would also be notified in the Christmas edition of *Community View*.

**Parking** The survey of the site of the old gas works at Millrow has taken place.

**Vennel cleaning** The Secretary has written to the Council to clarify the situation regarding the cleaning of the vennel beside Burgess and Gibson.

**Kinbuck bridge** Stuart Hepburn has inspected the problem at the bridge. Despite road signs to prevent large lorries from trying to cross it, some still make the attempt and the bridge has been damaged twice recently. It was felt that clearer road signage was required and Stuart is going to follow this up with the Council.

**5. Correspondence:** See attached

The letter from Stirling Council about the bridge at Kinbuck was passed to Stuart Hepburn.

It was noted that the closing date for submissions on the powerline is 12 December 2005.

The letter from Catherine Mackay was a matter for the police, not the Community Council.

A letter has been received by the Dunblane Development Trust from the Director of Community Services, informing them that its articles and constitution would have to be rewritten if they wished to be considered as a beneficiary from the sale of Abbotsford House. As the Development Trust will not be able to make the deadline for this change, they have decided to withdraw their application.

The Chairman has received a letter from Mr Rattray, Deputy District Manager of UPM, about evaluating Kippendavie Wood for Forest Certification, although it was unclear which part of the wood was being looked at.

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

The Chairman noted that the Development Trust owes the Community Council for photocopying costs.

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

It was agreed to object to the outline application for a new house at the top of the Glen Road because it was in a conservation area and because of the difficulties of access on a bend.

It was agreed not to object to the development at Lerrocks Farm of a visitor centre.

Terence O'Byrne indicated that he would be willing to sit on a Local Forum group which is to be reconvened to consider the implications of the PPP at the High School.

It was agreed to leave the submissions already made about the development at Ledcameroch.

## **8. Report of Meetings**

The Chairman has attended a Citizenship Ceremony in Stirling.

Stuart Hepburn apologised for the lateness of the last issue of *Community View*. It was hoped that an abbreviated version could be published in the future as well as the full edition.

## **9. Police Report**

As PC Love is still unwell, there was no report. It was felt that if the community policeman were unavailable for a meeting, then a written report should be submitted, so that the Community Council could have an idea of the crime levels in Dunblane. As the police were advocating Safer Central Neighbourhood Meetings which would involve the local community, it was essential that Dunblane has an active community policeman. The Chairman will contact Chief Inspector Kevin Findlater to ask for a police report which he will distribute to the other community councillors.

## **10. Councillor's Report**

Councillor Ann Dickson agreed to find more out about the bridge at Kinbuck and report back to Stuart Hepburn.

It was hoped that, after a meeting of Perth and Kinross Council on 14 December, the petition about the winding up of Abbotsford would go to court and be settled.

A new application for four houses to be built at Provan is going to be submitted to the Council.

Councillor Dickson, in reply to a query by Moira Stuart about parking in Dunblane, said that Dunblane could not be looked at in isolation and that parking would be the subject of a council-wide report.

Peter McCusker raised the issues of the yellow lines outside Boe Court and the station which needed to be renewed and that it would be helpful if the bus stop at Tesco were adopted by the Council so that people would not park there.

## **11. AOCB**

Terence O'Byrne complained about the lack of heating in the Burgh Chambers.

As the gas pipeline is going to have to be moved because of the PPP, the Chairman raised concerns over Transco's record in Dunblane of not landscaping sites afterwards.

Moira Stuart and Sue Faulkner questioned where the shaped Christmas lights were for which they had raised funds in the past. The Chairman reported that, unfortunately, they were in need of repair and even to replace bulbs every year cost more than the £200 grant received from Stirling Council. After January 2006 new lights will be required to meet new Health and Safety regulations and the Development Trust would need to look at replacements.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

## MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT – DECEMBER 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: Extensions at The Lodge, Perth Road, The Cottage, Ramoyle, 30 Ochiltree, 59 Buchan Drive, Seabar House, Smith Loan. Garage at 1 Tannahill Terrace, Removal of stud partition at Aurora, Braeport.

We have received details of 2 applications that we will consider at this meeting. The first is for a Visitor Centre at Lerrocks Farm where the Red Kite centre is and an outline application for a new house at the top of Glen Road.

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

Permission has been granted has been granted for the High School development by the Scottish Executive after a 4 month delay. The final contacts are yet to be finalized but it is expected that building works will commence early in the new year with completion of the new school by autumn 2007. The local forum will be revived once the final contacts are drawn up which will involve parents, pupils and neighbours.

Stirling Councils' Planning Panel met to consider all the applications for developments at Ault Wharrie. They refused all three applications which included the demolition of the house and trees, erection of 29 houses 15 flats, tree removal and erection of a new dementia unit and finally the conversion of Ault Wharrie to 10 flats (which the Community Council supported).

The Public Enquiry for Provan has been cancelled, we await fresh applications for development at Provan.

An enquiry will be held into the refusal of permission at Ledcameroch Walled garden, this will be by written submission. The Community Council previous objection has been forwarded, do we want to make further submissions?

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

### **Other Planning Matters**

The Beauly to Denny power line has been attracting much attention in the press. We received a joint letter from Anne McGuire and Sylvia Jackson stating their position on the application. They assure us that they have taken on board all comments and objections and have made representations both to the Scottish Executive and Scottish and Southern Energy. They strongly advise that any persons who wrote letters of objection prior to September 28<sup>th</sup> do so again as the planning application was lodged on that date so letters received prior cannot legally form part of the representation in the statutory

consultation process. The deadline is December 12<sup>th</sup>. They have worked with the Stirling Before Pylons group and have made representations to the Public Petitions Committee. The Petition looks primarily at the health aspects for the electromagnetic fields associated with high voltage lines.

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.