

# Dunblane Community Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 6 September, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the vestry, St Blane's church.**

**Present:** Sandy Mackay (Secretary), Terence O'Byrne, Kirsten Strachan, John Alexander, Stuart Hepburn, Domenico Angeolini, Craig French, Peter McCusker.

**In attendance:** PC Love, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Tony Ford and Duncan Taylor

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

The Secretary was Acting Chairman for this meeting in the absence of the Chairman. He explained that, as no-one present had keys for the Burgh Chambers, the meeting had been reconvened in St Blane's.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting of 8 August 2005**

These were approved, proposed by John Alexander and seconded by Terence O'Byrne.

### **4. Matters arising**

**Noticeboard** The Secretary reported that the Council has agreed to mend it.

**Doune Wind Farm** Work has now started on this, but there was still no information about the community gain.

**New power line** Scottish and Southern Energy was going ahead with the process of applying for permission for the new line and no appeal could be begun until an application were successful. However, there was a move to get all Community Councils affected by the proposed route of the pylons together to co-ordinate opposition.

**Cemetery** John Alexander stated at the last meeting that the seats there needed repaired and repainted.

**George Street** John Alexander had checked with local residents and informed the meeting that the residents of the top half of George Street had the path behind George Street in their title deeds while those living in the bottom half did not and believed that it was a public footpath. As this lane was in need of

repair it was agreed that the Secretary will write to the Council asking for an on-site meeting to discuss future work.

There has been no response to the Secretary's letters about the Old Doune Road traffic audit, the painting of double yellow lines at Boe Court, or the possibility of a zebra crossing at the dropped kerb opposite Tesco.

In reply to the Secretary's letter to Jim Mullan about parking, there was to be meeting of interested parties, including Tesco, in the near future. However, it was agreed that the Secretary will write to the other parties involved, including the Civic Trust and the Dunblane Development Trust, to remind them that, as previously agreed, the Community Council is the statutory body and that everything should be channelled through it. Craig French stressed that, at the forthcoming meeting, the Community Council should also represent the views of those who wished to park at the station and commute to work by train. The overriding problem is lack of parking spaces.

**5. Correspondence:** See attached list.

The Secretary has received copies of correspondence between Kate Smithson from Stirling Council and a resident of Barbush, Mr Monaghan, about the footpath from Barbush to Ramoyle which Cala was to have upgraded as part of the development. This is to be paved and street lighting installed after which it will be adopted by the Council.

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

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

With reference to the application for the extension of planning permission for Kippendavie Golf Course, it was agreed that Terence O'Byrne will write referring to the previous correspondence on the original application.

With reference to the appeal at Provan, it was agreed that Terence O'Byrne will reply to the Reporter, indicating that, as they are volunteers, it is difficult for Community Councillors to attend meetings during the day. He will enquire if the Reporter will accept those letters already written which detail the Community Council's position in relation to the application or whether the Reporter will insist on someone attending to read out the letters. It was agreed that the process should be simpler to understand.

**8. Report of Meetings**

The Area Community Planning Meeting (Cluster 1) was held in the Victoria Hall on 18 August and the next meeting is scheduled for 22 September. It was stated by the police that Dunblane is a very safe place to live and that most of the trouble was caused by a small number of individuals. It was important that any incident was reported to the police. Stuart Hepburn agreed that, after the meeting on 22 September which was to focus on facilities for young people, he would put together an article for *Community View*, emphasising the need for people to contact the police.

**9. Police Report**

PC Love handed in reports covering the months June to August. He reported that the Dunblane Centre has funding for a Youth Worker who will be going out with the police to talk to the young people in Dunblane in an attempt to get them off the streets and into the Centre. PC Love agreed to write an article about crime prevention measures that householders should take, for the next issue of *Community View*.

**10. Councillors' Reports**

There was none.

## **11. AOCB**

Following an enquiry by John Alexander, it was agreed that the Secretary will write to the Council asking if the shelter at the cemetery is to be demolished.

There is to be a meeting on 9 September to discuss the Memorial Bridge. As it is closed, there will be difficulties on Remembrance Sunday as people will have to cross the river by the Faery Bridge. Unfortunately, the fencing near there, at the mill lade, is down and the path can be slippy and unsafe in places. The Secretary is to follow this up.

The Secretary is to write to Network Rail asking for the footbridge at Bridgend to be repaired.

The steps at the Bridgend toilets have still not been repaired.

It was reported that Ardnablane is to close.

The Secretary is to write to the Council about the manhole cover in Atholl Place which has risen above the surrounding road surface.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

## MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 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 8 Murdoch Terrace, Hutchinson Farm Auchinlay Road, 52 Ochiltree, 17 Ochiltree, Garage/utility/new access at Chevin St Margarets Drive, Conservatory at 2 Dykedale. Dormer at 22 Bruce Avenue, New signage at the Hydro Hotel, Agricultural Storage building at Wester Cambushinne, Velux roof lights at 2 Ochilview Ashfield, Caravan at Allanside, Mains St Kinbuck. Siting of residential caravan at Mountain View Farm, Auchenlay.

An extension of permission for the Kippendavie Golf Course which is due to expire this month has been received. No new detail submitted, this is just a renewal. Objections require to be submitted by September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

The initial meeting for the appeal at Provan was held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, I have received minutes of the meeting at which the Reporter would like to know whether the Community Council wishes to represent the views of third parties. A decision needs to be made as this meeting. The Reporter was informed that Terence O'Byrne was the new Chairman of the Community Council by mistake.

The appeal at Elmswood 11 The Crescent was upheld allowing the formation of a new access onto the Crescent

Still no decisions yet from the Planners regarding the applications at Randolph Hill, Dunblane Christian Fellowship, Cairnston and Ault Wharrie

### 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.