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Agenda

For meeting to be held on
Monday 3rd November 2008
At 7.30 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Chairman's remarks
- 3) Minutes of last meeting
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Police report
- 6) Correspondence
- 7) Treasurers report
- 8) Planning report
- 9) Report of meetings
- 10) Councillors Report
- 11) Any other business

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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 6 October 2008, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Frederic Gilmour (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Alan Booth, Charles McHugh, Kate Fawcett, Sylvia Cairns, Domenico Angiolini, Craig French.

In attendance: Sgt Joyce Greenhorn, Councillor Graham Houston, Martin Little (*Allanwater News*), Kate Smithson and Jim McGregor from the Roads and Transport Department of Stirling Council, Bryan Grieve (Dunblane Development Trust), Sue Faulkner, Moira Stewart, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies Apologies have been received from Councillor Goss and Stella Reid.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman introduced Kate Smithson and Jim McGregor from the Roads and Transport Department of Stirling Council.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 1 September 2008

With the amendment of paragraph 4(a) to refer to the extension of double yellow lines, not work on the wall, these were approved, proposed by Sylvia Cairns and seconded by Lawrie Dewar.

The Chairman suspended the order of the agenda in order that the officials from the Roads Department could address the meeting about the junctions at the new Marks and Spencer store and at the lodge where traffic perform U-turns to drive back into Dunblane.

Jim McGregor distributed hand-outs detailing the background of traffic assessments and basis for the Council's decision not to implement the community council's desired option of a roundabout at the Marks and Spencer junction. As part of the planning application, the developer had submitted traffic assessments and proposed installing traffic lights at the exit on to the B8033. However, judging that traffic signal controlled junctions did not necessarily reduce accidents, the Council rejected this proposal and decided that the junction should be left as it is with the addition of new road markings to mark out a lane for traffic leaving the M&S site. A speed limit of 50 mph on both carriageways is also being proposed. The developer's professional traffic assessment was accepted by the Council and planning permission was granted. If the Council were to ask for a roundabout at the junction, the cost would now have to be borne by the Council, not the developer. However, it was stressed that road safety was the prime concern and, in the Council's view, the status quo, with added road markings and reduction of the speed limit, was the safest option.

In Councillor Houston's opinion, there was no possibility of the need for a roundabout being accepted by the Council, as the figures did not justify it, and the community council should not push for it.

The Chairman pointed out that, in view of the fact that the developer felt there was a need for traffic lights at the exit, it was reasonable for the community council to push for a roundabout to control traffic. However, Jim McGregor stated that the volume of traffic did not justify the installation of a roundabout, which was also an expensive option. The community council queried the figures cited in the traffic assessment, especially the times of day when the figures were collected and the fact that the garage, which generated traffic, was no longer in operation. The figures of traffic at present executing the U-turn at the lodge, when queried, were explained as being estimates, and thus it was felt that the increase in traffic would be considerably greater than estimated. The community council felt that traffic queuing to make the U-turn and then joining traffic at speed entering Dunblane would be at risk.

Explaining that the traffic assessment remained the property of the developer, Kate Smithson agreed that traffic counts will be undertaken before the store opens and advice will be taken as to the best time of day and which day of the week to do them. Soon after the store opens, a further count will be taken to

measure the increase in traffic. The Chairman insisted that a copy of the “before” traffic count be sent to him before the next community council meeting and Kate Smithson agreed to attend the December meeting with more details.

The Chairman thanked Kate Smithson and Jim McGregor for attending the meeting.

4. Matters arising

CCTV The Chairman is to have a meeting with Peter Walker from Stirling Council about additional features to the town centre.

Windfarm Community Grant Craig French and Domenico Angiolini reported that applications for over £50,000 have been received, although many did not fit the given criteria. It was agreed that letters of acknowledgement should be sent to all applicants and that a meeting will take place shortly to consider the applications. It is hoped that decisions will be made by mid-November.

It was agreed that, in view of the difficulty some people had in acquiring an application form, these would in future be available in the library and Burgh Chambers.

Construction traffic at High School site Councillor Houston reported that an agreement in principle has been reached and that he hoped to be able to confirm by the December meeting the time restrictions on construction traffic.
Action: Councillor Houston.

Scouring Burn bridge Alan Booth reported that netting has been removed from the swing gates and Councillor Houston agreed to follow this up.
Action: Councillor Houston.

Bus timetable Councillor Houston reported that timetables were now on the internet and copies should be available in the community within two weeks.

Community Council boundaries It was reported that Kilmaddock community council was to consider the request at their next meeting in October that the new High School pitch should be incorporated into the Dunblane community council’s boundaries.

Stirling Arms Hotel Kate Fawcett reported that, although the Stirling Arms is at present closed, someone is expressing interest in taking over the lease and wishes to meet with Kate Fawcett and the Chairman in the near future. There

are proposals for improving the outside, undertaking a staged refurbishment and for food to be served.

Riverside path The Council has no money in their budget to cover the cost of repairing the wall, estimated at £150,000. The Chairman and Bryan Grieve are going to meet with representatives of SEPA to discuss the issues of the river flow changing and flooding. When the Chairman queried the cost of repair, Councillor Houston agreed to look into this. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

5. Police Report: See attached.

Sergeant Greenhorn welcomed the fact that information had been received leading to the arrest of someone for drugs' possession.

She agreed that she would submit articles for the *Allanwater News* and *Community View*, as well as contribute to the website.

She also agreed to follow up the concern expressed over alcohol and cigarettes being sold from anonymous "white vans". Community councillors raised the issues of underage drinking in the Laighills and noisy cars racing at night on the dual carriageway.

6. Correspondence: See attached.

It was agreed that the community council will apply for a grant from the Community Pride Fund, on behalf of Sandy Mackay, to improve the Coronation Garden.

It was agreed that the Chairman will contact the two councillors who do not attend the community council meetings. **Action:** The Chairman.

7. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

After a meeting between the Chairman, the Treasurer and Helen Geddes, it was agreed that Stirling Council will provide a grant to the community council of £270 per annum to cover secretarial expenses.

After the Treasurer explained that the use of the Community Fund was not restricted and could either be used in the Administration Account or kept as a back-up, it was agreed that it would be kept separately.

8. Planning Report: See attached.

Details of the proposed development at the gap site in the High Street were available for inspection by the community councillors. It was agreed, with

Domenico Angiolini and Charles McHugh abstaining, to support the application.

In reply to a question from Sue Faulkner, the Chairman will ask for an explanation of Council policy about approved paint colours in the High Street. **Action:** The Chairman.

9. Community Council Elections

The Chairman reported that candidates in the forthcoming elections have to submit their names by the end of October. There are vacancies in the Primary School, Kilbryde, Town Centre and Landward wards. A leaflet to be used as a maildrop has been designed by the Chairman and Treasurer and councillors were urged to distribute these by knocking on doors and talking to people about the work of the community council. The leaflet was approved and the Chairman will also publicise the elections in the *Allanwater News*.

In reply to a question from Domenico Angiolini, the Treasurer admitted that the current ward structure is very rigid and it is hoped that a new system could be put in place next year.

10. Report of Meetings

The Chairman, having attended a meeting of Forth Valley NHS to discuss the new community hospitals, reported that plans for the new community hospital in Stirling were quite advanced, although it would not be open until 2013. A leaflet was being designed to distribute to everyone in the Forth Valley area.

The Chairman, with Sue Faulkner and Moira Stewart, has attended a meeting of the Parking Group and reported that the proposed parking restrictions in Dunblane should be in effect by mid-November. Noting that the key to their success will be police enforcement of on-street parking restrictions, the community council insisted on more police action on this. There was a discussion over the Council's plan for no Saturday restrictions, whereas the community council's proposal was to remove charging on Saturdays, but this will be reviewed in the future. The dispute between Network Rail and Stirling Council over the ownership of the land beside the station opposite the Victoria Hall has still not been settled and, therefore, the proposed parking restrictions there will not be put into effect.

The Treasurer reported on the last meeting of the Dunblane Development Trust. With reference to the Christmas lights, Bryan Grieve reported that new sets of lights have been bought for use by each business from the station to the Fourways roundabout. The old lights will remain in place this year but will

be taken down next year. It is hoped that traders will co-operate with the Trust in their efforts.

11. Councillor's Report

In reply to a question from Alan Booth about the status of Dunblane with reference to Area Community Planning Forum, Councillor Houston reported that Helen Geddes is of the opinion that Dunblane is an Area Forum of one. However, official confirmation of this from Stirling Council is still required. Concerns were expressed that Dunblane is missing out on available money and that it is not contributing its view on any on-going process. Councillor Houston will follow this up and inform the Chairman of progress. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

When Bryan Grieve raised the issue of Dunblane High School being asked to make savings of £45,000 this year, Councillor Houston assured the meeting that he has been informed that the school is not lacking any facility or staffing requirement. Bryan Grieve is going to find out more details from the Headteacher and inform the Chairman. **Action:** Bryan Grieve.

With regards to the charges made for the use of the school's facilities, Councillor Houston informed the meeting that agreement has been reached with the PPP contractor, that certain times are reserved for the school's use, and other times for community use; any hours outwith these could be charged by the contractor. Moira Stewart highlighted the fact that the Dunblane Centre is now closed on Saturday nights. Councillor Houston agreed to find out how the new facilities at the High School are being used. **Action:** Councillor Houston.

12. AOCB

The Secretary informed the meeting that a vacancy has arisen as area representative for the Stirling area on the Association of Scottish Community Councils and invited councillors to apply.

Alan Booth informed the meeting that he is to have a meeting with David Balsillie (Head of Countryside Services) and Willie Hamill (Community Services) about bringing the Laighills into local community management.

Craig French expressed his opinion that the Dunblane Coat of Arms should have a higher profile by being used more frequently.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the community council will be on Monday, 3 November, 2008.

The meeting ended at 10.10 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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Frederic Gilmour

Dunblane Community Council

Correspondence Received – Period 2 September to 6 October 2008

- 1) On 3/10: from Scottish Parliament concerning removal of car-parking impositions at all save three NHS hospitals across the country. (The 3 exceptions are PPP hospitals operated by the private sector).
- 2) On 29/09: from Stirling Council inviting Community Councils to notify dates of their meetings for the forthcoming year.
- 3) On 27/09: From SC re imposition of waiting restrictions in certain Dunblane streets.
- 4) On 23/09: From SC about a SC meeting scheduled for 25 September.
- 5) On 18/09: from *Postwatch Scotland* to announce its imminent demise (on 1 October)
- 6) On 13/09: notification of the Surgeries during September by Anne McGuire, MP.
- 7) On 13/09: from SC – a reminder about the Community Pride Fund.
- 8) On 06/09: from NHS Forth Valley advertising an Open forum meeting on 24 September.
- 9) On 5/09: from SC with agenda for SC meeting on 11/09.

F J A Gilmour
Honorary Secretary
Dunblane Community Council

REPORT FOR DUNBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 08

Over the last month there have been a total of 18 reported crimes and 23 reported Road Traffic Offences.

DETECTED

There have been a total of 8 detected crimes, these include 3 thefts, 2 Breach of the Peace, an Assault, a Vandalism and a detected drugs possession case.

The drugs case was as a result of information I received from a member of the public about a youth who was in possession of controlled drugs, I saw the named youth a couple of hours later, searched him and found a quantity of controlled drugs. If we get the information then we can and will act on it.

UNDETECTED

There have been a total of 10 undetected crimes reported, these include 5 vandalism, 3 theft, a fire raising and a trespass offence.

ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES

There have been a total of 23 Road Traffic offences over the month, these include 17 drivers caught speeding, all of which were in Dunblane, 5 not wearing a seatbelt and 1 drink driver.

CRIME OPERATION

As I mentioned last month, there is a crime operation currently being undertaken. As a result of this there have been a number of crimes detected, these include a total of 5 youths who have been traced and charged in relation to the recent spate of egg throwing in the Dunblane area.

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Treasurers Report

6th October 2008.

'Administration Account'	00347702
Expenditure since last report	£12.00
Interest	£0.30
Income	£0.00
Adjustment	£30.90
Account balance to date 30 th September 2008.	<u>£566.95</u>

'Community Fund'	00347753
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.08
Account balance to date 30 th September 2008	<u>£200.51</u>

Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 6th October 2008

Lawrie Dewar
Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT – October 2008.

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 5 Dougal Court, 52 Buchan Drive, The Arns Perth Road, 25 Argyle Grove. Conservatories at 6 Ochiltree Court, Fascia at 50 High St, Sign at the Christian Fellowship, Sign and cabins at the old High School site, Change of use at Tomdoran to single occupancy

Details have been received on the application at the gap site in the High Street, this will be considered at this meeting

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

Still no progress on the requested construction traffic restrictions at the Dunblane High housing development.

No progress on the requested construction traffic restrictions at Anchorscross.

The application for the extension to the house at 35 Old Doune Road has been withdrawn, the Community Council objected.

No decisions on the 3 townhouses at the Stirling Arms, Ellenacbeich, Inverlochty, Conversion of the agricultural building at Little Hill, new house at Mid Cambushinne, new house at 25 Ochlochty Park.

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