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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 7 June 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.

Present: Mike Seal (Chairman), Sandy Mackay (Secretary), Tony Ford (Treasurer), Terence O'Byrne, Sandy Hall, Peter McCusker, Craig French.

In attendance: Moira Stewart, Councillors Ann Dickson and Pat Greenhill, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Duncan Taylor, John Alexander and PC Graham Love.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman pointed out that a number of vacancies still existed on the Community Council, specifically in the Town Centre, Landward and Royals wards.

3. Minutes of the last meeting of 10 May 2004

These were approved, proposed by Peter McCusker and seconded by Terence O'Byrne.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Braeport Centre The Treasurer reported that the Braeport Management Group and the Dunblane Development Trust were looking into the feasibility of the latter taking over the running of the Centre. As both the Development Trust and the Braeport were registered charities, this would not be an obstacle. An action plan on how the Centre would be run would have to be agreed before an approach was made to Stirling Council to apply for a new management contract.

Old Doune Road The Secretary had phoned the Roads Department about the lack of signs on both sides of the nibs, but had been informed that this was a deliberate ploy to create a feeling of uncertainty in drivers and thus slow down the traffic. As new road markings were being added, it was agreed to wait and see how these affected traffic.

Junior member of the Community Council The Headteacher at the High School, David MacKenzie, is going to put the proposals detailed in the last minutes to the new Pupil Council next term. It was agreed that this group will be called the Dunblane Community Council Youth Group.

Football pavilion John Alexander had inspected the pavilion and found it to be in a terrible state. It was agreed that the Secretary will write to Stirling Council asking them to enforce the terms of the contract they have with Kinbuck Thistle about the upkeep of the pavilion.

5. Correspondence: See attached list.

The Chairman has the entry form and guidelines for entering the *Calor Scottish Community of the Year Awards Scheme*. He has put together an outline entry and asked the community councillors to contact him by the end of the week with any amendments or suggestions.

It was agreed that a copy of the *Guide for people with Learning Difficulties* will be placed in the library.

It was agreed that the Secretary will invite a representative from Stirling Council to the September meeting of the Community Council to talk on the Council's Emergency Planning.

Terence O'Byrne was given Stirling Council's *Sport and Physical Activity Strategy* to read with a view to the future of the football pitches in Dunblane.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Stirling Council's Provost's Civic Awards to be forwarded to the Secretary by the end of July.

The Chairman has received a letter from Stirling Council's Traffic Management Team Leader about the footpath at Glenallan Court which should be under construction in the year 2004-5.

The Chairman has received a letter from Helen Munro about Abbotsford. Perth and Kinross Council, as main trustees, has agreed to transfer the trust to Stirling Council, which is now going ahead with the petition to the High Court. This will include the provision that the proceeds of the sale will go to reputable charities for the benefit of the elderly and infirm in the parishes of Dunblane and Lecropt. Four charities will receive an equal share: The Princess Royal Carers' Centre, Crossroads (West Stirling), Alzheimer's Scotland (local branch) and the Dunblane Development Trust. The Chairman is to inform Mr Tom Bayne Allan of the above.

The Chairman has received a letter from Stirling Council, approving a certificate of lawfulness of garden ground at Ashley, Auchinlay.

The Chairman has received a copy of the insert which RAGE is including in *Community View*, detailing their plans for a community buyout of Park of Keir. Although the Community Council as such could not get involved in this, councillors could participate as private individuals.

The Chairman has received a letter from Audrey Morrison of the Stirling Landfill Tax Trust about an event in the Thistle Centre, held last week.

The Chairman has received a letter from David MacKenzie about the Youth Group to be organised next term.

The Chairman handed over a cheque to the Treasurer from the Development Trust to cover the cost of photocopying.

The Chairman has notification that the AGM of the Development Trust will be held in September, along with application forms for the appointment of directors.

6. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

The Treasurer reported that the audit was now complete. He will transfer the Christmas Lights Fund to the Development Trust next month. There is no time limit in applying for funding from the Community Grants Scheme and he will be looking into estimates for a PA system and for seating round Dunblane.

7. Planning Report: See attached.

A site visit to Kilbryde Crescent will take place on 14 June.

8. Report of meetings

There is advance notice of the AGM of the Dunblane Development Trust on 4 September 2004 in the Youth Centre.

The Chairman had attended the PPP meeting at the High School on 1 June. Two bidders will be placing tenders by 30 June, along with any variant tenders. The bidders will be asked if they will allow some of their details to be discussed prior to final selection in order to give people, eg the Community Council, a chance to comment. After a preferred bidder is selected, and a further six months of detailed planning, a display of the plans will be mounted in the Thistle Marches.

The Chairman had attended a meeting at Stirling Council about Third Party Planning Appeals.

The Chairman had attended a meeting about Community Council development, in which it was proposed that Community Councils took on a wider role, with greater responsibilities. It was suggested that "clusters" replace area forums, to be involved in cross-boundary issues. Consultation on this was ongoing.

The Development Trust was proposing that a group be formed to study how best to utilise the parking spaces in Dunblane with a view to using, for example, time restrictions. The group would comprise two members of the Development Trust, two members of the Community Council and two representatives of traders in the High Street. It was agreed that Peter McCusker and Sandy Hall would represent the Community Council.

9. Police Report: See attached.

In the absence of PC Love, the report was read out by the Secretary. Although the police bicycle had been purchased, further equipment was still awaited before the photoshoot for the *Community View* and the *Stirling Observer*.

10. Councillors' Report

Councillor Dickson brought the attention of the meeting to the agenda of Stirling Council's meeting to be held the following night, in which it was proposed that local offices be closed and replaced with a "One Stop Shop" in Stirling. As there had been no prior notification to the Community Council of the proposed closure of Dunblane Burgh Chambers, it was agreed, proposed by Craig French and seconded by Tony Ford, to register a protest at the lack of consultation about this. It was agreed that the Chairman would send an e-mail to this effect, with copies to other Community Councillors, to Bob Jack before the Stirling Council meeting.

Councillor Dickson also brought up the high number of complaints about the new system of bin collection. She emphasised the importance of letting Stirling Council know of any problems and delays in collection, as all complaints were logged.

Craig French also asked Councillor Dickson to look into the problem of the appeal by the developers at Kilbryde Crescent, whose planning application had been turned down. Stirling Council have not apparently defended their rejection of the application by responding to new points made in the submission lodged by the applicant.

11. AOCB

Tony Ford was able to report that the Roads Department had a big programme planned for Dunblane.

Councillor Greenhill pointed out that traffic flow on the streets around the Old Doune Road needed to be monitored.

The Chairman announced that the Dunblane website was up and running, with a page about the Community Council.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

PLANNING REPORT – 7th June 2004.

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 Fairdale Glen Road, 10 Gibson Grove and 13 Drummond Rise; conservatory at 10 Barclay Place and internal refurbishment at Q V School.

There were no other applications lodged since the last Community Council meeting.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

No decisions yet from the Planners regarding the applications to build 9 new houses around Provan and 2 houses at Tomdoran – we objected to both.

We await the outcome of the Reporter Inquiry into the application for 15 housing units in Kilbryde Crescent. We have written to the Reporter referring him to our previous submissions.

The Park of Keir Public Inquiry has been completed and we await the outcome. No news is expected before September.

A Reporter Inquiry is underway into the application for a nursing home on Perth Road. Our previous submissions will be considered as part of this.

We await the decision of the Planners regarding the development at Ault Wharrie and the two houses in the Ledcameroch walled garden.

Other Planning Matters

Still no news yet on the outcome of the Stirling Council Local Plan Inquiry held before Christmas.

No further news yet about plans for a bigger Health Centre.

Planning sub-committee.

The existing members are Mike Seal, Gordon Boyd, Duncan Taylor and Peter McUsker. It has been agreed that we will enlarge this sub-committee, re-organise the duties and re-structure it to spread the workload more evenly across the members. Terence O'Byrne volunteered last month to join this group and recently, Ian Dalglish and Tom Smith (Development Trust and Civic Society) have agreed to participate. The first meeting of the new group will be called soon. Without a Community Councillor in Landward, we would like to find a Landward resident who would at least be prepared to be involved in Planning matters only. The sub-committee will not be taking any Community Council decisions or communicating directly with Stirling Council. Their role is to report to the Community Council with recommendations and the Council will make the decisions and communicate with Stirling Council.

Mike Seal.