

Dunblane Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 7 August, 2006, at 7.30 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.

Present: Tony Ford (Chairman), Sandy Mackay (Secretary), Terence O'Byrne, Stuart Hepburn, John Alexander, Duncan Taylor and Domenico Angeolini.

In attendance: PC Linzi Meek, Moira Stewart, Sue Faulkner, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from the Treasurer, Peter McCusker.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman suspended the order of the agenda so that the police report could be given by PC Meek. She reported an increase in reports of vandalism over the summer months, partly due to seasonal factors such as better weather and schools being on holiday, but also to more accurate reporting methods. Although there were complaints from residents near Newton Primary School about youth disorder there, the police have not found any problem when they visited. There have been a few thefts of bikes and the police were keeping an eye on traffic offences. PC Meek was keen to engage more with youngsters in the town and the appointment of a street worker would be of benefit in this. Stuart Hepburn urged her to write an article for the next *Community View*, due out mid-September. As PC Meek will be away on a course next month, a replacement will be sent to the next community council meeting.

The Chairman thanked the community councillors for their efforts at the last meeting. He gave prior warning of the Community Council elections in November and urged everyone to stand again. Although two people had expressed an interest in becoming community councillors, they have failed to attend any meetings. Stuart Hepburn suggested that an article could be included in the next *Community View* to encourage people to stand. It was important not to let the Community Council fold and the elections will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman also praised the efforts of the Secretary and the rest of the Dunblane in Bloom team in maintaining the increased number of flower tubs around the town.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 5 June 2006

These were approved, proposed by Stuart Hepburn and seconded by Domenico Angeolini.

4. Matters arising

PPP There has been no major complaints about the construction traffic for the new High School on the Old Doune Road.

Skateboard park A decision regarding the planning applications will be made on 17 August. In the meantime, the Skateboard Park Group has attracted more funding, and it is hoped that the contract will be going out to tender soon.

School bus provision As the path from the Barbush estate will not be constructed in time for the new school term, Stirling Council has agreed to retain the school bus.

Bridgend The railway footbridge has been resurfaced.

Bollard at The Haining The Secretary is awaiting a reply to his letter about this.

Grasscutting arrangements The Chairman has received a lot of correspondence about the reduction in grass cutting, especially from residents of the Braemar and Wallace Road area. Stirling Council has apologised in the *Stirling Observer*, citing costs as the main reason for reducing grass cutting. The Chairman proposed that the Community Council write to the Council acknowledging this apology but asking what was being done to rectify the situation.

Area Community Planning Forums The Secretary is not willing to attend any further meetings.

Post Office at Kinbuck As the postmistress has retired, new premises were required. It was agreed to follow this up.

Holmehill Community Buyout Group This has been allowed to continue and will be holding its AGM shortly.

Polling stations There is nothing to report about this.

Braeport There is an issue with the car park there but it was pointed out that access to the property owned by Mr MacDonald was permitted around the perimeter of the car park.

Laighills pavilion A Sunday youth football team, the Stirling Rangers, has written to the Council suggesting that they take over the care of the interior of the pavilion. Although supportive of their request, the Chairman pointed out that the pavilion is a public amenity, available to all, and a local keyholder would be required. Stirling Council would still be obliged to keep it wind- and water-tight. However, Stirling Council cannot afford to refurbish the toilets next door to the pavilion.

Parking Moira Stewart raised the problem of the lack of parking spaces near the Victoria Hall not only for those who attend the monthly market there but for all regular users of the hall. The Chairman agreed that, with the refurbishment of the station area, the notices at the station advertising parking at Dunblane, and the proposed new church to be built next to the hall, parking would become even more difficult. Although more spaces had been provided on the dual carriageway, these were fully used. The Secretary agreed to a suggestion of Sue Faulkner that he write to Stirling Council asking for their views on 2-hour parking restrictions on the Victoria Hall side of Stirling Road. He will also investigate ownership of the car parks and land adjacent on either side of the railway station, and will copy his correspondence to local councillors.

Weed spraying Moira Stewart complained that Stirling Council groundsmen had, once more, allowed their weed sprays to drift onto gardens adjacent to Hill Side and the Secretary agreed to take this up with the Council.

5. Correspondence: See attached list.

The letter from Stirling Council cancelling the funding of Christmas lights will be passed to the Development Trust. It was agreed that this should be highlighted in an article in *Community View*.

The Chairman has already replied to the questionnaire from Stirling Council about the proposed amendment of the scheme for the establishment of Community Councils.

The Secretary will write to Stirling Council about the Core Paths Plan Consultation as Dunblane is not included.

The poster from NHS Forth Valley will be displayed and the correspondence relating to the Public Involvement Network was passed to Terence O'Byrne.

Sylvia Jackson in her letter about CCTV cameras said she would investigate if there was any further funding as she had been informed that there was no extra capacity for more cameras.

SEPA view was passed to Stuart Hepburn.

Copies of correspondence between the Scottish Executive and a Causewayhead action group about the PPP project at Wallace High School were passed to Terence O'Byrne.

6. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

It was noted that the Administration Grant has been received from Stirling Council.

7. Planning Report: See attached.

The Chairman is to look into the proposed garden extension at Montgomery Crescent.

It was agreed that the planning status of a house whose construction has been started next to the substation on the river near the Faery Bridge should be investigated.

8. Report of meetings

There was none.

9. Police Report

This was dealt with at the start of the meeting.

10. Councillor's Report

As neither of the councillors was present, there was none.

11. AOCB

Stuart Hepburn appealed for articles for the next *Community View* and the Chairman agreed to write about his role as chairman of the community council.

John Alexander reported that repairs had been carried out at the cemetery and trees have been taken down at Balmoral Court. Complaints had been made about the state of two gardens to the Council and action has been taken to clear them, at the residents' expense.

It was agreed that it was unfortunate that regular reports about the state of trees, hedges and road signage round Dunblane were no longer undertaken.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

MONTHLY REPORT –AUGUST 2006.

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 North&South Steading, Park of Keir. 10 Barclay Place, 43 Rylands Road, Park of Keir Cottage, 10 Rylands Road, 6 Drummond Rise, 19 St Lawrence Avenue. Conservatories at 49 Menteith View and 10 Whitecross. Dormer at 6 Wallace Road. Double Garage at 2 Bellenden Grove, Satellite Dish at 28 Mill Court. Garden Enlargment at 23 Montgomery Crescent. Alter Fence at 89 Montgomery Crescent. 2 extra dishes on mast at Lower Auchinlay. Garage Block at Cairnston.

An application has been made for alterations at the Museum. A letter supporting this application was submitted. Detailed plans available at this meeting.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The application for 13 flats at Randolph Hill has been approved. Our letter of objection was not referred to, a letter of complaint has been submitted which has not been acknowledged yet.

Permission has been granted for a house in the garden at the top of the Glen Road, we objected.

Permission has been granted to demolish Ardnablane, the demolition took place many weeks prior.

The new Care Village at Barbush has been approved.

The application for a new house at the Knowe, Doune Road has been refused. The conversion of a garage to a Nursery at Glendaurel, Perth Road has been approved.

No progress on the phone mast at Barbush or the Perth Road. No progress on Aultwharrie or the new houses at Ardnablane.

The Pre-Enquiry meeting for Provan was held on 12th June. The enquiry will take place on November 28th at the Dunblane Centre and is expected to take 3 days.

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