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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council, held on Monday, 7 September, 2009, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Sue Faulkner (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Frederic Gilmour (Vice-Chairman), Alan Booth, Charles McHugh, Kevin Curtin, Craig French and Domenico Angiolini.

In attendance: Councillor Callum Campbell, Sergeant Adrian Wright, Moira Stewart, Gerald Starkey, Angela Edgar, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Councillors David Goss, Graham Houston and Colin Finlay, John Alexander and Kate Fawcett.

2. Chairman's Remarks: There was none.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 3 August 2009

These were approved, proposed by Frederic Gilmour and seconded by the Treasurer.

4. Matters arising

Access road to pitches at the High School The Chairman and Councillor Goss are to pursue this matter. **Action:** The Chairman and Councillor Goss.

Cycle-lane on B8033 Charles McHugh is awaiting a reply from Darren Ryan (Transport Team, Stirling Council) to his enquiry about regulations covering cycle-lanes. Stressing that this was a problem of safety, not use, the Chairman appealed for advice to the police

sergeant who recommended that Sergeant Alistair MacLean from the Collision Prevention Unit at Central Scotland Police be contacted. **Action:** Charles McHugh will report on progress at the next meeting.

Housing for the homeless Councillor Campbell reported that at present there were three properties in Dunblane currently available for allocation to homeless people. In response to a query from Alan Booth, he agreed to find out the number of properties in Dunblane already occupied by those who had been designated as homeless. **Action:** Councillor Campbell.

Stirling Arms The Secretary read out an update submitted by Kate Fawcett. The Council had not found the building to be in a dangerous condition, but a further structural survey is to be carried out to investigate a bulge in the back wall. The police have been involved with an incident of someone squatting in the garage premises at the back of the Stirling Arms.

Youth initiatives (See letter in Correspondence list – Agenda item 6.)

Repair of surface at Smithy Loan junction In response to a query from Charles McHugh as to whether the repair of the road surface outlined by Councillor Houston at the last meeting included the access road from the High Street up Smithy Loan, the Chairman agreed to clarify this with Councillor Houston. **Action:** The Chairman.

George Street It was noted that the Council is prepared to erect “Children Playing” warning signs in George Street, but not to restrict the speed of traffic to 20 mph. However, concern was raised over inconsiderate parking of vehicles at the junction with Old Doune Road and the Chairman agreed to contact the Roads Department about the possibility of extending double yellow, no-parking, lines there. **Action:** The Chairman.

Traffic survey on B8033 Alan Booth reported that there were concerns over the number of vehicles not abiding by traffic rules when turning back into Dunblane at the junction. At present, the speed of traffic is being monitored. The Chairman also noted that grass is encroaching on the carriageway and will notify the Council about this. **Action:** The Chairman.

Consultation on the establishment of community councils The Chairman has replied to this.

20 mph zone around the High School (See letter in Correspondence list – Agenda item 6.)

Grass-cutting at Abbotsford The Secretary has been informed that this has been done.

Repair of pavement in Wallace Road A reply from Councillor Goss is awaited. **Action:** Councillor Goss.

Community Council minutes in the library Charles McHugh reported that the library had been misfiling these but the Chairman has been told that they will be available and up-to-date. Charles McHugh felt that the box file containing them should be on view in the library.

Meeting with the Dunblane Development Trust The suggestion of Craig French was agreed, that both the DDT and the community council will have to agree any joint public statement as a result of the meeting of 14 September.

5. Police Report: See attached.

Sergeant Adrian Wright from Bridge of Allan introduced himself and read the monthly report which had been collated by PC Simon Fraser. Of concern was the occurrence of anti-social behaviour incidents and vandalism. Efforts are being made to engage with young people regularly and he felt this was yielding results, particularly with respect to gathering information. The on-going problem of traffic in Ramoyle was discussed. Traffic wardens have been re-organised into designated areas so that there will be better continuity and they will be more aware of local problems. In reply to requests for more details on the frequency of visits by traffic wardens, the Sergeant agreed to find out and pass this information on. Alan Booth wished to know the income generated from parking in Dunblane from fees and penalty notices. Sergeant Wright agreed to find out more details on parking penalties and will send this to the Chairman. He also reported that PC Fraser will be joined by a dedicated partner for the Dunblane area, as part of the community policing initiative. The Chairman thanked Sergeant Wright for his input to the meeting.

6. Correspondence: See attached.

1. The four documents from Tactran were passed to Alan Booth.

3. The consultation on Station Car Parking Policy from Transport Stirling was passed to Craig French.

6. With reference to the letter from Angela Edgar requesting that the community council ask Stirling Council for a traffic survey on the B8033 from Dunblane to Kinbuck, the Chairman agreed to write to Angela McGibbon (Stirling Council, Roads and Transport). The Chairman will also send a copy of Angela Edgar's letter to all community councillors. **Action:** the Chairman.

7. In reply to a question from Angela Edgar, Councillor Campbell agreed to find out if Kinbuck is included in the newly-organised designated areas for street cleaning teams. **Action:** Councillor Campbell.

11. Councillor Houston's update reported that the showers at the Laighills had been mended. As there is some confusion over this, it was agreed that the Secretary will liaise with John Alexander to find out if repairs have been successful. **Action:** The Secretary. Alan Booth is to send Councillor Houston feed-back from the Community Survey from High School pupils. **Action:** Alan Booth.

13. A site visit has been made to Barbush and the developers have been informed of the vandalism and have been asked for a time-scale for the removal of the huts. Domenico Angiolini pointed out the need to check if the pond there is protected as a wildlife area.

14. The Council has not taken into account any of the community council's objections to the 20 mph zones and it was agreed that Kevin Curtin will draft a letter for approval by the Chairman to send to the Council asking them to justify their decision. **Action:** Kevin Curtin.

Alan Booth reported that the Forestry Commission has published a consultation on giving grants to landowners to manage their woodlands. The community council should have been invited to a meeting with Kippendavie Development Company who plan to expand the woodland near the Gathering Stone on Sheriffmuir. Alan Booth agreed to find out more about this. **Action:** Alan Booth.

Alan Booth has received an email from Nicola Paterson (Countryside Services) in which she states that a masterplan for the Laighills will be drawn up after consultation with community groups in Dunblane.

7. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

The Treasurer reminded community councillors to submit their expenses claims.

8. Development Trust Report

The Treasurer reported that the DDT has received a large number of congratulations on securing a £1.2 million grant from the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund. The joint meeting with the DDT and the community council will take place on 14 September to increase understanding and co-operation between the two bodies. The AGM of the DDT will be held on 19 September.

One incidence of vandalism had damaged one of the Dunblane in Bloom flower tubs, the Coronation Garden is now complete and the drystone dyke will be completed shortly. It was felt that a gap at the end of the Coronation Garden, which could permit small children to run into the river, should be blocked by, for example, a flower tub.

9. Planning Report: See attached.

With reference to the proposed tennis courts in the grounds of the Hydro, it was noted that local children had used this space as an informal football pitch. It was, therefore, agreed that the Chairman will write to the manager at the Hydro asking that children not be precluded from using the rest of the ground. **Action:** The Chairman.

It was agreed to take a neutral stance with regards to the application at Ash Cottage.

With reference to Stirling Council's policy on wind turbines, Alan Booth agreed to look at this document and discuss its implications with the Chairman. He postulated the notion that if the Braes of Doune were expanded, perhaps two of the turbines could be for

community profit. He also questioned the future use of hydro power on the river. **Action:** Alan Booth.

10. Community Plan Update

Alan Booth reported that the text for the Community Plan is being finalised shortly, to be followed by a final liaison meeting with the original community groups involved. Stirling Council will pay printing costs and decisions will have to be made about its distribution. A summary could be included in the next *Community View* with the full report available at the library and on the web.

11. **Report of meetings:** There was none.

12. Councillor's Report

Councillor Campbell gave details of the Scrutiny Panel on Disruption in Schools, which is meeting for the first time shortly. This will cover all secondary schools and some primary schools in the Stirling area and will look at behaviour and discipline within the classroom, working with teachers, parents and pupils to ensure that classrooms are a suitable learning environment. A discussion followed about the policy of inclusion and the need to support the disruptive minority. The ultimate aim is to reduce disruption and provide a suitable learning environment and the Panel will report back to the Council in December. Councillor Campbell invited anyone to contact him with their view and opinions about this subject.

13. AOCB

Kevin Curtin asked who was responsible for the public recycling area at Tesco which was dirty and untidy, and the Chairman suggested that both the manager at Tesco and the Streetscape team from the Council be contacted. Councillor Campbell agreed to follow this up. **Action:** Councillor Campbell.

With reference to the transport timetable for Dunblane, Charles McHugh welcomed the fact that the new one included the Glasgow to Dundee bus service but felt it should have been given a separate, more detailed, page to itself. It was agreed that he should pursue this. **Action:** Charles McHugh.

The Secretary invited community councillors to submit their contact details to her for inclusion in a list for distribution round the community council.

The Chairman reported that rubbish needed to be removed from the substation at George Street and Kevin Curtin agreed to pursue this. **Action:** Kevin Curtin

In response to a complaint by Moira Stewart that the pavement on the Perth Road opposite the bowling green is blocked, the Chairman agreed to check up on this. **Action:** The Chairman.

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

This is a true representation of the meeting.

Terence O'Byrne Date
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Chairman

Sue Faulkner Date
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Secretary

REPORT FOR DUNBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – AUG 09

DETECTED

Over the last month there have been a number of detected crimes, these include 4 breach of the peace, one of which was racial, 2 Vandalism including 4 youths who were traced and charged after damage was caused to the grounds of Dunblane Primary School, 3 reported assaults and 2 drugs possession cases and a male who was charged for failing to leave a licensed premises.

Also during August 3 males were traced and charged in relation to 2 separate thefts of solar lights in George Street and Anne Street, these thefts actually occurred in May and June and it was as a result of recent information gained that these males were identified and charged.

UNDETECTED

There have been a number of undetected the vast majority of which are vandalism and theft.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There have been a number of traffic offences reported including a local female who was caught using Ramoyle as a short cut.

OPERATION BROADSWORD

Over the month of September community police will be taking part in Operation Broadsword, which is about community engagement and interaction. The focus of the operation will be the Dunblane and Bridge of Allan areas and will involve foot patrol in all areas of the town, anti-social patrols, road traffic enforcement and multi agency working .

TRAFFIC WARDEN

In the next few weeks, all traffic wardens will be given an area of responsibility with one being given Dunblane as an area.

PROBATIONARY CONSTABLE

From the end of September I will have a probationary officer paired with myself at Dunblane Police Office who will work with me constantly for a number of months.

Correspondence received since last meeting

No.	Dated	from	subject	Regarding
1	16.7.09 a)b)c)d)	Tactran	Strategy and sub-strategies + 4 documents	'Walking & Cycling' 'Buses' 'Travel Info.' 'Park & Ride'
2	31.7.09	Stirling Council	Planning Panel Meeting	no Dunblane applications
3	31.7.09	Transport Scotland	Station Car Parking Policy	Consultation
4	13.8.09	D/blane Dev Trust	Relationship	reply to letter & notes
5	19.8.09	Stirling Council	Disabled on street parking	8 & 12 Claredon Place
6	25.8.09	Angela Edgar	B8033 Dunblane to Kinbuck	speed limits and dangers
7	31.8.09	Stirling Council	Street Cleaning	Officer areas & contact details
8	31.08.09	Mark Totten	Allanwater builders at Barbush	Containers and fencing
9	28.8.09	Stirling Council	Planning Policy – Wind Farms	new policy on siting
10	31.8.09	Stirling Council	Special meeting	cleaning of Old Viewforth
11	4.9.09	Graham Houston	update in absence	High School 20mph/ showers laighhills /Youth initiatives
12	4.9.09	Charles McHugh	letter to D Ryan	Cycle lane B8033
13	4.9.09	Andrew Gardiner	Site cabins at Barbush	removal of cabins
		Association of CCs	'The Community Councillor' magazine	

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Treasurers Report

7th September 2009.

'Administration Account'	00347702
Expenditure since last report	£30.00
Interest 31/07/09	£0.04
Interest 28/08/09	£0.07
Account balance to date 28 th August 2009.	<u>£875.69</u>

'Community Fund'	00347753
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.02
Account balance to date 28 th August 2009	<u>£200.90</u>

Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 7th September 2009.

Lawrie Dewar
Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT – September 2009.

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: Extension at The Coach House Perth road, 103 Ochiltree, 14 Ochloch Park, 11 Coldstream Ave, Conservatory at 39 Albert St, Garage at Bishop Barn Braeport, Design Change at Old Glassinghall, New house at Whitestone Farm, new Tennis Courts at the Hydro Hotel.

New house at Ash Cottage in Ashfield to be considered at this meeting

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The application to extend the leisure club at the Hydro Hotel has been approved. The Community Council raised an objection on the apparent lack of fire exits. This application was approved via the delegated decision section of the weekly schedule without any reference to our objection. Terence O'Byrne to seek a meeting with Peter Morgan to discuss changes in the planning process.

No decisions on the 3 townhouses at the Stirling Arms, Conversion of the agricultural building at Little Hill, 2 new houses at Park Cottage.

Other Planning Matters

Stirling Council are revising their current policy with regard to wind turbines and have issued a draft for consultation. This is a complex document to interpret, As I understand from it they have designated the existing areas with large turbines (Braes of Doune etc) as areas that will not be allowed further development.

Dunblane has been identified as an area that could have turbines up to 20 m high which are classed as small scale. Many urban areas have been classified the same way.

Where the community wishes to have it own turbines then some limited relaxation of the regulations will apply but the majority of the community must support such proposals.

Overall there is little implication for Dunblane and its surroundings other than the small turbines.

Terence O'Byrne