

Dunblane Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 7 November, 2005, at 7.30 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.

Present: Tony Ford (Chairman), Sandy Mackay (Secretary), Peter McCusker (Treasurer), Terence O'Byrne, Kirsten Strachan, Stuart Hepburn, Duncan Taylor, Craig French.

In attendance: Councillor Pat Greenhill, Graham Fleming, Kay McKay, Rod McCreath, Peter Meldrum, Susan and Natalie Kerr, Rhona Peat, Sue Faulkner, Moira Stewart, Nicki Baker and Peter Pearson from *Stirling Before Pylons* and Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Domenico Angeolini and John Alexander.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman suspended the order of the agenda and invited Nicki Baker and Peter Pearson from *Stirling Before Pylons* to speak to the meeting. Nicki Baker urged Community Councillors to write to Stirling Council and the Energy Consents Unit to press for a Public Enquiry into the proposed Beauly to Denny powerline, stressing that the deadline was 12 December. There were three issues to address: the general situation, the health issue and the importance of the landscape and battle site on Sheriffmuir. She pointed out that the sheer volume of details provided by the energy company (six volumes) made it very difficult to understand the impact on a particular area. However, she had gleaned that it was proposed to build a 9 kilometre heavy duty access track across Sheriffmuir which would be very visible. It was important to press for a Public Enquiry to ensure, at the very least, the powerline would have minimum impact and that there would be more controls on the contractor.

The Chairman thanked them for their input to the meeting, and pointed out that, through the *Community View*, the Community Council had encouraged people to write to Stirling Council. They agreed to keep in touch with Terence O'Byrne.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 3 October, 2005

These were approved, proposed by Kirsten Strachan and seconded by Terence O'Byrne.

4. Matters arising

Cemetery In reply to a letter from the Secretary, the Council has agreed to put netting on the main gates to keep out the rabbits, and to padlock the maintenance gates. The boltholes on the gates will also be realigned.

Zebra crossing The Secretary has had no reply to his letter enquiring about the actual position of the proposed zebra crossing on Springfield Terrace. Concern was expressed over potential parking problems.

Bridgend bridge This will be resurfaced, subject to a structural survey to be carried out by Stirling Council.

Community Council vacancies There have been no nominations for the five vacancies in Dunblane and it was agreed to leaflet the wards where there were vacancies, in the hope of attracting candidates for the next round of elections in February 2006.

CCTV cameras In response to a letter from the Secretary enquiring about the provision of CCTV cameras, Chief Inspector Findlater stated that the provision of CCTV cameras within this force area was a matter for consideration by the Local Authority and, based on his knowledge of similar requests from other towns, he thought it was unlikely they would be prepared to fund CCTV cameras for Dunblane. He suggested a meeting with PC Strachan, the police representative on such matters, to discuss the subject. PC Strachan had suggested a ball-park figure of £15,000 per camera.

5. Correspondence: See attached list.

The letter from Scottish Power about the proposed Beauly to Denny powerline was passed to Terence O'Byrne.

The letter from Stirling Council about the Stirling Area Local Access Forum was passed to Stuart Hepburn.

In a letter dated 14 October 2005, Stirling Council has agreed to raise the level of the manhole cover in Atholl Place.

In the letter from Central Scotland Police about CCTV cameras in Dunblane, it was recognised that constant monitoring was not required, as footage could be recorded.

SEPA View was passed to Stuart Hepburn.

The Scottish Executive draft document on Community Councils was passed to Terence O'Byrne.

Commenting on the *Street Cleaner of the Year* nominations, it was agreed to ask the Council about cleaning the vennel beside Burgess and Gibson.

The Chairman has received a letter from Stirling Council informing him that a ground survey of the old gas works at Mill Row was to be undertaken.

Stuart Hepburn has received a letter from a resident of Kinbuck about the recurring problem of damage to the bridge at Kinbuck caused by lorries knocking into it. It was agreed that the Secretary will write to the Director of Roads, Stirling Council, to enquire if restrictions could be placed on the length of lorries crossing this bridge.

6. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

7. Planning Report: See attached.

The Community Council agreed that there was a strong case for a Public Enquiry into the Beauly to Denny powerline.

8. Report of Meetings

Stuart Hepburn reported on *Community View*, which has increased readership and had a makeover. It has won Community Newspaper awards and it was hoped to bring it out more often in the future.

9. Police Report

There was none, as PC Love was absent ill.

10. Councillor's Report

Councillor Pat Greenhill reported that a new planning application for Provan was expected to be submitted.

It was felt that it would be useful to have a survey done to find out the exact cost of replacing the Memorial Bridge, but it was agreed to let the Dunblane Development Trust report on this as it was attempting to develop a regeneration plan for the riverside, which would include paths, parking and the bridge.

11. AOCB

The Secretary intimated that he would be away next month and gave his apologies for the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT – NOVEMBER 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: Single storey extension at 30 Anchorscross, 9 Coldstream Ave, 9 The Square, Ashfield, Extension at 3 Newton Crescent, Eats Deanton, Perth Road, Dormer Windows at 28 Murdoch St and 16 Albert St, Relocation of doorway at 35 High St, New exit door and stairs at the Tappit Hen, Boundary wall alterations at 6 Bellenden Grove, Erection of garage at 1 The Cottages, Ashfield, Bay window to rear of 16 Ochloch Park, Chimney Stack at Colonsay, Perth Road and finally, Demolition and erections of replacement house at 42 Doune Road.

We have received details in the format of 4 CD's for the Scottish and Southern Electricity application for erection of a new 400KV power line from Beaully to Denny which passes through the Dunblane CC area. Stirling Council would like a response by November 12th if possible. If any of the Councils affected object then a Public Enquiry will be called. There are many serious objection groups on the full length of this proposed power line. Members of the local StirlingBeforePylons group have made a presentation at this meeting.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

Permission has been granted for the Kippendavie Golf Course which was the subject of a re-application, Section 75 agreements have been concluded at Park of Keir (The CC has not been informed of this). The Provan enquiry will take place in the Victoria Halls on December 6/7/8

The High School project is still delayed awaiting a decision from the Scottish Executive which has now been over 4 months.

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

Other Planning Matters

Terence O'Byrne attended an event at Holyrood on Saturday 29th October. The new White Paper on Planning Legislation was discussed by upwards of 100 attendees mainly from Community Councils in Scotland. The general opinion of the meeting was the current legislation was inadequate with many sceptical views expressed and that the new legislation was little better, in particular the absence of any 3rd Party Right of Appeal which was discussed at length with almost 100% of the attendees being on favour of some form of TPRA.

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