



Dunblane Community Council

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

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Sue Faulkner (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Craig French (Vice-Chairman), Alan Booth, Frederic Gilmour, John Alexander, Angela Edgar, Charles McHugh, Kevin Curtin, Kate Fawcett.

In attendance: Councillors David Goss and Graham Houston, PC Simon Fraser, Jean Houston (Stirling Council), David Gill (Dunblane Development Trust), Martin Little (*Allanwater News*), Peter Roubaud, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Councillor Colin Campbell.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Angela Edgar as the only new community councillor after the recent elections and expressed disappointment in the lack of nominations to the community council. Further elections will be held in February 2010 and efforts will be made to increase public awareness of these. The Chairman and the Secretary will liaise with Helen Geddes at Stirling Council over the date of this election. He noted that the Local Development Plan will be the main subject of discussion for the near future.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 5 October 2009

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

4. Matters arising

Housing for the homeless No reply has as yet been received from Councillor Campbell.

Action: Councillor Campbell.

Resurfacing of High Street to Smithy Loan Councillor Houston confirmed that the road will be resurfaced from the roundabout at the top of the High Street to the Fourways roundabout and up Smithy Loan up to the school, but he did not have a time schedule for this work. At the same time, he hoped that a one-way system from the High Street up Smithy Loan and a speed limit will be installed.

George Street In response to the Chairman's enquiry, he was informed by the Roads Department, Stirling Council, that double yellow no-parking lines should have been painted on both sides of the road and that this will be done when the contractors next visited, although there was no indication of when this will be. The Chairman will check on this for the next meeting. **Action: The Chairman.** Kevin Curtin has received a reply from Darren Ryan with reference to traffic calming in George Street, in which he has been informed that, because there is no existing traffic calming measures in place, then there are no plans to introduce a 20 mph speed limit. There is also no indication of when "children playing" signs at the playground will be erected. He will follow this up for the next meeting. **Action: Kevin Curtin**

Repair of pavement on Wallace Road Councillor Goss indicated that there are no plans at present to resurface this. However, in reply to a query from John Alexander, he agreed to look at the damaged pavement outside no 24 Wallace Road. The Chairman also notified him that there was damage to the road surface. **Action: Councillor Goss.**

Woodland on Kippendavie Group Trust land Alan Booth will follow this up. **Action: Alan Booth.**

Wind-turbine policy Alan Booth will follow this up. **Action: Alan Booth.**

Proposed Festive Lights Committee The Secretary will follow this up. **Action: The Secretary.** Councillor Goss will also find out if Stirling Council will provide funds for Christmas decorations in Dunblane. **Action: Councillor Goss.**

Narrowing of road outside Pisgah In a reply to the Chairman, the Council informed him that the road has not become narrower than it was previously, and that they asked for a large beech hedge to be cut back, which has duly happened. However, where the hedge has been cut back there is a soft verge to the road and a concrete structure, relating to the Water Board, is jutting up on the road surface.

Stirling Arms Kate Fawcett reported that the owners have no plans for it at present.

WYG Planning & Design WYG has declined to hold a public meeting over their plans for Kippendavie land.

Community View The Chairman thanked Alan Booth for his efforts in producing the recent *Community View* which included the "expressions of interest" submitted by developers.

Footpath to Ashfield Councillor Goss reported that, although the path was slipping into the river, he has been told that it is not dangerous and there are no funds available to effect repairs. He will report back at the February meeting. **Action: Councillor Goss.**

Lane between George Street and Charles Street John Alexander has received a rather confused reply from Housing Services, Stirling Council, who do not intend to repair it. Councillor Goss agreed to follow this up. **Action: Councillor Goss.**

5. Police Report: See attached.

The Chairman agreed to email PC Fraser with the minutes of the last meeting, so that he can follow up on the incident mentioned there. PC Fraser commented that the number of incidents was down in November from the October figure and commended local licensees on being vigilant about under-age drinking. Although there are no plans to introduce bottle-marking, he reported that co-ordinated action with the British Transport Police would hopefully prevent young people travelling to Dunblane with alcohol.

6. Local Development Plan update/discussion

The Chairman reported that a meeting is to be held in the High School on 25 January 2010, chaired by Councillor Houston, with the Development Trust, the Community Council, and other local organisations in order to discuss the Local Development Plan which is in the process of being prepared by Stirling Council. A list of subjects of which the community council requires further explanation is to be sent to Claire Milne (Planning Department) before this meeting. In view of this, the Chairman guided discussion over the following points:

- (i) Information about the present and projected capacity of the primary schools and the secondary school should be available from the Council. It was also noted that the Scottish Government's policy is to reduce class sizes.
- (ii) With reference to the sewerage and water supply, Councillor Houston informed the meeting that Scottish Water has advised all councils that this is not an issue as it is their responsibility to provide these services.
- (iii) How do the above dictate the scale of future developments in Dunblane?
- (iv) What further engagement should the community council have with the community as well as with landowners or developers prior to the Main Issues Report (MIR)? A long discussion followed.

The MIR when it appears next year will be a substantive document, which will provide different options and scenarios, but it will be able to be altered. The latest *Community View* has provided the public with information about proposed developments and the community council will have to decide what consultation it will undertake and when. Councillor Houston reported that Stirling Council had decided to look at each settlement individually when drawing up a Local Development Plan, which will be relevant up to 2032, and that after the MIR is published consultation involving communities will take place.

Craig French asked if the community council would be content to simply flag up issues for the MIR or should it take a position on them. In his opinion, the main issue is: by how much should Dunblane expand? Although it was felt that the majority of residents do not want major developments in Dunblane, he insisted that evidence of this will be required and that he favoured going to the meeting in January with a firm position, backed by facts and figures. He called on councillors to be innovative in raising the public's awareness of the debate.

In David Gill's opinion it was too early for the community council to take a stance on behalf of the community before knowing all the facts. During the recent consultation

over the Community Plan the priority issues for most people were facilities in Dunblane and the development of the High Street.

Councillor Houston felt that a broader range of opinions was needed at the meeting on 25 January and that by including a wide range of organisations this could prove the genesis of a Dunblane Forum. He will forward a list of the organisations to the Secretary so that the community council can verify who has been invited to the January meeting. Alan Booth will forward a list of the organisations involved in the Dunblane Forum to Councillor Houston. **Action: Alan Booth, Councillor Houston.**

With reference to consultation with landowners and developers who have submitted “expressions of interest”, there was a long discussion and opinion was divided whether to consult with them before or after the MIR is published. David Gill felt it was important for the community council to understand what each is trying to achieve but that it would be more useful to consult with landowners, who are local, rather than developers. Charles McHugh felt it would be better for the community council to be reactive, rather than proactive, to any development proposal. In Alan’s Booth opinion, an early dialogue with developers and landowners could be an opportunity to make them aware of what the community wants and could also mean that more community benefit could be gained. Craig French had no objection in principle to consulting them before the MIR but doubted that the community council had sufficient energy and resources to do it in any meaningful way and also felt that it would create an expectation that there would be no objection to a later planning application.

The Chairman drew the discussion to a close and it was agreed that this will form the basis for a discussion at the meeting on 25 January. The community council will make a decision at its February meeting.

7. Correspondence: See attached.

1. The community council had not been invited to the Joint Flooding Meeting held by Stirling Council, although other bodies had been represented. The Secretary will find out for the February meeting why this had happened. Alan Booth will email the minutes round all the community councillors. **Action: The Secretary, Alan Booth.**

2. John Alexander will find out if the huts have been removed and inform the Secretary. **Action: John Alexander.**

11. This meeting has been cancelled.

13. With reference to the proposed Countryside Action days, Alan Booth will reply with suggestions of work needing done in Dunblane, eg the replacement of benches. **Action: Alan Booth.**

14. Kevin Curtin informed the meeting that a project manager has been employed but he will find out more about this project for the next meeting of the community council. **Action: Kevin Curtin.**

15. This was passed to the Chairman.

Stirling Council has notified that they intend to remove the timber bus shelters at Glassingall and on the B8033 at the Keir roundabout. The Secretary will ascertain that the bus stops themselves will remain. **Action: The Secretary.**

8. Treasurer’s Report: See attached.

The Treasurer had earlier received an application from Newton Primary School for money to build a sedum roof on their outside classroom which will cost £1,500. They wished to

apply to the Community Pride Fund, through the Community Council, for funding and it was agreed in principle to support their application. However, as the school is Council property, there were doubts whether the application would meet with the rules for the Fund.

9. Development Trust Report

The Treasurer reported that the DDT is trying to standardise agreements with landowners for discussion at its Extraordinary General Meeting next month. A new company has been formed to manage the development of the High Street project. Stirling University has indicated its willingness to carry out a study of retail and leisure facilities in Dunblane. Braeport continues to generate an income from lets and the recent Continental Market. More working groups are to be set up to allow more people to be involved in the work of the DDT. Thanks were expressed to the volunteers in the Dunblane in Bloom group and the Tuesday Group who look after the Braeport.

10. Planning Report

With reference to the planning application for 35 Old Doune Road, it was agreed that the Chairman will write again to object to the access to the property being off the Old Doune Road, rather than from the side street.

With reference to the WYG consultation, David Gill explained that if the consortium holds an “active” planning application, then their contract with Kippendavie Group Trust will be extended for another year, instead of expiring in 2010.

The Chairman has had a meeting with the Practice Manager at the Health Centre to clarify issues raised by the Local Development Plan. At present, the Health Centre is nearly at capacity and it was noted that the Health Board will not countenance a “satellite” unit, with the Centre split over two sites.

Community councillors have become aware that opinion in Dunblane is that the WYG development proposed for the Kippendavie land is an agreed and settled application, which is not the case. Concerns were expressed that the map and questionnaire provided at the public consultation were misleading. Worries over access to this development will be picked up at the planning stage. The report that WYG will submit on how their plans have changed in the light of the public consultation will also be a part of the planning application.

11. Report of Meetings

Craig French reported that the Windfarm Committee has agreed on the projects to be supported but that they did not yet have a final figure of the amount of money to be received from Airtricity. However, both the successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified before Christmas. Thanks were expressed to the Secretary for her help in the administration of the applications. Fewer applications were received this year, and ten out of the sixteen applications were successful.

12. Councillors' Report

Councillor Goss reported that no further housing developments in Dunblane have been proposed by the Council in their latest application to the Scottish Government. Proposals for the extension of the Buchlyvie windfarm have also been rejected. He also noted that the walkway at the Scouring Burn has been reinstated.

Councillor Campbell had sent an update on the Scrutiny Panel on disruption in schools. Results were being analysed at present before new proposals were formulated.

13. AOCB

John Alexander reported that the grass near the Mill Row car park needs reinstating after repairs were made to the river wall. **Action: Councillors Goss and Houston.** It was noted that part of the river path also needs reinstating after recent floods. **Action: Councillor Goss.**

Following a report by John Alexander about the state of a house in George Street, Councillor Goss agreed to pursue this. **Action: Councillor Goss.**

The Chairman reported that he will write to the Council with reference to the unsafe parking at the corner of Well Place and Doune Road, to ask that double yellow no-parking lines be painted there.

Alan Booth thanked all those who had distributed the recent *Community View*. He reported that the Community Plan is nearly finished and will be on the Dunblane website. There will be a limited print-run.

Angela Edgar reported that the nursing home at Doune is closing down, with the effect that there will be very few local socially-funded nursing home places for elderly residents from Dunblane. Councillor Houston, while pointing out that more emphasis is now placed on keeping people in their own homes for as long as possible, agreed to get details of the number of nursing home places in Stirling District relative to the population of elderly people in the area. **Action: Councillor Houston.** Craig French pointed this up as an issue for the LDP.

In reply to Craig French's query over the erection of Christmas lights in the High Street, the Treasurer reported that they would be going up later in the week and that a Christmas tree is being donated to the Development Trust.

Craig French also proposed for the agenda of the next meeting that a sub-committee be drawn up to organize a social event in the High Street, be it at Hallowe'en, or Christmas.

The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

This is a true representation of the meeting.

Terence O'Byrne Date
Chairman

Sue Faulkner Date

REPORT FOR DUNBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – OCT/NOV 09

Over the last 2 months there have been a total of 65 reported crimes and offences in the Dunblane area.

OCTOBER

DETECTED

There have been a total of 17 detected crimes in the Dunblane area over the last month, of these there have been 4 detected Breach of the Peace, 1 Theft Shoplifting, 6 Drinking in Public , 1 Theft and 2 persons under 18 attempting to purchase alcohol.

A total of 3 persons under 18 have now been charged with attempting to purchase alcohol whilst using someone else's driving licence.

There have also been 3 drugs cases including a drugs supply case after 2 drugs search warrants were obtained and executed.

UNDETECTED

There have been a total of 18 crimes reported in October that are currently undetected. These include 4 Theft, 9 Vandalism, 2 Wilful Fireraising, 1 Assault, 1 Breach of the Peace and sale of alcohol without relevant licence (2).

Of these a number have positive lines of enquiry and will be progressed.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There have been a total of 7 road traffic offences including 6 drivers caught using their mobile phones and 1 driver caught going through a red light.

There have been a total of 37 parking tickets issued for a number of different offences including parking on double yellow lines, parking in permit holders bay, parking in a loading bay, parking in a bus stop, failing to pay and display and overstaying 60 minutes waiting.

NOVEMBER

DETECTED

There have been a total of 4 detected crimes in November, these include 2 Breach of the Peace, an assault and a male who was charged under the explosives act after being caught running down a public road with a lit firework.

UNDETECTED

There have been a total of 13 reported crimes that are at this time undetected, these include 2 Vandalism, an Assault and 10 theft (Theft HB 3, Theft 4, Theft shoplifting 2 and intended theft 1).

ROAD TRAFFIC

There have been a total of 6 road traffic offences including 2 lighting offences, 1 driver using a HH mobile phone, 1 dangerous driving, 1 careless driving and a vehicle with no road tax.

There have been a total of 29 parking tickets issued for a number of different offences including fail to display no road tax, parking on double of yellow lines, exceeding 60 minute waiting, parking a permit holders bay (Cross and Springfield Terrace), park in a disabled badge holders bay.

Correspondence received since last meeting (October 09)

No	.Dated	from	subject	regarding
1	31.08.09	Stirling Council	Joint Flooding Meeting	Minutes of Mtg
2	07.10.09	Stirling Council	site huts at Barbush	removal
3	09.10.09	Stirling Council	Glen Road	state of road
4	12.10.09	Stirling Council	Weekly Food Waste	collection
5	16.10.09	Stirling Council	Geoge Street	20mph zone
6	21.10.09	Stirling Council	20mph zone	school routes
7	21.10.09	Stirling Council	waiting restrictions	Braeport/Ramoyle
8	29.09.09	Stirling Council	20mph zone	Smithy Loan
9	07.10.09	Stirling Council	Disability Equality Scheme Consultation Draft	
10	02.11.09	Alex Bruce	Prop. Kippendavie dev	meeting with Planners
11	05.11.09	Alex Bruce	“ “	meeting on 15 th Dec.
12	05.11.09	Aberlour charity	invitation	Christmas concert
13	25.11.09	Stirling Council	Ranger Service	Countryside Action days
14	03.12.09	Sustainable Dunblane Energy Efficiency Project£266,000 grant		
15	undated	Assoc. Protection of Rural Scotland	updating resources	
16	undated	Association of Scottish Community Councils	magazine	

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Treasurers Report

27th November 2009.

'Administration Account'	00347702
Expenditure since last report	£86.90
Interest	£0.15
Account balance to date 27 th November 2009.	<u>£758.74</u>

<u>'Community Fund'</u>	<u>00347753</u>
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.04
Account balance to date 27 th November 2009	<u>£200.96</u>

Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 27th November 2009.

Lawrie Dewar
Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT – December 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:
Extensions at 8 Leighton Court, 1 Ramsay Drive, 15 The Square Ashfield, 44 Montgomery Crescent, Willowbank Anchorscross, 19 Montgomery Crescent.
Conservatory at 3 Morrison Place, 9 Mentieth View. Double garage at 28 Charles St, Alarm at the Library, New door/window at 2A Bridgend.

Revised plans were submitted for the townhouses at the rear of the Stirling Arms. The committee raised objections to the change of retail use, proposed finishes not in keeping with the conservation area and requested a European Protected Species survey.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The renewal application for Park of Keir has been granted subject to revised Section 75 conditions.

The new house at Ash Cottage and the Stable Block conversion at Elmswood have been given permission.

Permission has been granted to demolish and re-build at 35 Old Doune Road. We objected to the proposed new access onto the Old Doune Road but Roads have stated they have no objections.

No decisions on the 3 townhouses at the Stirling Arms, 2 new houses at Park Cottage.

Other Planning Matters

WYG held their public consultation event in November at the Dunblane Centre, they did not wish to hold a full public meeting. Members of the community council attended an evening presentation where our objections to this proposal were expressed. An explanation of why WYG were proceeding with this application at this time was not forthcoming.