

Dunblane Community Council

Sandy Mackay
Secretary
25 Montrose Way
Dunblane
FK15 9JK

Tel:01786 822765

Tony Ford
Chairman
22 Montgomery Crescent
Dunblane
FK15 9FB

Tel:01786 822281

Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 8 August, 2005, at 7.30 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Kirsten Strachan and Councillor Pat Greenhill.

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman commended the Secretary and members of the Development Trust who had been involved in the *Dunblane in Bloom* project as their efforts have been noticed and praised by many in the town. The Secretary was pleased to report that Dunblane has got through to the final of the competition.

The Chairman has also spoken to Chief Inspector Kevin Findlater about his plans for the future policing of Dunblane. There is to be an Area Community Planning Meeting for Cluster 1 in the Victoria Hall on 18 August at 7 p.m. at which the main focus will be antisocial behaviour and all were encouraged to attend.

3. Minutes of the last meeting of 6 June 2005

Under *Police Report* on page 3 it was agreed that this should now read:

Duncan Taylor felt that a truer picture of the trends in crime statistics would be gained if a cumulative figure was quoted.

With this amendment, the minutes were approved, proposed by Peter McCusker and seconded by John Alexander.

4. Matters arising

Noticeboard The Secretary reported that the Council was urging the Community Council to apply for a Community Grant to repair the noticeboard, but the Secretary felt that this kind of work would not be covered by a Community Grant. He is going to write to Stirling Council again.

Doune Wind Farm The Secretary has had no response to his enquiry about community gain from the proposed wind farm.

Dunblane station First Scotrail has started to paint parts of the station and flower tubs have been provided by Dunblane in Bloom. First Scotrail is keen to do more next year.

Abbotsford A visit has taken place and the Secretary reported that it is in a bad state. Recent replastering has already attracted graffiti and windows are broken. The ceilings upstairs have come down, although the building is being kept wind- and water-tight.

Coat of Arms The Community Council is keen to have this displayed in the Library.

It was reported that, as from the AGM of the Development Trust in September, Kirsten Strachan will act as liaison between the Community Council and the Development Trust.

It was also noted that the steps at the Bridgend toilets were still not repaired and road signs have not been replaced.

5. Correspondence: See attached list.

A discussion followed the notice by Stirling Council that the Memorial Bridge is now unsafe and cannot be repaired. The cost of replacing it is estimated to be £100,000 but the Council has no available funds. Terence O'Byrne reported on a meeting at which the Council agreed to investigate proposals for the bridge, perhaps with a view to regarding work on the bridge and riverside paths as a regeneration project. However, he pointed out that, although the bridge was originally financed by the Victory Fund, the British Legion was not prepared to help financially as it was not classed as a war memorial. The electric cable which was slung under the bridge could be located under the river, and, therefore, there was no funds forthcoming from Scottish and Southern Energy. It was agreed to give the Council the opportunity to report back with its proposals.

It was agreed that the Community Council should reply to the consultation White Paper from the Scottish Executive on modernising the planning system. In particular, it should look at:

- (a) Section 75 agreements;
- (b) Third party rights of appeal – it should not be down to one Reporter to overturn the views of the community and the local planning authority without further consultation;
- (c) Good neighbour agreements - especially in view of the fact that there is only one enforcement planning officer for the whole of the Stirling Council area, these are difficult to enforce.

The questionnaire from Sylvia Jackson about the NHS was passed to Terence O'Byrne.

A letter from Strathclyde and Central Energy was passed to Stuart Hepburn.

The letter from BT proposing the closure of the Kinbuck payphone was passed to Stuart Hepburn for a reply before 4 October.

The Chairman has received a letter from Chief Inspector Findlater about policing in Dunblane and giving notice of the meeting in the Victoria Hall on 18 August.

6. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

It was noted that the Community Grant of £411.46 has been received and the Chairman pointed out that Supplementary Grants from the Council were not going to be given as easily in the future.

7. Planning Report: See attached.

Terence O'Byrne gave a report on what was happening over Holmehill. The Holmehill Group was going ahead with its appeal, and a result was expected within the next few months. However, if successful, they would have to raise a large amount of money to buy the land.

Scottish and Southern Energy has published their preferred route for the new power line, but it was felt that no attention has been paid to the comments of local residents, although there has been consideration of its impact on geese and on passing motorists. Stuart Hepburn pressed the Community Council to call for a public enquiry and it was agreed that he would draft a letter, which, after consultation with community councillors, would be sent to Sylvia Jackson MSP. He also encouraged everyone to write individual letters to emphasise their support for a public enquiry.

8. Report of meetings

The next meeting about the new Health Centre will be on Friday, 12 August. The Secretary will report back on it.

9. Police Report

There was none.

10. Councillors' Report

There was none.

11. AOCB

Stuart Hepburn reported that it was hoped to produce *Community View* more cheaply with a newsprint version. He, therefore, called on everyone in the community to produce more articles so that it reflected the views of more people.

John Alexander informed the meeting that the rubbish bins at Bridgend were not being emptied regularly, with the consequence that vermin was being attracted to the area. Apparently, the large bin lorry could not negotiate Bridgend as it was too narrow.

John Alexander also reported on the dilapidated state of the shelter at the cemetery and on the vandalised state of seats there. The possibility of including the latter in a project to replace the seats at the river was discussed.

There was confusion over the ownership of the road behind George Street as some people had bought their houses while others were council tenants.

The Secretary is to write again about the possibility of putting a zebra crossing at the bottom of the lane from George Street across the road from Tesco.

The Community Council was still waiting to see the post-installation traffic audit for the Old Doune Road, speed restrictions on George Street were still being discussed and signage at Newton Crescent was still awaited.

It was agreed to keep a watching brief on the frequency of late night firework displays at the Hilton Hydro.

Sue Faulkner raised four points:

- (a) The *Give Way* sign at the top of the Old Doune Road was completely covered by branches.
- (b) There was a dangerous hole in the toby outside *Fuzzies* in the High Street.
- (c) The recycling truck went down the High Street at midmorning, when it caused chaos. It would be better if it could reorganise its route so that it was there before 9 a.m. and also avoided roads near schools when pupils were on their way to school. The Chairman is going to follow this up, as well as ask for more *Slow – Children* signs.
- (d) There was still a problem of parking in Dunblane and she urged the Community Council to actively support the recommendations of the Parking Survey last year. It was agreed that the Secretary will write to Jim Mullan asking for an update on any action taken since the report was published.

The Chairman agreed to write to the Council about the state of dangerous trees in Baxter's Loan.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 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: Extensions at 77 Argyle Way, 89 Ochiltree, 1 The Cottages Ashfield, 15 Bellenden Grove, Lendrick Lodge Perth Road, 55 Doune Road (Garage), 8 Douglas Place, 3 Edward Street. Dormers at The Rowans Smithy Loan, 68 Roman Way. Conservatories at 27 Springbank Crescent, 29 Kellie Wynd, 29 Rylands Road. Replacemnet windows at Bishop Barn Braeport, Queen Victoria School, New Windows at Unit 3 Block 2 Duckburn. Garden Studio at The Ridings Perth Road, Porch at 2 Coldstream Ave, Double Garage at Birch Brook Kilbryde, Stable Block at Greenyards farm, Security fence at Cathay Radio site Ramoyle. Change of use of flat to Beauty Salon at Dunallan Stirling Road, Change of use of shop to Café at 19 Caledonian Place (retrospective). Erect 3 new houses at The Knowe, Kilbryde.

The Planning Committee objected to the application for the 3 new houses at The Knowe on the grounds that it was in the Greenbelt and Countryside. Stirling Council refused the application within a few weeks on these grounds. No other applications were considered by the committee since the last Community Council meeting in June.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

There has been a lot of progress on the Action Items in the last two months.

The Kippendavie Woods application was recommended for refusal, the applicant withdrew.

The outline applications for the 2 plots at Newton Crescent were refused on the grounds that part of the site was Ancient Woodland and would affect the amenity of the area. A total of 19 letters of objection were received.

The Ledcameroch Walled Garden application was refused.

The initial procedural meeting for the appeal involving the Provan application for 4 houses will be on August 18th in the Victoria Halls at 2pm, this is for the purposes of discussing timetables and procedures to be followed at the Public Enquiry.

Further detail on the conditions attached to the new High School development were published in the Weekly Schedule week 26, these include details on School Bus Route access, Upgrading of Old Doune Road

surface and lighting at Anchorscross, details of the Pedestrian Link for the new houses, Parent pickup/drop off zone to be extended, the developer to submit a Road Traffic Management Plan prior to commencement of works and Cycle Storage facilities to be provided at 1 per 25 pupils.

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

Other Planning Matters

No further news on the modified proposal for the upgraded 400,000 volt power line.

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.