

Dunblane Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 12 May 2008, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Frederic Gilmour (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Charles McHugh, Kate Fawcett, Stella Reid, Alan Booth, Sylvia Cairns, Domenico Angiolini, Craig French.

In attendance: Councillor Goss, Sue Faulkner, Moira Stewart, Esther Hutcheson (*Allanwater News*), Sgt Gregor Macfarlane, Caroline Goss, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary). The following members of First Response and the Ambulance Service came to the meeting later to make their presentation: Harry Falconer, Jacqueline MacIntosh, Fiona Cumming, Rod Moore and Alan Moffat.

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Councillor Houston, John Alexander and PC Simon Fraser.

2. Chairman's Remarks: There was none.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 31 March 2008

With the correction that Domenico Angiolini and not John Alexander is to be on the windfarm grant committee, the minutes were approved, proposed by Stella Reid and seconded by Kate Fawcett.

4. Matters arising

Junction of Smith Loan and the High Street The promised double yellow lines have not appeared yet and Charles McHugh will report back at the next community council meeting. **Action:** Charles McHugh.

Local plan for Ashfield and Kinbuck Alan Booth reported that a meeting to be held on 13 May will consider the Local Plan for Dunblane, including its boundaries. **Action:** Alan Booth.

Police report The Chairman pointed out that a written report from the police should be available before each meeting.

Workload of Councillors A report has appeared in the most recent *Community View*, detailing the response of Councillors to a survey of their workload. Stirling Council does not operate a tracking system to measure the work of individual Councillors and until such a mechanism is in place it will never be possible to verify that the multimember ward system works effectively.

Community noticeboard After Sue Faulkner had contacted Jim Mullen, a member of Streetscape has tried unsuccessfully to clean it. Another attempt is to be made shortly.

Dunblane Development Trust Following Lawrie Dewar's appointment as the community council's representative on the Development Trust, he has not yet been informed of the date of the next meeting. He will contact Bryan Grieve for information. **Action:** Lawrie Dewar.

5. Police Report

Sergeant Gregor Macfarlane gave a verbal report. On the issue of noisy car exhausts, following police intervention quite a few have had modifications removed. The police are going to follow this up with an education night at the Dunblane Centre at the start of June, involving the Collision Prevention Unit, and it is hoped to have a noise emission monitor borrowed for the occasion. Young motorists from Dunblane and the surrounding area will be invited to attend with subjects such as driver awareness, road traffic offences and noise offences being covered.

Sergeant Macfarlane stressed that members of the public should notify the police if they are aware of any offence and that their identity would be protected.

In response to the Chairman's concerns over Muck Up day at the High School, Sergeant Macfarlane informed the meeting that a quantity of supersoakers had been confiscated and that a young person (not a school pupil) has been charged with assault. As the offences occurred outside school grounds, it is difficult to know how the school could prevent them, but the police are going to discuss the situation with the Headteacher and pupils. It would also be impossible for the school to keep pupils within the school grounds during lunch-time, as they could not feed them all in the time available. After much discussion, it was

agreed that the Chairman will, in the first instance, approach the Headteacher directly about the concerns of the community council and how a better solution could be reached. Contact will also be made with the Friends of Dunblane High and a representative of the pupils will be invited to attend future community council meetings. **Action:** The Chairman.

6. Presentation from First Response/Ambulance Service

Alan Moffat from Comrie First Response gave a presentation on the work of the charity, First Response, which works in partnership with the Ambulance Service to provide community response schemes. What community responders provide is support until an ambulance arrives, in the form of basic life support, including defibrillators. Teams of local drivers and responders work in pairs on a rota system, to attend Category A call-outs.

The average time an ambulance takes to reach Dunblane is 10 minutes, outside the target standard of 8 minutes and community responders nationally are on the scene within 6 ½ minutes. It was noted that the ambulance station at Stirling will be unaffected when the new hospital at Larbert opens in 2011. It is hoped that a Community Responder Scheme could be set up in Dunblane. The initial set-up costs would be £10,000, with £4,000 needed annually to maintain the scheme, and the money would have to be raised from within the community. First Response would provide training (with up to 20 people needed for the Dunblane area), a designated vehicle, equipment, including a defibrillator, and also indemnity insurance to cover community responders being present at community causes and events.

It was agreed that this was a laudable scheme which, in view of the growing population of Dunblane, would benefit the local community, and it should be publicised. The Chairman is to find out more details and it will be discussed at the next meeting of the community council. **Action:** The Chairman.

7. Correspondence: See attached.

It was noted that the Stirling Arms Hotel has applied to renew its liquor licence. It was agreed that Kate Fawcett will contact its owner or agent to express the community council's concern over the future of the Stirling Arms. **Action:** Kate Fawcett.

A meeting will be held in the Victoria Hall on 20 May on Stirling Council's Core Paths Plan. Alan Booth noted that the path at the Laighills by the river was not in the plan and the Chairman agreed to follow this up. **Action:** The Chairman.

The Chairman has received a document from the Public Partnership Forum (PPF) about issues relating to the new hospital being built at Larbert. Four topics were designated to be discussed at the forthcoming meeting on 7 June: Stirling Community Hospital; the Orchard House development; transport issues with the new Larbert hospital; out of hours provision. It was agreed that the Chairman, in filling in the document, will concentrate on the community hospital in Stirling. Both Lawrie Dewar and Charles McHugh expressed an interest in attending the meeting. **Action:** The Chairman.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** See attached.

9. **Planning Report:** See attached.

10. **Report of Meetings**

Parking The Chairman, Sue Faulkner and Moira Stewart had recently attended a meeting of the Parking Group at which a representative from Scotrail disagreed with Stirling Council over who owns the parking rights on either side of the station. Stirling Council has adopted the area and they are moving ahead with the parking proposals, while the dispute is under discussion. The proposal of a new level of car parking at Tesco would not be funded by Transport Scotland as, because they do not have a long-term franchise, it would not be economically viable.

It is also hoped that the proposed extension to the Mill Row car park will progress shortly.

CCTV The Chairman and Sue Faulkner had met with Mr Peter Walker from Stirling Council about the issue of CCTV cameras in Dunblane. They were advised that a camera which was not monitored, although recording, would not prove a deterrent. Instead, the problem of disorder needed to be tackled in various ways, for example by involving the sellers of alcohol and educating children. It is hoped to bring forward proposals to the next community council meeting. **Action:** The Chairman.

Laighills Alan Booth has attended a meeting with SNH and the Head of Countryside Services from Stirling Council to discuss the Laighills becoming a Local Nature Reserve. Stirling Council, together with Alan Booth, is going to put together a management plan to look at how the Laighills is used and Alan Booth hoped this would be included in the Community Development Plan.

Scouting Burn Domenico Angiolini has met with the Fisheries Board which is trying to reintroduce salmon into the scouring burn.

Laighills toilet block In response to an enquiry by Charles McHugh, the Chairman agreed to draft a letter to Stirling Council to ascertain the future plans for the toilet block. **Action:** The Chairman.

11. **Councillor's Report**

Councillor Goss had nothing to report.

12. **AOCB**

It was agreed that Domenico Angiolini will draft a letter of congratulations, for the Chairman to sign on behalf of the community council, to Newton Primary for winning the Scottish Cross-country Championships. **Action:** Domenico Angiolini.

It was agreed that the Headteacher of the High School will be asked on what grounds the two pupils were awarded the community council's quach.

It was agreed that Alan Booth and Craig French will approach individuals to stand on the windfarm grant committee.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

This is a true representation of the meeting.

Chairman Date
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Terence O'Byrne

Secretary Date
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Frederic Gilmour

Correspondence May 2008

- Forth Housing, 2/4/8 Establish links
- Bruce Crawford, 4/4/8 Letter from Brian Devlin re parking in Dunblane, will go ahead with Saturday charging and permit costs are a council decision
- Clackmannan and Stirling Env Trust, 2/4/8 seeking nominations for community trustee for the Stirling Area, May 16 deadline
- Anne McGuire, 8/4/8 Surgery dates
- SC, 9/4/8 Zebra crossing proposals, Tesco's.
- SC 3/4/8 Disabled parking Springfield Tce and Backcroft
- SC 2/4/8 Core paths draft plans- NHS Forth Valley, 16/4/8 PPF meeting consultation, complete NOW May 16th
- 25/04/08 from Stirling Council –re: Scottish Calor Village. 2008
- 25/04/08 from Anne McGuire MP – notice of Surgeries at Raploch
- 26/04/08 from UPM Tilhill – notice of forthcoming movement of (cut) timber from Kippendavie Estate, starting 28/04. Approx. 2500 tonnes of timber to be shifted.
- 12/05/08 from Stirling Council – Notice that 2 parking spaces dedicated to disabled users opposite 21/23 Springfield Tce and 22/24 Backcroft.

POLICE REPORT FOR DUNBLANE APRIL 08

DETECTED

There have been a total of 11 detected crime reports during April. These include a number of minor assaults, Breach of the Peace, road traffic offences and theft. One of the detected thefts was in relation to 3 males who entered a house in Dunblane and on being discovered by the householder claimed to be from a utility company, the house holder subsequently discovered that property was missing and the males were traced and arrested.

UNDETECTED

There have been a total of 11 undetected crimes reported during April. These include 2 bikes that have been stolen from peoples gardens, a number of Vandalisms, Breach of the Peace and unusually a couple of theft/attempted theft of motor vehicles. A number of these crimes have people named as being responsible and will be detected in the near future.

LOUD CARS IN DUNBLANE

During the last month a number of these vehicles have been stopped and as a result of these stops, reports have been submitted to the PF at Stirling in relation to offences on these vehicles (1 report contained 6 offences). Vehicles will continue to be targeted and, it is of note that the noise emitting exhaust parts have been removed from a number of the vehicles.

Vehicle stops have also included the Bridge of Allan area and as a result of this drivers from that area have admitted driving around Dunblane and they have also been advised accordingly.

Arrangements are in place for a young driver education night at the Dunblane Centre at the start of June and this will involve both the Collision Prevention Unit and the Traffic Dept from HQ and hopefully Falkirk Council with a noise emission monitor (unconfirmed as they have not got back to me). All drivers from Dunblane/Bridge of Allan and Callander will be invited along for an evening of education in relation to road traffic law, noise emission, driver education etc.

MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2008.

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 39 Menteith View, 4 Anderson Court, 6 Lindsay Brae, 30 Argyle Way, 52 Newton Crescent, Tigh Na Bruaich St Margaret's Drive and 139 Ochiltree. New agricultural building at West of Linns, Replacement windows at Scottish Churches House Kirk St.

Detailed plans for renovations and extensions at the Nursing Home at 50 Doune Road were considered by the sub committee, it was decided to support the application which will ensure the ongoing use of the building as a much needed nursing home in Dunblane.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The new house at Ash Cottage in Ashfield and the new house at Waterside Farm were approved

Following representations to the Council regarding the lack of controls over construction traffic at the High School demolition, the Council now have a voluntary agreement with the developer to restrict traffic movements as follows: No vehicles during 0800 to 0900, 1200 to 1330, 1530 onwards during school terms. No agreement has been put in place to restrict movements on the lower section of the Old Doune Road. Similar restrictions for the new build on the school site and at Anchorscross have not been implemented yet despite many requests to Brian Devlin, Director of Environment Services.

Design changes for the proposed 6 flats at Mill Row were considered by the sub committee, the original objection was that there was too much glass in use on the front of the building which would not be in keeping with Conservation Area status, the revised plans are much improved, the sub committee removed the objection. There will also be a section 75 agreement whereby the developer will contribute a sum of money to help with Mill Row car park improvements.

No decisions on the new house at 6 flats at Millrow, Conversion of the agricultural building at Little Hill, 18 Office Units at Barbush., 2 houses at Pisgah Mill, new house at Mid Cambushinne, new house at 25 Ochloch Park, new house at Cloisters Crofts

Other Planning Matters

The training session on April 26th was attended by Terence O'Byrne, Lawrie Dewar and Alan Booth. Progress is being made on the new planning legislation which the council hope to have final details on by the end of 2008. One point to emerge was that any funds provided by developers for play park development (as will be the case at Anchorscross) are put into the general playpark budget and may

not be used for playpark development in the area affected. When the section 75 details are known for Anchorscross we will object unless that contribution is ring fenced for Braemar Park. The Structure Plan alterations have missed the deadline and now fall under the new legislation, it is unlikely that new proposals will be agreed before 2011.

Following the April community council meeting it was agreed that we would meet with senior planners at the Council to discuss various areas of concern. The meeting took place on April 29th with Mick Stewart and Peter Morgan, Graham Houston attended, Terence O'Byrne and Alan Booth attended from the CC. The main issues to discuss were the roads aspects of Anchorscross and Dicksons, after a lengthy debate it was agreed that a meeting with Roads was required as the planners defer to Roads on these matters and had no comments. A meeting with Roads will be organised.

21A High Street was discussed where the CC wanted retail at street level, there is no policy to cover this, it was suggested that there should be a policy.

The issues of control of construction traffic at the High School were discussed, the Council cannot impose restrictions, we were told that '**Anybody can use the Roads at Any Time**', We made the point very strongly that the restrictions referred to above be in place in good time.

Anchorscross will be subject to a Section 75, details of this will be made known at which stage we can object again if we wish.

Incomplete developments at Barbush, Byrants and Persimmon were raised by Alan, Peter Morgan agreed to look into the Barbush issues, we will consider taking these matters further as the Council does not really police major developments after 'completion' where details on footpaths and open space tend to be forgotten

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