

Dunblane Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council held on Monday, 30 April 2007, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.

Present: Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Kirsten Strachan (Secretary), Peter McCusker (Treasurer), Lawrie Dewar, Charles McHugh, Mike Dewar, Craig French, Domenico Angiolini, Frederic Gilmour.

In attendance: PC Simon Fraser, Sue Faulkner, Moira Stewart, Ingrid Withington, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Sandy Mackay and John Alexander.

2. Chairman's Remarks: There was none.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 2 April 2007

It was noted that the minor landslide at the Laighills, mentioned on page 2, had actually been quite extensive. With this amendment, the minutes were approved, proposed by Mike Dewar and seconded by Craig French.

4. Matters arising

CCTV There was no progress so far.

Zebra crossing Stirling Council has declined to meet with community councillors about this. It was agreed that the Secretary will draft a letter pressing them to accept an invitation to the next Community Council meeting. **Action:** the Secretary.

Parking Minutes of the meeting held with Jim Mullan on 13 December 2006 were now available. A number-plate recognition system at the Tesco car park was being looked at, as well as the provision of more car parking spaces elsewhere. The delay in providing minutes was criticised by the Chairman. A group meeting was planned for June, after the council elections, and it was agreed to wait until then to see what the parking strategy for Dunblane will be.

Allanside House There is nothing to report.

Community council boundaries There is no progress as yet.

Cemetery The Secretary has received a letter from the Council in which was reported the rabbit prevention work being carried out at the cemetery. However, they were reluctant to put mesh at the bottom of the gates as this would prevent the gates from closing easily. Torwood Fencing has been contacted to realign the right-hand gate and the repair of the pillar is in hand.

Windfarm The Development Trust will meet in a few days' time to consider administering the community gain from the windfarm at Braes of Doune. There was some discussion about the running of the subcommittee to oversee the fund and it was agreed that if more than £4,000 were to be spent on any one project, there should be consultation with the Community Council.

Bollard at The Haining There is no progress on this and it was agreed that the Secretary will follow this up. PC Fraser pointed out that the number of keys required for all who used The Haining to access the Laighills and allotments would be problematic and that he will look at other possibilities. **Action:** the Secretary.

5. Correspondence: See attached list.

The Chairman has also received letters from Sylvia Jackson MSP about parking strategy.

The Chairman received a letter from the Community Council of Bridge of Allan inviting him to the public hustings held a few weeks' ago. It was agreed that the Chairman will arrange a meeting with the Chairman of the Bridge of Allan Community Council to discuss common issues. **Action:** the Chairman.

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Secretary will attend the Area Planning Forum to be held on 9 May. Terence reminded the meeting that, after a meeting with Fiona MacLeod a few months' ago, it was felt that Dunblane was large enough to have an Area Planning Forum by itself, without Logie and Bridge of Allan. This meeting will be the last chance to find common interests with the latter two communities.

An email has been received from a lady at Balmyle Grove, complaining of a taxi and advertisement trailer parked on the railway bridge taking up two parking spaces. Although there was nothing illegal in this, it was agreed that the Secretary will advise her to take this up with Stirling Council Licensing Authority. **Action:** the Secretary.

There was a discussion about the issue of grass-cutting in Dunblane, especially of Newton Park. Colin MacNicoll from Stirling Council has reported that there are severe drainage problems in Newton Park and remedial work of £20,000 was required. However, there was uncertainty over who owned and was responsible for the maintenance of the drainage ditch. Maps detailing the number of cuts and the areas to be cut in Dunblane were available and community councillors discussed the grass-cutting timetable for this year. It was agreed that (a) the Chairman will look at Ochloch and Braemar areas to confirm if the number of cuts proposed by the Council was reasonable, (b) the Secretary will consult with Sandy Mackay about the bulbs and eco-garden at Newton Primary with regards to grass-cutting, and (c) the access roads into Dunblane along the Perth Road and the B8033 should be cut more often to make a good impression on visitors. Community councillors were advised to pass comments to the Secretary and Chairman, who will collate and transfer them to the maps before 11 May. **Action:** the Chairman and the Secretary.

6. Treasurer's Report: See attached.

The Treasurer reported that the accounts will be audited in May and then the community council will be able to apply for the community grant for 2007-2008.

7. Planning Report: See attached.

It was agreed to object to the application to instal plastic replacement windows at Randolph Hill as it is in a conservation area. However, it was agreed not to object to a new car park at the front of the building, but to query the height of the wall round it.

The Chairman will ask Stuart Hepburn if there are any objections from neighbours to the proposed development at Ash Cottage in Ashfield.

The meeting discussed the draft letter to Stirling Council over the revised Structure Plan proposals. It was noted that this was only the beginning of a consultation exercise and it was agreed that the Chairman will ask to see developers' submissions.

The Chairman reported that planting had begun at Baxter's Loan, but it was agreed that he will write asking for a wall, rather than a fence, to be erected.

It was noted that litter bins have been installed at the skatepark but that the reseeding of the grass area is unsatisfactory and that returfing would have been a better solution. It was agreed that the Chairman will write to the Enforcement Officer at Stirling Council asking if they agree that the area needs finishing off properly. **Action:** the Chairman.

8. Report of Meetings

There was none.

9. Police Report

PC Fraser gave his report. The Chairman and he agreed to meet to discuss issues. Lawrie Dewar brought to the attention of the meeting that the 30 mph speed limit from the Dunblane Centre to the Perth Road was not very noticeable and that repeat signs on lamp-posts would make it more apparent. It was agreed that the Secretary will write to Stirling Council to suggest this. **Action:** the Secretary.

10. Community Council Future Activities

This was postponed until the next meeting.

11. AOCB

Lawrie Dewar reported on the problems of road safety in the vicinity of Newton Primary School, with difficulties being caused by traffic dropping off and picking up children. The School Board is pressing for a lollipop crossing and a designated dropping-off zone. The Community Council agreed to support the School Board in its actions and asked to be kept informed. **Action:** Lawrie Dewar will write to Newton Primary School Board.

The problem of traffic around St Mary's Primary School was also highlighted by Charles McHugh, especially with regards to the junction of Smithy Loan with the High Street, although Domenico Angiolini reported that the school has permission to use the car park at the Indian Gate restaurant. It was agreed that Lawrie Dewar will draft a letter for the School Boards of Newton Primary, Dunblane Primary and St Mary's Primary Schools asking them to let the Community Council know of any issues, and pass it to the Chairman. Meanwhile, the Chairman will examine the junction of Smithy Loan and the High Street. **Action:** the Chairman and Lawrie Dewar.

The Treasurer reported that the Community Council quai ch had been presented by the High School to the same person for two years running. It was agreed that he will write to the Acting Headteacher, Mr Bowman, enquiring on what basis it had been awarded. **Action:** the Treasurer.

It was agreed that the Chairman will ask the Enforcement Officer at Stirling Council about the height of the fence erected round the new house built at the Faery Bridge.

The Treasurer reported that the litter bins at the skatepark had been upended and it was agreed that the Chairman will discuss problems at the skatepark with PC Fraser.

The Secretary reported that flowers were to be sent on behalf of the Community Council to the retiring Dunblane councillors, Ann Dickson and Pat Greenhill.

After a question from Moira Stewart it was agreed that the names of the new community councillors should be reported in the *Stirling Observer*, the *Community View* and the *Allanwater News*.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

This is a true representation of the meeting.

Chairman.....Date
Terence O'Byrne

Secretary.....Date
Kirsten Strachan

Mail received since last meeting _____ 2nd April 2007

Date	From	Subject
28.03.07	Stirling Council	Allanside House Flooding
04.04.07	Stirling Council	Area Planning Forum
04.04.07	Stirling Council	B8033 northbound speed restriction
07.04.07	Callander Youth proj	17 seater minibus for hire
14.04.07	Stirling Council	Grasscutting consultation maps etc
13.04.07	Stirling Council	Agenda for Dev Mgt panel
23.04.07	Stirling Council	Grasscutting
23.04.07	Stirling Council	Agenda of special meeting of SC
23.04.07	Stirling Council	George St
23.04.07	Stirling Council	Dunblane Cemetery
24.04.07	Stirling Council	Temp closure to traffic Stirling Rd
25.04.07	David C Wilson	Copy of response to structure plan
26.04.07	Stirling Council	Grasscutting
27.04.07	John Alexander	Apologies for meeting 30 Apr and updates

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Treasurers Report

30th April 2007

'Administration Account'	00347702
Expenditure since last report (2 nd April)	£83.32
Income since last report	nil
Interest	£0.33
Account balance to date 30 th April 2007	<u>£290.29</u>

'Community Fund'	00347753
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.16
Account balance to date 30 th April 2007	<u>£197.90</u>

Peter McCusker
Treasurer

30th April 2007

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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 5 Barclay Place, Crofts of Cromlix, External door at 2 The Schoolhouse, Braeport

Detailed application to erect a 4 bedroom bungalow at Gleann Falaichte was received, outline permission had been granted earlier this year. The planning committee met and decided to object to the roof finish of concrete tiles given the house is in a Conservation Area.

Applications to be considered at this meeting include, Randolph Hill replacement windows and new car park, a new house in the grounds of Ash Cottage in Ashfield and an attic conversion at the Post Office for a 2 bed unit.

Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.

The applications for a garage at the Braeport and a house at Inverlochy on the Glen Road were recommended for refusal but were withdrawn. The Community Council objected to both these applications.

No decisions on the 6 flats at Millrow, 4 houses at the top of the Glen Road, Conversion of the agricultural building at Little Hill.

Other Planning Matters

Further discussions were held on the revised Structure Plan proposals. A response letter has been drafted which will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

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