

DUNURE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2003 in the Kennedy Hall.

SEDERUNT: Carol Hayes (Chair), Jean McGinn (Secy), Roy Storie (Treasurer), Adam Montgomerie (Vice Chair), Janet Munro.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Alan Murray, Dympna Gardiner, A Stewart, SAC.

1. APOLOGIES: J Eaglesham, S Hudson.

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Adam Montgomerie. Seconded by J Munro.

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Mrs Dympna Gardiner was co-opted to the Community Council:

Proposed by Mrs C. Hayes, seconded by Mr. R. Storie.

**The following office bearers were re-elected:**

Chair: Mrs Carol Hayes: Proposed by Mrs J Munro, seconded by Mr Roy Storie.

Vice-Chair: Mr Adam Montgomerie: Proposed by Mr Roy Storie, seconded by Mrs Carol Hayes.

Secretary: Mrs Jean McGinn: Proposed by Mrs Carol Hayes, seconded by Mr Adam Montgomerie.

Treasurer: Mr Roy Storie: Proposed by Mrs Carol Hayes, seconded by Mrs Jean McGinn.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2002-2003:

Since our last AGM there has been one change in the Community Council. Ashleigh Megson has been replaced by Dympna Gardiner, whom we welcome as a co-opted member.

We have had an active year since the last AGM. Many subjects have been tackled, and we have, with the assistance of Councillor Alan Murray managed to resolve most of the problems.

One of our achievements is that we now have two community notice boards in the village, on which local organisations can post notices of forthcoming events, etc, thus keeping the villagers informed of what is taking place in the village. This lack of information was a complaint that we received at the last AGM.

Thanks to the persistence of our Treasurer, Roy Storie, who bombarded the appropriate bodies with correspondence, and with the assistance of Alan Murray, who helped to obtain funding for the project, refurbishment to the Doo'cot has now been completed and a new door has been put in place. A new gate has also been put in the Castle to allow it to be open to the public when there is a park keeper on duty. Unfortunately, due to a funding crisis, the park keeper is only on duty at weekends. This is a pity, but not a situation that can be easily resolved at the moment.

The long running battle between the villagers and their access to Seaview was finally resolved by the suggestion of a feasibility study to build a new pathway along the top of the beach, through a gap in the rock and up to Kennedy Park. The "Private Road" sign would be removed from the end of Seaview as would the latches from the gates. Appropriate signage at the village end of the road would be erected directing the pedestrians to walk behind the houses. As the solum of Seaview belongs to the Council, although the road is not maintained by it, the residents of Seaview agreed not to intimidate anyone exercising their legal right of access by walking along it. At the time of writing, no signs have yet been erected, and there has been no result as yet of the feasibility study regarding the new road.

Another footpath of concern to the Community Council was the access between Craig Tara and the Farm Park, as several people were concerned at the number of people with young children and pushchairs being forced to walk in the road at a dangerous corner. This has now been resolved by a new pavement linking the two parks and also bus shelters with disabled access on both sides of the road. Other concerns regarding transport were the lack of a proper base for passengers alighting from southbound buses at the Heads of Ayr Caravan Park, and overgrown shrubs around the harbour bus stop in the village. These matters have now been resolved.

Concerns were also expressed about the lack of visibility at the entrance to Craig Tara due to overgrown shrubs. These have now been cut back. Also the responsibility of Craig Tara was the water leak at Spring Garden which lasted for several months. This has now, after several representations to the holiday park, finally been repaired.

Also on the subject of water, several representations were made to Scottish Water regarding definite information regarding the new Sewerage and Waste Treatment work due to commence this year. The most recent information is that this work is due to commence in August 2003, and due to be completed by mid 2004.

Both Andy Guthrie and Roy Storie were worried about the amount of litter in the area. Andy organised beach clean-ups which removed numerous bags of rubbish from the shore, while Roy's problem has been the amount of litter on the verges and at lay-bys, particularly after ditches have been cleaned. Roy also voiced a general concern about the number of potholes which appear in the roads shortly after repairs have been carried out. Councillor Murray invited along Mr Brian Davidson, Head of Roads, Parks and Waste Management to answer our questions. Apparently, it is the policy to carry out temporary repairs when potholes appear, and make more permanent repairs at a later date. I do not think the group were terribly impressed with his answers, but were grateful to him for coming along.

As a result of our request, the Technology Bus was at Fisherton Primary for eight weeks to allow villagers to become computer literate, and provided an enjoyable experience for those who took advantage of it.

Fisherton Primary has a new bus shelter and also 30mph signs on the road. New flashing signs are due to be erected when funding permits. Fisherton village now has its own sign posts.

Concern was expressed about livestock damaging headstones at Kirkbride Cemetery. The cost of replacing the boundary wall was prohibitive, and fencing was considered to be a more cost effective option.

The website is constantly being updated with minutes of all our meetings. Various other items have been added but copyright is a problem with much of the material that we have.

A skateboard facility has been installed in the Kennedy Park and it is hoped to replace the surface of the tennis court with an all weather surface.

The Community Association has been unable to achieve much success this year due to the fact that Maybole Community Development Group to which it was affiliated has been closed down. However, a new group covering the whole of North Carrick is being set up to replace it, and hopefully the village of Dunure will benefit from this in the future. The one success it had was obtaining £2000 to assist in running the Kennedy Hall.

Once again, I thank all the members of the Community Council for turning out to meetings on some terrible evenings. I particularly thank our hard working secretary, Jean McGinn, for all her hard work throughout the year. And I also thank our hard working councillor Alan Murray for his help and dedication to the village of Dunure.

Carol Hayes, Chairman, 21 May 2003.

This was circulated and read by all members and approved.

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### **3. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Doo'cot:** Everyone agreed the work to the Doo'cot has been a success. Query as to who has a key for access should it be needed.

**Seaview:** Nothing further to report here, but no plans for path along foreshore which had been suggested.

**New Sewerage Treatment Programme:** No further word but Secy will contact Water Board.

**Fisherton School:** "Slow" signs - electricity now connected for this.

**Electricity Pylons:** A Montgomerie advises poles are now erected to Knoweside from Dunure Mains and obviously still a lot of work to do here.

R Storie reports improvement in road surfaces although various potholes are again wearing out. Councillor Murray again confirms more money spent in the last financial year on roads than will be spent in the current year.

### **4. POLICE REPORT:**

P C McGarry was not in attendance. Mrs Hayes has reported an attempt at petrol theft from her car to Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

### **5. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Administration Account Balance at 20 May 2003 £101.51.

New Hall Account £2396.54

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Association of South Ayrshire Community Councils: Inaugural General Meeting.

Calor Gas: Scottish Community of the Year.

Teenrek: Suppliers of external sports equipment - website address

SAC Housing Conference 2003 - Sat 31 May 2003.

Minutes of Tenants & Residents Forum March Meeting.

Newsletter: association of Scottish Community Councils

Copy from SAC - Planning for Scotland's Future - Workshops.

SAC Aucincruive: Composting & Recycling Newsletter. To be distributed to members.

Glasdon: Newsheet - Litter bins, etc.

Thank you from Dunure Youth Club for donation of £50.

Association of South Ayrshire Community Councils - Self-Assessment pro-forma.

Commission for Racial Equality leaflet.

Rural Scotland Taking Stock Newsletter.

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

### **Applications:**

Genoch Farm, Prior notification for erection of hen house.

34 Arran View, Dunure. Alterations & extension to dwellinghouse.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councillor Murray confirms there is a bid for £1000 for "environmental" projects, eg litter cleaning / beach clean, etc. A responsible person will have to go on a training course for health and safety, and A Guthrie has expressed his interest in this.

Mrs Hayes in her Chairman's report mentioned the fact that Maybole Community Development Group has been closed down. Councillor Murray can confirm the new group to replace it will soon be up and running

Kennedy Hall & Park Committee's financial state still giving cause for concern due to inclement weather, and Councillor Murray feels there could be a different approach to this with perhaps assistance from the Council. This will be discussed at the next Kennedy Hall & Park Committee meeting.

The All Weather Play Area - Councillor Murray confirms looking at drawings and costs at the moment and also looking at possible grants.

The letter re removal of children's facility at Ayr Hospital was discussed and felt we should write with our disapproval of such steps.

A Montgomerie commented on the area behind garages at bus stance where the path seems to be in danger of collapse. Councillor Murray will look into this.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm and the next meeting will be on Tuesday 17 June 2003 at 7.30pm in the Kennedy Hall, Dunure.**

**It was agreed not to have a meeting in July.**