

## **DUNURE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2004 at 7.30pm in the Kennedy Hall.

**SEDERUNT:** Mr Adam Montgomerie (Chair), Mr Steve Hudson (Vice-chair), Mrs Jean McGinn (Secretary), Mr Roy Storie (Treasurer), Mr David Broadhead, Mrs Carol Hayes.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr A Stewart (S A C), Cllr Alan Murray, Mr Philip O Findlay.

**1. APOLOGIES:** P C Jim McGarry, Mrs D Gardiner, Cllr Tony Lewis.

**2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Proposed by Steve Hudson, Seconded by Roy Storie.

### **3. CAROL HAYES, RETIRING CHAIR, THEN DELIVERED HER ANNUAL REPORT.**

*The Community Council has had another busy year. In August, we had an open meeting with Scottish Water officials which was well attended by the villagers. There was considerable anger from those who lived in Fisherton when it was announced that only Dunure village would be connected to the public sewerage system. Messrs. Kenneth Naylor and Bill McFadyen from Scottish Water explained that lack of funding meant that Fisherton village would be excluded. This was not at all well received by many present, and much dissatisfaction was expressed.*

*On a brighter note, Andrew Guthrie received a grant for barrows, shovels and other materials to help with clearing the beach, and also funds to renovate a shed in which to keep them. A large quantity of black plastic bags has been subsequently filled with rubbish as a result of his efforts.*

*There has been discussion regarding an all weather play surface for the tennis court. At the moment quotes are being sought. Costs would appear somewhere between £10,000 and £40,000. Meanwhile an extension to the existing skateboard facility has been approved.*

*There was concern when the bottle banks were removed from Kennedy Drive. This was due to the fact that because the site was sloping a single operator could not cope with emptying them. Because of a lack of level sites in the village, there were no bottle banks for several months. However, thanks to a suggestion by John Eaglesham, they have now been sited in Kennedy Park. The site, next to the play area, is not ideal but is only temporary, prior to the introduction of the new refuse collection scheme next year.*

*A "Pay and Display" machine has been suggested for the park, as much income is being lost due to the lack of park keepers during the week. Costings are being investigated.*

*Andrew Guthrie has organised the planting of the Butterfly Garden and the children from the school have painted signs for it.*

*We are no further forward regarding a new village hall. Apparently the village is not socially deprived enough to receive lottery funding.*

*There has been a suggestion by the transport department to move the bus stop at the harbour thirty feet further along the road, nearer to the bend. This suggestion has been met with vigorous opposition by all community council members on safety grounds. Discussions are still ongoing.*

*There has also been a request for a bus stop opposite the Heads of Ayr Caravan Park, as passengers from Ayr are alighting into a ditch.*

*Concern has been expressed at the proposed change to the Local Plan which suggested that the field between Ayr Road and Fisherton Avenue was a suitable site on which to build seventy-five houses. This number was later amended to thirty-eight but many people still consider this number to be too many for the area.*

*Because we did not have meetings for three months in a row, due to lack of a quorum, our website closed down. We now have a new site, <http://www.dunure.info>.*

*Other matters dealt with by the Community Council this year included the erection of fencing around Kirkbride Cemetery to prevent damage by livestock, and the provision of an additional salt bin at the top of Kennedy Drive.*

*Roy Storie has kept up a relentless search for potholes and litter in the verges, most of the former have been speedily repaired, and the latter quickly removed.*

*We have one new member of the Community Council this year - David Broadhead has replaced Jenny Munro, who stood down on health grounds after several decades of service to the community council.*

*Once again I acknowledge with grateful thanks the assistance that I have received throughout the year from, among others, Jean McGinn, who does sterling work as Secretary, and Councillor Alan Murray, who does his best to sort out most of our problems. I have now stood down as chairman and wish Adam Montgomery, my successor, every good wish for his term in office.*

*Carol Hayes*

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING:**

**BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** As Mr Guthrie was not in attendance, unable to get an update here. D Broadhead will check keys in his possession to see if he has one to fit

the long cupboard in front of stage, which was suggested as a possible storage for tools, etc..

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO LOCAL PLAN:** There has been an amendment to size of proposed area to be released for housing at Fisherton. This should have read 1.4 hectares, and a maximum of 35 houses. Councillor Murray advised even once this ground has been released plans would have to be considered on merit before any house building, and would have to be in keeping with local area. Mr Morton has contacted South Ayrshire Council regarding the agreement with National Trust re protected area and this would have to be looked into before going further. Mr Montgomerie confirms the field in question belongs Dunduff Farm.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA:** Maps circulated to members and there is probably an area in the Carrick Hills, which overlaps Councillor Lewis's area.

**5. POLICE REPORT:** P C McGarry was not in attendance but has nothing to report at this time. Mr Storie mentioned the graffiti on sign to south of village; also paint on bus shelter at school.

**6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** The **Committee for the All Weather Sports Area** will be meeting in the near future.

**Kennedy Hall & Park Committee "Pay and Display" in the Park:** This is still be investigated but Councillor Murray feels an "Honesty Box" may be the better option if a robust box could be installed also signs informing the public all money collected is for the benefit of the village. Councillor Murray feels money may be available for hall repairs from Community Enhancement. Disabled access to hall was queried because of new disability legislation. This had been investigated at various times over the years, and found not to be viable. The cost would be too great to be borne by Kennedy Hall & Park Committee, but would find out regulations here.

## **7. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr Storie circulated a Draft version of Income and Expenditure Account as at 31 March 2004. This has been forwarded for Audit.

Balance of Administration Account at 31 March **£73.56** (Bank)

Petty Cash £15.48

This financial report was adopted on a proposal by A Montgomerie, Seconded D Broadhead.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Community Council Scheme and Handbook for Community Councillors.

Letter from Scottish Executive: Forthcoming Consultation Documents - "Principles of Charging", "Investing in Water Services 2006-2014(quality & Standards III)".

Scottish Executive: Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 - Power to advance well-being: Guidance.

Scottish Executive: Community Planning - Statutory Guidance and Advice Notes.

A Petition to Cathy Jamieson: Back the Anti-Social Behaviour Bill.

CVO Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2004.

Friends of the Earth: Meeting on Scotland's Energy Needs - Edinburgh 21 May 2004.

IBP Strategy & Research: South Ayrshire Council - Public Performance Reporting.

South Ayrshire Council Housing Conference on 15 May. Posters on Community Notice Boards. Elspeth Attwooll M E P leaflets.

Scottish Executive: Consultation Paper - "Water Environment (Controlled Activities)(Scotland) Regs 2004".

Beachwatch 2003 - Annual UK Beach Litter Survey. Report & Registration Form for Beachwatch 2004.

South Ayrshire Council Local Plan - Schedule of Proposed Changes.

Letter from A McDonald, Dundonald Community Council re new bins.

Respect - tackling anti-social behaviour. Tower Consultants

Cathy Jamieson - Official Opening of new parliament: Nominations from Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley for one person to attend.

CVO Update

Teenrek new offers.

Association of Scottish Community Councils - Newsletter.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

### **Applications:**

1 Fisherton Place: Erection of Boundary Fence.

### **Permitted:**

3 Castle Road, Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

22a Kennedy Drive, Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

#### **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr Philip Findlay was co-opted as spokesperson on harbour issues. This position will be reviewed at the end of March 2005. Proposed by R Storie. Seconded by D Broadhead.

S Hudson asked if street sweepers could continue to north end of Carrick Place, as there has been broken glass in that area from windows of a caravan parked there.

New Hall: C Hayes suggests winding up this project as she feels no progress has been made after more than 18 months of work. R Storie wants to keep going and suggests a flyer round village to find out what residents are looking for in a new hall. C Hayes pointed out this had previously been done and only two replies were received. Not much hope of funding, as we are not a deprived area. Councillor Murray suggests Mr Storie keeps in touch with Bob Baillie who would advise him on what steps to take. Perhaps it would help if more organisations used the hall for a wider variety of purposes, for example the re-introduction of Evergreen Club, Health Clinic, and Visitor Centre etc.

School Travel Plan for Fisherton Primary was discussed. The Travel Plan is to improve safety for children arriving at and leaving school. Car parking area in playground separate from children's play area, more traffic calming, more visible road signs, railings to prevent children wandering onto road. Community Council members commented on the problem of bus dropping children off in the morning on the opposite side of the road.

A Montgomerie spoke about the double gates being left open, and cars leaving school in the afternoon while the bus was still parked. Secretary will pass remarks on to school.

Secretary is frequently advised by residents of dog waste bins not being emptied and on checking with South Ayrshire Council was told these should be emptied at least once weekly.

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm and the next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th June 2004 at 7.30pm in the Kennedy Hall, Dunure.**