

DUNURE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2005 in the Kennedy Hall.

SEDERUNT: Mr Adam Montgomerie (Chair), Mrs Jean McGinn (Secretary), Mr Steve Hudson (Vice Chair), Mr Roy Storie (Treasurer), Mrs Dympna Gardiner, Mr D Broadhead.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Alan Murray, P C John Hamil (Community Policeman), Mr Philip Findlay, Mr Brian Seditas, Snr Environmental Health Officer.

1. APOLOGIES: Mr John Eaglesham, Mr Andrew Guthrie, Nicky Beveridge, S. Ayrshire Council .

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by D Gardiner, Seconded A Montgomerie.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

SCOTTISH WATER SOLUTIONS: Nothing new here except Councillor Murray had been in contact with K Naylor, and hopes to have some information soon. It has been agreed that a meeting separate from our own Community Council monthly meeting should be arranged.

DOG FOULING: Mr Brian Seditas, South Ayrshire Council Senior Environmental Health Officer attended the meeting. He explained the DOG FOULING ACT OF 2003 whereby a fixed penalty fine of £40 (rising on non-payment to £60) can be given to irresponsible dog owners who persist in failing to clean up after dog fouling. This will be the subject of an advertising campaign during the summer to make the public aware of their responsibilities and encourage them to be responsible. The dog warden will be working in conjunction with the Community Police Officer to implement this new law. The Council supply suitable plastic bags free for the use of dog owners. Mr Seditas confirms there are already 163 bins in South Ayrshire. Mr Montgomerie thanked Mr Seditas for attending and providing us with this information.

NOTICE BOARD: Mr Findlay is agreeable to erect a new Notice Board on Harbour property, which will be more sheltered location.

ROAD RE-SURFACING: This has commenced and Councillor Murray assures us the road will only be closed as and when it is absolutely necessary, not during the hours of 9.30am and 3.00pm daily as previously advised.

BEACH CLEAN: As Mr Guthrie is on holiday this has had to be postponed but will be completed at a later date.

SEAVIEW: Councillor Murray, Mr Broadhead and Mr Guthrie had a site visit on Saturday 5 March. Councillor Murray confirms the ground around the well to the edge of properties belongs to South Ayrshire Council, and while this area from the park along Seaview is not an official right of way decided by law, it is indeed within the law for the general public to have access here. The gate may be considered a barrier but is not against the law. This, however, should not be considered by the public as a deterrent to walking through if they so wish. Mr Guthrie and Mr Rankin would like to see the old well made a feature and attraction, as it is part of the village history. An artist's impression of how this would look has been passed to Councillor Murray. Questionnaire by the "Scottish Rights of Way Society" will be distributed throughout the village, to ascertain usage of this route. Anyone who has not received one and who wishes to complete a form should contact Mr A Guthrie or Mrs J McGinn.

4. POLICE REPORT: P C John Hamil has nothing new to report. He has spoken to some dog owners who assure him they pick up after their pets.

5. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Councillor Murray can confirm that the various areas Mr Storie highlighted as litter problem areas have been cleared. Miller Road/Holmston/near Police Station, also Scotrail and Littlewoods have been asked to remove litter. Community Service is not appropriate for litter removal as it is deemed local authority jobs would be lost if someone else took on litter removal. Some of the land mentioned is not local authority and therefore responsibility of landowner. There was a query about the effectiveness of the mechanised street sweeper and Councillor Murray has been informed this is much more effective than being swept manually. The Limekilns had been cleared of litter and Mr Storie thanked Councillor Murray for his help here and also advised the deep ditch at the bottom of Station Road had been cleared.

The glass bottle banks are emptied into separate compartments in the lorry keeping the colours separate. This was in reply to a previous query from Mr Eaglesham.

A resident had been concerned about rats in a burn at the south end of Kennedy Drive and this has been passed to Environmental Health.

Councillor Murray will pass a copy of letter detailing various road surfaces to Mr Storie for his information.

Finances for the bus stop at Heads of Ayr Caravan Park will not be available until next financial year.

All Weather Play Area: Mr Davidson may be in a position to get £15,000 from "Fairshare" towards this. Looking at various ways to get funding here. Councillor

Murray explained to Mr Findlay the Committee, which is working on the funding of this, comes under the auspices of Kennedy Hall & Park Committee, but is operated separately.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

New Hall Account Balance at 15th March 2005: **£2420.37**

Administrative Account:

Balance at 15th March £546.65.
Plus interest..... £ 0.09
Less Web Site Fee..... £35.25
Balance..... £511.40

(Less Strathclyde Police cheque not presented) **£100.00**

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Scottish Water - Charges announcement.

Strathclyde Police - Invitation to launch of Speed Detection Device.

Consumer Problems - Poster and booklets.

FMR Research - S A C Plan Consultation Document.

Energy Agency - Grants and loans.

Letter from South Ayrshire Council 60th Anniversary of Second World War.

Scottish Natural Heritage: Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Postwatch Scotland.

Scottish Executive - "Standing Up to Anti-Social Behaviour Awards Scheme".

South Ayrshire Council - Sport & Leisure Questionnaire.

South Ayrshire Council - Election of Community Councillors.

Scottish Executive - Publication of Proposed General Binding Rules.

Scottish Co-op - The Local Channel - Free Community Council Web Site.

Rural Affairs Committee - Meeting on 7 April.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

40 Station Road: Erection of balcony & dormer windows.

1 Genoch Cottage: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr Montgomerie commented on the condition of the trees in the "Planting" - East side of road from, Harbour to Croft. As the trees in this area are getting old we feel this area should be surveyed to check the condition of these trees, as there is a danger of branches breaking off in high winds, especially onto the road. Councillor Murray will try and get an arboreal expert from South Ayrshire Council to investigate, and Mr Montgomerie will find out who is responsible for this wood.

Mr Eaglesham has suggested two benches be placed on the area of grass opposite and down from the dairy for the elderly and infirm. This was thought to be a good idea, but funding would have to be found. Perhaps the Community Council can make a donation to this.

Mr Findlay is agreeable to be a specialist co-optee (Harbour business) for the next eleven months at which time there will be elections for all Community Council members. He will be co-opted at our April meeting.

We have paid our Web Site dues for another year, and appreciate Mr Hayes adding the minutes to this Web Site each month. Before the end of the year we will have to resolve what our future plans are for the Web Site, as we cannot expect Mr Hayes to keep this on indefinitely.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm and the next meeting will be on Tuesday 18 April 2005 at 7.30pm in the Kennedy Hall, Dunure.