

Strathblane Community Council Meeting

10 May 2010 at 7.30pm in Strathblane Primary School

Attendees

Margaret Vass	Chair of the Community Council
John Gray	Planning/IT
Richard Arnold	Secretary
Willie Oswald	Community Council member
Marian Lever	Community Council member
David McNally	Police Constable, Central Scotland Police
Pam Campbell	Rural Development Worker, Stirling Council
Alistair Berrill	Councillor, Forth and Endrick Ward 2
Moira Drennan	Minute Taker

Apologies

Fiona Murray	Treasurer
Joan Hoggan	Vice Chair
Alan Hutton	Community Council member
Elsbeth Posnett	Community Council member
Philip Graves	Community Council member

Agenda

- 1 Welcome from the Chair and apologies
- 2 Minutes of the April meeting and Matters Arising
- 3 Community Council co-options
- 4 Police Report
- 5 Community Council Links with other village groups
 - a) Local Development Planning Day on 29 May
 - b) Summer Fair 5 June
- 6 Elected Member's Report
- 7 Financial Matters
 - a) Budget
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- 8 Issues from the community
- 9 Planning
 - a. Feedback from the Planning Panel
 - b. 09/00358/FUL new close care units at Blanefield House
 - c. Edenmill Farm access issues
 - d. 5 houses at Mugdock Planning Appeal
 - e. Local Development Plan and other planning issues
- 10 Environmental Issues.
- 11 Roads
 - a) A81 and Speed/Traffic Management
 - b) Other roads' issues
- 12 Feedback from Community Development Trust
- 13 Correspondence
- 14 AOCB
- 15 Date of next meeting: AGM 7.30 pm on 7 June 2010 in Strathblane Primary School.
The Community Council meeting will take place immediately following the AGM

1 Welcome and Introductions

Margaret Vass opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minute of the April Meeting

John Gray made one clarification to the Planning Section. The amended April minute was then accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. The approved minute was proposed by Willie Oswald and seconded by Marian Lever.

Matters Arising

None

3 Community Council and co-options

There had been one volunteer. Patsy Fischbacher was co-opted onto the Council and warmly welcomed. One remaining position required to be filled, to bring the Council up to full complement.

4 Police Report David McNally

8-13 April	Wooden gates had been removed from the Dumbrock Loch area
14 April	A person was arrested in possession of cannabis at Queen's View car park
14 April	There had been a theft of a diesel bowser/trailer from Auchineden House
19 April	A prowler was reported at the Country House Falconry
19 April	There was a theft of tools from Glenarden House
1 May	Poachers were apprehended at Carbeth Loch

- **Camping at Dumbrock Loch**

There was specific discussion on the issue of irresponsible wild camping at Dumbrock Loch. This scenic area was regularly littered with discarded food and tents; trees were felled. There was a concern expressed that the stamping out of anti-social behaviour at Loch Lomond, might displace campers elsewhere.

PC McNally, the Local Councils, National Heritage and Mugdock Country Park had identified certain areas and certain times when there had been irresponsible access involving under age drinking, drug taking and irresponsible camping. Parents, reportedly, were seen delivering teenagers to the park to party.

The Scottish National Heritage was currently considering what actions were possible. Next year By-laws will be introduced at Loch Lomond prohibiting camping. The Access legislation will be reviewed.

Criminal Justice was possibly to be involved in cleaning up after the partying.

One suggestion was that schools be contacted and through the school staff, advice be given to parents not to jettison children at the Country Park. It was also suggested that an article in the Milngavie and Bearsden Herald highlighting the problem, might raise awareness of the issue.

PC McNally left the meeting to deal with partying school students at the loch.

- **Pavement parking**

Parking in Old Mugdock Road has improved. Fewer cars were parking on the pavement. The raised height of the kerb was proving to be a useful deterrent. There was no noticeable improvement on Glasgow Road. Fixed penalty notices had been served. In the longer term, landscaping of the road offered the best solution.

5 Community links with other groups

There had been no further contacts with other groups.

- Local Development Plan Day 29 May 10

A Community Council stand was proposed, to promote the work of the Community Council and to offer an opportunity discuss with the public, action points arising from the Community Planning survey. Councillors would familiarise themselves with the Main Issues Report and ensure they were well briefed for the day. Pam Campbell, Rural Development Worker, Stirling Council, would be involved in the Local Development Planning Road Show and would organise display boards. Pam Campbell would also advise on consultation involving Open Space Strategy and on Local Housing Strategy. Margaret Vass requested more posters from Pam Campbell.

A timetable of Community Council consultation and involvement was arranged:

29 May Local Development Planning Day
5 June Summer Fair
5 July Public meeting
2 August Finalising of Strathblane Community Council's response

- Summer Fair 5 June

Patsy Fishbacher requested volunteers to assist with the BBQ and Teas. Marion Lever volunteered to help with the teas. It was stressed however, that staffing the Community Council stall was a priority.

- Action Day 31 May

School students were to be encouraged to participate in the venture. Restorative Justice may also be involved.

6 Elected Member's Report

Councillor Berrill spoke briefly on windfarm development in the area.

7 Financial Matters

Richard Arnold had purchased the goods as agreed.

Strathblane Community Council would appreciate volunteers to help with tub planting. £50.00 had been granted towards tub planting costs.

The funding application for the Community Pride had been submitted.

8 Issues from the Community

No issues were raised.

9 Planning

Feedback from the Planning Panel

09/00358/FUL new close care units at Blanefield House.

Strathblane Community Council opposed the application. The applicant met with the Planning Group 29/03/10. The Officer recommended to refuse.

The Community Council expressed concern that the Chair of the Panel may approve building. As there would be no Hearing, the Community Council would have no opportunity to put forward community wishes or to negotiate community gain, for example road improvement: there was no pavement to and from the Care Home.

It was suggested that Councillor McPherson be invited to speak to the Community Council on the criteria for giving a Hearing; on how many Councils have been heard and on how much notice should be given to Community Councils to attend and to prepare for hearings.

Pam Campbell would write to Peter Morgan for clarification of criteria. This would be followed up by a letter from Margaret Vass.

5 houses at Mugdock Planning appeal

Margaret Vass thanked John Gray for the huge amount of work he did and for his preparation of the submission in such a short time.

Other planning issues

[10/00260/FUL](#) Land at garden ground o South of 40 Old Mugdock Road Strathblane
Erection of dwelling house. Outline planning permission was granted, no opposition.

[10/00237/PPP](#) Land At Garden Ground Of 24, Campsie Dene Road, Blanefield

Erection of dwelling house 19/05/10

There was some discussion on turning gardens into building plots. It was felt that generally this should be opposed, as there was no frontage of the house to the road. It could lead to over development and a reduction in privacy of the first house. Willie Oswald would draft comments. As a neighbour, Margaret Vass took no part in the discussion

Oppose.

[10/00196/FUL](#) Moorhouse 25 Old Mugdock Road Strathblane G63 9ER

Extension to dwelling house, recently extended. This proposed extension was large indeed and on a very prominent site. Write, with opposition, on grounds of scale and size.

10 Environmental Issues

Community Action Day Monday 31 May.

Planting tubs at the end of May and beginning of June.

PC McNally returned from Dumbrock Road and praised students from Douglas Academy, who co-operated fully in clearing up the mess. The students were helpful and mature and they removed bin bags full of waste from the site.

11 Roads

There were no issues raised. For clarification, the Ballewan roundabout was confirmed as the priority in the traffic-calming scheme.

12 Community Development Trust

- Social Event

A joint meeting/social event with the CDT committee was arranged for the 24 May at 8.00pm to be held in Anne Johnston's house.

- Village Survey Report

All members of the Community Council had received a copy of the final village survey report.

As time was short, discussion on the report would take place at the next meeting. Members were asked to read the report, be ready to prioritise action points and agree on those priorities which should be in partnership with the CDT, those to be led by the CDT and those to be led by the Community Council.

13 Correspondence

- The scouring of the river. It was questioned whether the area was sufficiently stable and safe. To avoid the issue being passed from department to department, Pam

Campbell advised contacting Nicole Paterson of Land Management who had responsibility for all open spaces and copy to Lesley Malkin

- Rural South Area Forum
Patsy Fischbacher will attend on behalf of the Community Council. The topic will be Transport to the Community Hospital at Larbet and the Ambulance Service.

14 AOCB
None

15 Date of next meeting

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The meeting ended at 10.00pm