

Dullatur Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 14 November 2005, Dullatur Village Hall, 8pm.

Present S Chard, M Smillie, M Kennedy, P Chard, E Watson.
Apologies J McLean.
Minutes Previously circulated, taken as read and approved by M Kennedy and E Watson

Matters arising from Minutes; We have received the cheque for £141.00 for the meter exchange which was not required and the rebate cheque from Scottish Water. This evening M Smillie received a telephone call from Scottish Water regarding the water charges against the Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club. D.L.T.C. should not have been liable for any utility charges as the property is owned by the Community Council. A rebate of £626.40 is due. The Community Council were also charged an excessive rateable value on the property for metered water this will also be repaid. Mrs Smillie has been pursuing the overcharges for a considerable time and her tenacity has paid off.

Scottish Water will be prosecuted by S.E.P.A. for polluting the Chanticleer Burn from 23 June to 14 July. M Smillie had a witness statement taken by Mr Tom McKenzie of S.E.P.A last week. Mr D Young and Mrs A L Gurney Stewart will have statements taken by Mr McKenzie. Stewart Milne has been formally cautioned for non-compliance of maintenance of the pumping station in Dullatur 10.

The electrical work in the hall has been completed by Mr Leonard.

Correspondence; NLC Minutes and planning applications from June to October. (Application No:N/05/0758/FUL; Mr & Mrs McPake, 17 Dykehead Road, erection of conservatory)

NLC; letter re Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Draft Finalised Alteration 2005 to the Joint Structure Plan.

NLC; letter from Cllr Murray to Mr Watson in reply to M Smillie's e-mail re surface water drainage on Antonine Road and to supply an additional grit bin in Old Dullatur Road

NLC; letter from Cllr Murray to Mr Watson in reply to M Smillie's e-mail re The Lane.

NLC; North Lanarkshire Council Tenant Conference 2005: Working Together. N/A.

Scottish Parliament; Surgery timetables for November from Cathy Craigie MSP.

Watch us Grow in the Community; environmental project

NHS; consultation paper, Picture of Health.

Letter from Allison Payne re October Newsletter; ref DebRA, the Xmas Charity and links with NLC delegation to Bron, France.

Financial Report; The accounts are healthy. The two cheques from Scottish Water were banked. The accounts from the Dullatur Old Village Residents Assoc. and The Village Hall Maintenance Account which helped out in our financial difficulties with Scottish Water will be repaid. The Dullatur Old Village Residents Assoc. received a considerable donation from two residents of the village. Cheques were authorised for the St Andrews Night Supper on the 26 November. M Smillie was authorised to purchase lights, safety switches and a weather box for the Xmas Tree. These will be purchased from Edmundsons of Wardpark. As discussed at a previous meeting, M Smillie will order an external notice board from Wilson and Garden of Kilsyth. The previous estimate was approx. £500.00. but when M Smillie queried the difference it

transpired that the original was for an internal board which would not be suitable. An updated quote has been requested.

Group Reports The Mother and Toddler Group and Playgroup will hold an Open Night on Monday 21 November at 8pm. The groups will hold a Fund-raising Xmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December from 10.30am to 1pm. All groups will hold their Xmas parties in the week commencing 12 December. All groups will close for the holidays on Friday 10 December.

Social events Tickets for the St Andrews Night are going well. The rehearsals for the Xmas Show are under way. The show will be held on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December at 7.00pm. A Xmas Event Newsletter will be distributed at the end of the month.

Any Other business Surface water is causing a problem on a section of Antonine Road in the Victoria Grange Development. Dr Donald Stoddart e-mailed M Smillie to alert the Community Council. M Smillie was aware of the problem as she had previously contacted Cllr Murray and Mr Watson. The water is causing the tarmac footpath connecting Prospect Road and Antonine Road to crack. This area is problematic when it freezes as it takes in a large section of road and footpath. The beech tree at the pumping station is in a poor state, it was reported to and inspected by NLC early last year for possible felling. Cllr Murray has also witnessed its poor state when he made a walkabout with Mr Venton, who has long departed from NLC. Large limbs are breaking off and are suspended by lower branches. This tree is adjacent to the pick up area for the school bus and a public footpath. Dying trees in the Glen Road are also causing a problem.

The condition of the Lane is deteriorating to a state that service vehicles are now threatening to suspend deliveries residents are experiencing difficulty now accessing the properties. Visitors to the Lane have to be given prior notice of its condition. Cllr Murray has alerted Mr Watson. NLC have acknowledged that they own half of the Lane.

M Smillie called the police to deal with five youths trespassing properties on several nights during the week. Mr John Colquhoun intercepted the same five youths attempting the break into the village hall and storage units on Saturday evening, the police were called in. A special thanks also goes to Mr Colquhoun for all the maintenance work he does during the year.

Date of next meeting Monday 12 December, Dullatur Village Hall, 8pm.

Dullatur Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 11 December 2005, Dullatur Village Hall, 1.30pm.

Present S Chard, M Smillie, M Kennedy, P Chard, E Watson.
J McLean.

Apologies None.

Minutes Previously circulated, taken as read and approved by M Kennedy and P Chard

The meeting was held a day earlier, due to a quorum not being achieved on the Monday 12th. Apologies for the short notice.

Matters arising from Minutes; Scottish Water; It has been confirmed that we have been overcharged for several years for water charges based on our rateable value, rated by S W at £19,000.00 p.a. Unfortunately they will not consider anything further back than September 2003. A refund will be sent to us in due course. Several reports from residents reporting five youths trespassing properties around the village.

Mr I McHardie of Sidwood, Victoria Road called the police regarding the same five youths climbing into his property.

Craigard Nursery had several panes of glass damaged from air gun pellets. The police have been notified. All three incidents took place over a period of three nights. The police attended.

Correspondence; NLC Minutes and monthly planning applications.

NLC; Letter from Mr D Porch, Director of Planning re Final Tie-in Traffic Diversions at the A80 Auchenkilns Junction Upgrade. Disruption will occur between 19 to 21 November.

NLC; Occasional license for St Andrews Night.

NLC; Letter from Diane Smith, Roads Dept. re positioning of an additional grit bin on Old Dullatur Road and the surface water problem on Antonine Road, Victoria Grange.

NLC; Letter from Mr D Porch, Director of Planning re The Lane. Roads Dept. are at present preparing an estimate of cost to bring the road up to an acceptable condition.

The Scottish Parliament; Scottish Parliamentary Newsletter from Alex Neil MSP.

Assoc. of Scottish Community Councils; November 2005 Newsletter.

North Lanarkshire Partnership; Community Plan Performance Report for 2004/05.

Kennedy's, Chartered Patent Attorneys; Release of .eu Top Level Domain

Scottish Water; 3 letters received regarding our accounts.

E-Mail from Dr D Stoddart, Antonine Road, Victoria Grange; re surface water run-off and potential risk factor coming into the winter months.

E-Mail from Mrs E Ormerod, Linnvale Way, Victoria Grange; re speeding, particularly at school pick up times. Dog fouling is as bad as ever.

Letter and cheque sent to Redburn School, Cumbernauld.

Letter of thanks from Ms Rona Logan, Head Teacher of Redburn School.

Financial Report; All accounts are healthy. A further £2600.00 is due to us by Scottish Water due to charges being made to Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club, the account will be closed to stop any future double billing. All accounts that helped out will be re-reimbursed when all rebates are complete. It was agreed that M Smillie would

purchase extra lights and a weather box from the Maintenance Account and outlying expenses owed to M Smillie will be repaid as soon as possible.

Group Reports The Mother & Toddler Group will hold a fund raising Xmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December from 10.30am until 2pm. The Mother and Toddler Group and Play Group will hold their Christmas parties week commencing 5th December. All groups will finish on Friday 9 December and resume on 9th January.

Social events; The St Andrews Night was a success, albeit with smaller numbers. The Pre-Christmas Charity Raffle raised £275.00 for Redburn School. Redburn School was the nominated charity for 2004 but due to the Asian Tsunami it was decided that Redburn School would benefit in 2005. The Christmas Show will be held on 20 and 21 December at 7pm. There will be a charity collection at both shows. Santa will meet the children at 6.30pm. It is hoped that some of the older children will sing carols round the houses.

Any Other business NLC Parks and Leisure Dept. planted spring bulbs the length of the footpath to the Terrace on 21/11/05.

It has been reported by several residents that several cars are speeding particularly in the Antonine Road section of Victoria Gate and Victoria Grange. It would appear the same drivers are the culprits. We will take advice from our Community Policeman on how to proceed as we have been asked to name and shame in our New Years Newsletter.

M Smillie received a phone call from Mr John Stewart, Past Chairman of The Crime Prevention Panel. The panel is at the point of folding due to lack of members, Mr Stewart asked if anyone on the Community Council would participate. The Community Council meets on the same night as the Panel so membership would be difficult.

Dullatur has a new Community Policeman, PC Steven Downes, who introduced himself at the coffee morning on 7 December.

M Smillie received an e-mail and a following phone call from Richard Hanning, secretary of Victoria Grange Residents Association regarding representation at future Community Council Meetings. No one individual will attend and it will be on an ad-hoc basis. The Community Council welcomed the prospect of a new member. Since the resignation of Mr Gordon Norman two years ago we haven't had anyone representing Victoria Grange Residents.

A L Gurney reported fly tipping of sub soil in the Bunny Hop. M Smillie reported it to Northline. 7/12/05.

Mr S Chard closed the meeting at 2.30pm and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Date of next meeting Monday 9 January 2006, Dullatur Village Hall, 8pm.