

Dullatur Community Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 30 June 2011, Dullatur Village Hall, 8.00pm.

Present. M Smillie, M Kennedy, M Sweet, M Harrison.

Apologies; Mr Jamieson, J McLean, E Watson.

Minutes; Previous years Minutes distributed, taken as read and approved.

Matters arising from Minutes.

Street Lighting: The replacement of street lighting in the old village, Victoria Terrace, Station Yard and Glen Road is now complete. The request made to have a light standard erected near the property of Mrs Dunlop's home, Birchgrove was carried out in the second phase of the installation work. Mrs Dunlop and the Community Council are delighted with the result.

Residents in Prospect Road who reminded the Community Council that the footpath is private and any damage will have to be reinstated have had the footpath renewed to their satisfaction. Residents in Victoria Road who had asked for the placement of lights to be moved to a more suitable location as the light head was in the middle of mature trees were pleased that NLC will carry out a one off goodwill gesture of tree surgery to clear the overhanging branches away from the light heads.

The upgrading of Croy Station Car Park is now complete and it is expected that parking charges will be levied in the near future.

Broadband

Over the year many residents have asked the Community Council to give progress updates during the year to address the poor Broadband quality in the village. To date as far as we have been told by BT that Dullatur, Westerwood, Craigmarloch and some parts of Carrickstone lie in a "not spot" area (furthest from the exchange). The quality of service will only improve when the copper wire is replaced with fibre optic. This according to an article in The Cumbernauld News is to be a reality in 2012

Chairpersons Report:

Bunny Hop; The pathway is still in a poor condition with several places lying under several inches water in wet weather. This is due to drivers taking a short cut and cutting up the path which is not suitable for vehicles. The pathway is on the NLC list as a Core Path. Mr Paul Jukes sent a letter to The Community Council stating that the track would be upgraded as part of the winter maintenance plan. To date nothing has been done.

The Croy Walkway; The walkway is also on the list as a Core Access Path to Croy Hill and Croy Station. It has been confirmed by Mark Palmer of the NLC Access Dept. that this road will be not made up to a reasonable standard or for that matter maintained by NLC. Any upgrade will likely be made through grant funding by other groups.

Glen Road; It has been agreed by NLC due to pressure from our Councillors that the tree canopy will be reduced and all overhanging trees will be cut back in the Glen Road. This is a well known and dangerous and narrow road with tight bends. This has been an ongoing issue with the Community Council for many years now and it was suggested by a resident that only a fatality will activate NLC into having serious work done. During the winter the road was closed in four occasions due to falling trees. Two homes in the Glen Road are inconvenienced with power cuts due to falling branches. This is well documented by DCC and residents. Mr Paul Jukes attended a public of Dullatur residents in May and this was one of the most important issues.

Financial Report:

The accounts have been sent to Feeley & Co for audit. The Community Council account made a profit of £687.87 this year. This was due to the record attendance at the Barbeque which still attracts a good number of residents but the main supporters to the events are from the old village. The events are smaller than in the past both are more profitable. A programme of events will be made up during the summer and distributed to the residents.

Group Report: M Smillie (Secretary).

The Coffee morning sadly has now folded due to the lack of support from mainly the older members of the village.

The Ceramic Class is still very popular and runs on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings throughout the year.

The Toddler and Playgroup Report

We have had another very successful year. We have maintained full capacity over the last 12 months and have managed to maintain a waiting list for places up to June. However, due to a large number of children moving on to pre-school placements the playgroup numbers are particularly low for the session starting August. The committee are actively promoting the playgroup as the only registered playgroup in the area.

Funding has been cut back drastically and the groups have organised several fund-raising events during the year to help with wages, Hall rent and children's events.

The Leaders have been working extremely hard to develop and deliver an exciting programme of topics and activities for both groups of children. On behalf of the Toddlers and Playgroup, we would like to thank the Community Council and the residents of Dullatur for all their support and help during the last 12 months. We very much value the Hall and the co-operation, support and goodwill of the Trustees and look forward to another great 12 months.

Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club Report

The report was read by Mrs M Smillie, DLTC Secretary

The club is continuing to attract new family members and a good number of single juniors and we now have closed membership to all members other than residents of Dullatur.

We have a full 16 week coaching programme of 70 junior members from the age of 4 years of age to 12 with our new coach Laurent Marmocchi on Thursday evenings. The senior resident coach Steven Struthers trains seniors and adults on a Tuesday night. Finals Day 2011 will be held on 20 August and after the Prize Giving we will finish with our traditional Fish and Fizz Supper. Adults Final Day will be held on Sunday 21 August. Four young players are being coached at the Scottish Tennis Academy and one boy is ranked No 1 in Scotland in his age group.

Residents Events

In November the St Andrews Night Dinner was a success, the numbers were smaller than usual but we are putting that down to a section of the regulars are now older and less able to get about. The festivities over the Christmas Period are all geared for the children with record numbers attending year on year. This year two of the events, Halloween and St Valentines were cancelled due to the atrocious weather. The Annual Village Barbeque this year was attended by a large number and attracted attendance from all areas of the village. Thanks to all Community Councillors and residents who make these events possible.

Any Other Business.

Flooding in the Station Yard, Glen Road and the rest of the Village

At the public meeting in May the next important issue of flooding was discussed. Mr William Henderson, NLC senior drainage engineer showed photographs taken by a remote camera by Enviroclean who were contracted to examine the suspected cause of serious flooding in the station yard. They could identify the main cause was a collapsed drain within the property of Network Rail, they reported that this drain was identified in a survey 10 years before. After much debate it was agreed that NLC officials would contact Network Rail and Scottish Water.

The land in front of the garden area at Victoria Terrace is owned by the residents and the surface is constantly eroded by serious flooding this is compounded by heavy vehicles servicing Network Rail and road repair work, parking and turning in this narrow area, further damaging the road.

On Wednesday 29 June 2011, M Smillie met with Mr Henderson, Diane Smart of NLC, Cllrs Murray and Chadha and residents of Victoria Terrace. Ownership of the area was disputed by NLC officers. M Smillie produced a letter and area drainage plan drawn up by CDC in 1979 where it was proved without a doubt that the drain causing part of the problem was in fact in NLC property. The party then walked round

the seriously muddy track at the Bunny Hop and the rest of the flooding sites. Hopefully Mr Henderson will have taken the issues on board as he has witnessed first hand the previously unknown areas.

Dullatur Project

Members of Dullatur Community Council and residents have joined the newly formed Cumbernauld Environmental Society. The society was set up to work closely with NLC officers to make improvements where possible in all areas of Cumbernauld. Through donations from Dullatur Community Council, Dullatur Old Village Residents, the Tennis club and residents, a vacant plot in Prospect Road has been taken over and will be the start of phase one of a Community Garden. Further phases will be funded through external funding sources i.e. Land Fill Credit facilities; Biffa, Wren etc.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm