

# Dullatur Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 14 January 2013, Dullatur Village Hall at 8.00pm.

**Present** B Jamieson, M Smillie, M Sweet, J McKerrall, E Watson, J Wright, Cllr Chadha, Cllr Masterton.

**Apologies** Cllr McCulloch, M Kennedy, L Leitch

**Minutes;** The previous months Minutes were circulated and taken as read and approved.

### **Matters Arising;**

**Pumping Stations** The pumping station at Dullatur 10 (off the extreme end of Antonine Road) has been attended one an almost daily basis by Scottish Water since the initial report was made on 2 December. Two attempts of making a repair failed on two occasions and during the holiday period it flowed continuously. The woodland in now contaminated with raw sewage. Thanks to Cllr Masterton for keeping a continuous dialogue on updates with Scottish Water, the Community Council and Mrs A L Gurney.

### **Correspondence**

#### **10 January; Message from M Smillie to Mrs Mann, Shorewood Estate Resident.**

Regarding the problems the residents were facing due to the building company ceasing to exist and failing to provide any provision of maintenance of the pumping station and common areas.

#### **9 January 2013**

Reply form John Ashcroft NLC to Cllr Chadha

Common areas and pumping stations are not an issue that Roads and Transportation are responsible

If the residents are unhappy with the performance and charges provided by the current factor they can take steps to appoint a new factor. The details on how this can be done are normally contained within the property missives.

I believe that Land Management would take on the common areas however this involves are considerable up front payment which is normally prohibitive, Land Management may be able to provide additional information regarding this element.

8 January 2013. Message from Mrs P Mann to Cllr McCulloch, Cllr Chadha, Cllr O'Brien and Cllr Masterton,

Re guidance as how the residents of Shorewood housing estate, Dullatur, can settle the matter of running costs (pump repairs and electricity) for sewage and water management as well as play park management. Our factors have failed to represent us and we have huge running costs for water and common areas which should now be the responsibility of Scottish water and the council respectively.

#### **January 7**

Message from M McCartan, of Westerton Road, Reporting brown water through taps. M Smillie advised him that this may be due to Scottish Water working in the area.

#### **4 January 2013**

Mrs A L Gurney reporting further breakdown of pumping station and sewage spilling over a large area of woodland adjacent to a public footpath

### **December 24 – Report from Graham Smith; Scottish Water**

We were advised by our contractors that the blockage in the rising main had been removed and that the pumps were operating correctly. From the above graph, the pumps do not appear to be able to consistently beat the flow into the well. This could be for a couple of reasons.

- 1 – There is still some restriction in the rising main that is restricting the flow from the pumps.
- 2 – The pumps are badly worn and are not pumping as effectively as they should
- 3 – There is substantial water infiltration into the sewers through the pipe joints during spells of heavy rain which is causing a larger inflow into the pump well than the pumps were designed to cope with.

From: Graham Smith – Senior Project Manager to Councillor Masterton

**Sent: 19 December 2012**

Re breakdown of pumping station at Dullatur 10.

I am currently waiting for the latest update from our contractor but can give you the following information.

**From Jamie Hepburn MSP re Dullatur West Bridge**

**Monday 17th December 2012**

Re a more direct access from Dullatur Village could be secured to the new bridge that Network Rail has built. If Network rail were able to arrange for the construction of such access to the bridge then this would neatly tie in with plans to create the John Muir Way from East Lothian to Loch Lomond, which it is envisaged will run along part of the North Lanarkshire core path network in the vicinity to this site. I also believe that this would be a fantastic legacy for Network Rail to leave the community in Dullatur.

**December 14, 2012** A L Gurney to Councillor Masterton

Thank you for alerting Mr Masterton to the situation. I would be very happy to lead any lost engineers to the site personally, if need be!

**Reply from Cllr Masterton**

Further to my previous correspondence regarding the issues with the Scottish Water pumping station and continuing spillage from this.

**December 11, 2012**

Mark Maclaren; Scottish Water message to Councillor Masterton

Re Pumping Station failure at Dullatur 10 (Victoria Grange)

There are a number of public and private pumping stations un that area, one of our Engineers was out to check them yesterday but could not locate the spill.

**Financial Report;**

Suggestions for NLC Grant Funding Application 2013 from Cllr's Budget were discussed.

Insurance Keegan & Pennykidd. £434.70 (2012) and a Rotovator to help in village landscape work (approx £650.00). With regards to the rotovator it was suggested that hiring to the value of the grant may be the answer as storage and maintenance may be an issue. We do have space in one of the huts and advice will be taken from J Colquhoun as to the maintenance costs.

**Cllr Mastertons Report**

Cllr Masterton gave us an update on what had followed on from the numerous e-mails regarding both pumping station breakdowns. Scottish Water have plans to adopt Dullatur 10 in 4-6 weeks. Last week they cleared the blockage and repaired one of two pumps. They will install a Telemetry System, (a data gathering system that uses radio and telephone to automatically collect real time

data from remote environmental monitoring units) when the unit is adopted.

Cllr Masterton reported some good news for the residents of Shorewood Estate; Scottish Water are looking to adopt the pumping station at Abbots Court, Shorewood Estate.

### **Social Events**

The charity collection for Spina Bifida from the Christmas Show was £395.00, it was a great effort once again from the families of Dullatur.

Spring Dinner was suggested for Saturday 23 March. However, M Smillie has arrangements made for that weekend so 16 March will be discussed at next meeting.

### **Any Other business**

The Community Grant was discussed further and it would be applied for under Community Amenity Landscaping. To reinstate area of land laid bare when the new road was created at the Bunny Hop. It was suggested that Restorative Justice could be called on to help with the Landscaping.

NLC Food Composting Bins have been distributed to all the residents. There has been a mixed response to the replacement of bags. The advice being given out that if a bag is tied securely to the bin handle the bags will be replaced. We will keep this as a watch point.

4 Lights have been reported out on the Glen Road by J Millard.

Website upgrade; John Wright has offered to upgrade and manage the website.

The path round the large quarry pond is in a very dangerous condition and is part of the NLC core path system that links with the new Dullatur West Bridge. Cllr Masterton will contact Hayley Andrews for an upgrade update.

**Date of next Meeting 11 February 2013, Dullatur Village Hall, 8.00pm.**