

Dullatur Community Council

New Year's Newsletter 2010



The Chairperson and members of the Community Council wish you all a very Prosperous New Year.

As the kids filed into Hall for the Christmas Show on the 20th December the snow was falling like potato crisps. Beth (second from left) announced we were to expect 18 inches that night.....all the adults laughed. Beth, how right you were.....nearly four weeks of it and the last of the evidence has just gone.

Brighter days are just round the corner and the extra few minutes we have gained since the shortest day is noticeable. Despite the bitter cold the snowdrops are showing their faces and very shortly it will be gardening time.



The cast of the 2009 Christmas Show "North Pole goes Green"
From Mid October the Village Hall was transported back to the 50's for the sound of Rock & Roll. What we did find out was that; boys still can't dance, but Stella & Co soon put them right. The rehearsals soon ramped up and were great fun and a lot of laughing went on with the co-director Annemarie McGuckin. We had the youngest cast this year with our new member, a four year old star in the making, Antonia finishing off the show; on her own with "You're the one that I want" I think it was said to Mum and Dad by the look on her face. I would like to thank the children for their spirit of fun and the parents for their support.

A personal thanks to John Isgrove who produced a DVD of the show for me to watch at my leisure; when the show was only a memory to the parents and kids I had my own special viewing. And it was great!

We will see you all in Mid October for; “Who’s the Fairy”?

See more from the show on our website: www.dullaturcommunitynews.com



This is the time of year to say a few words of thanks to all our community spirited people, who are my local heroes, who give up their precious free time and do so much to make Dullatur this special place. First of all my other half Bill, John & Anne Colquhoun, John & Mary Sword, Lorne Brown, Gordon & Marion Stewart, John and Annemarie McGuckin, Thanks to the committees of Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club and The Mother & Toddler and Playgroup for supporting the Dullatur Village Hall throughout the year. And a

message of thanks to all the “Watch Dogs” out there that pass on invaluable information, keep up the good work, it is really appreciated.

Gritting and the aftermath of the big freeze

During the past month we have been subjected to the most awful conditions in the village, complaints have been made against NLC and that is for another debate, on another day by higher powers; but what I can assure of that our councillors fought hard on a daily basis for their communities to get assistance and man power to badly affected areas. The Communities Councils in our Ward (Ward 2) servicing from Westfield, Blackwood, Balloch, Carrickstone, Westerwood and Dullatur were notified on a daily basis (on the instigation of the councillors) from 20 December to 15 January by Graham Mackay, Head of Roads & Transportation on the action taken by NLC on that day. Thanks to the 4 x 4 owners who helped neighbours with essential shopping when they could not get out of the village.

When the thaw started several hydrant valves burst around the village; again NLC acted quickly and dispatched their inspectors to assess the damage and notify Scottish Water. The valves were attended to within hours to limit the hazard of icing in the Glen Road. Pot holes caused by the water were repaired under the railway bridge. On a further inspection Mr Goodwin of NLC Environmental Services indentified areas around the village that would need further attention. These will be done when the weather settles and the cost of the damage has been assessed.

Ward 2 on a more positive note

There are no recognised deprived pockets within the built up area of the ward.

Population

The total population of the ward is **17,195**, 23% are children, 66% are of working age and the remaining 11% are of pensionable age. The proportion of children in the Cumbernauld North ward is greater than all other wards within North Lanarkshire and is 3% higher than the council average.

Housing

The percentage of households that are owner occupied is the highest of all wards in North Lanarkshire at 85%. The share of local authority stock is extremely low at 5% compared to 27% for North

Lanarkshire as a whole. The share of households living in private rented stock is slightly above average at 4.4% and the proportion of housing association stock around the same as North Lanarkshire overall (6%).

Education

7.4% of the ward's working age residents are in higher education, ranked joint 1st of all wards in North Lanarkshire. School achievement levels are also above average with 98% of pupils on the S4 roll gaining at least 5 awards at standard grade (foundation) and above and 27% of pupils from S4 stage gaining at least 3 awards at higher grade when they move on to S5.

Benefits

Rates for take up of Incapacity Benefit and Income Support are 5% and 3% of the working age population, respectively and are the lowest in North Lanarkshire. Similarly, the unemployment rate of 1.1% as measured by Jobseekers Allowance claimants is the lowest rate of all the wards in North Lanarkshire.

Health

In terms of health, the ward has the lowest rate in North Lanarkshire of 1 inpatient discharge per 1,000 population for stroke-related diseases. The rates for cancers and coronary heart disease are 13.4 and 5.1 inpatient discharges per 1,000 population, both lower than the council average.

Pumping Stations

Following on from the last newsletter the pumping station at the end of Antonine Road in Victoria Grange had two major breakdowns.

Amanda Reilly; Senior Environment Protection Officer/ North Lanarkshire Team wrote;

Due to the problems with this site I am now supporting Andrew Taylor of SEPA with the investigation. (Andrew is the officer who has been dealing with the site for the past 3 months).

I have managed to have a meeting with Stewart Milne Homes and discussed the ongoing issues with the asset. Ferrolli Pumps are on standby and are going back out to fix the telemetry and pump. Stewart Milne Homes is going to confirm this in writing. Andrew Taylor of SEPA is going to follow up that they have completed the works in my absence from 11/12/09 to 07/01/10. If the works have not been completed I have instructed Andrew to take the next step in SEPA's Enforcement Policy – taking corroborated evidence for future decisions.

Upon my return in January I am going to issue a letter to Stewart Milne Homes outlining SEPA's stance on the issue and also inform them of the next step of enforcement which SEPA may take should this occur again. The next step would be to consult SEPA Management to allow escalation to formal enforcement – although the letter will be worded slightly differently to this.

I am also going to raise the issue of adoption of the asset with Scottish Water again at the next SEPA/Scottish Water Liaison Meeting. The adoption process includes Stewart Milne Homes paying Scottish Water to upgrade the asset to a fit for purpose state.

I think in this instance a dual attack on the problem is required from SEPA and North Lanarkshire Council and I have discussed this with their officer investigating the issue. SEPA were notified of a further incident last week by North Lanarkshire Council however, upon investigation of the incident there was no discharge to the water environment, unfortunately this means that SEPA do not have the regulatory powers that NLC have in this instance.

I have requested that North Lanarkshire Council advise me of the further action that they are taking to ensure that our combined action will help to focus Stewart Milne Homes on remedying the problem." Craig McNicol NLC Environmental Officer makes a weekly visit to the site and a monthly visit to the 13 gullies and culverts in the village. Hopefully with this extra cover from NLC flooding and sewage

problems will be kept to a minimum. Unfortunately during the Christmas week the pumping station at Victoria Road/ Antonine Road developed a fault and the residents of the middle section of the village were forced to endure the terrible odour until Scottish Water dealt with the problem.

Street Football

The Community Council have received several letters regarding local boys playing football in the street in the location of Linnvale Way and Antonine Road. We have passed the information on to the Community Police. Please be aware boys that you may be causing nuisance and damage to residents' property but you are putting yourselves at risk and the unsuspecting driver who can be distracted by a ball whizzing past the windscreen.

How the Local Government wheels turn slowly.

In January 2009 we featured this article, we are now at the end of January 2110 and the Plan is not finalised.

“[Dec 3 2008](#) by Robert Mitchell, [Wishaw Press](#)”

NORTH Lanarkshire Council has approved the final draft of a plan that sets out, for the first time, a single development strategy for the whole local authority area. There is one more round of public consultation before the document can be finalised. The council aims to publish the finalised draft in February, after which there will be a statutory six-week period for objections.”

However, we are in the final stages, with another raft of consultation leaflets arriving mid January, including issues relevant to Dullatur; e.g. Green Belt, Rural Investment Areas, Flooding and Drainage, and Review of Conservation Areas. Comments are being sought by 15th and 28th February (for conservation areas). The Community Council will work on the first issues but we would welcome input from anyone living within the Conservation areas. I have already representatives from Victoria Terrace willing to attend a round table talk.

The Community Council has for several years now asked for the public walkway from Dullatur to Croy Station to be re-instated to a safe permanent walking surface and to be adopted as a core path by NLC. This was met with great enthusiasm by our new Councillors and a great flurry of activity from the NLC Dept. involved in the project. When the draft plan map arrived, yes the path was included, but not to Croy Station but up Croy Hill. A boon for a handful of walkers; but a disaster for the residents/cyclists who would have used this walkway to avoid the congestion of the Croy Station Car Park!

E-mail request from Alastair Scott, area representative, Association of Scottish Community Councils

WHY MUST OUR CHILDREN PAY?

- 2,500 fewer teachers in classrooms than 2 years ago.
- Teacher support numbers reduced
- Books, paper and photocopying materials etc. reduced
- The decision to cut the number of students to train to become teachers.

In the future this will mean

- Teacher shortages
- Increased class sizes
- Impact on teaching and learning, including the new Curriculum for Excellence
- A cut in equipment (including computers) and materials in schools
- A reduction in specialist provision, e.g. classroom assistants, learning support and music instructors
- Fewer opportunities to access further and higher education.

Today in international comparisons, Scottish education and schools perform well. In the future less investment in education will have an impact on schools, teachers and on young people.

Make your views known.

**Support the March and Rally in Kelvingrove Park Glasgow
on Saturday 6 March 2010.**

Assemble 10.30am

March 11.00am

Be there!



Dullatur Mother & Toddler and Playgroup.

This is a great way of meeting other mothers and introducing your child to new friends if you have just moved to the village. The Mother & Toddler and Playgroup is a non-profit making, community based group run by a committee of parents and carers, who employ two qualified play leaders, Emma and Gillian. The Toddler caters for children up to the age of two and a half years and their parents/ carers. The Playgroup caters for two and a half years plus, as a progression towards nursery.

Both Monday and Thursday Toddlers have spaces so please let your friends and acquaintances know. However, I am happy to say that both sessions of Playgroup will be full from February.

Playgroup Topics

On 26th of this month the Playgroup will be wearing tartan when they celebrate the memory of Robert Burns with a traditional Burns Day lunch of haggis, neeps and tatties. They also celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Tiger with a Chinese lunch. The theme this session is "Keeping me healthy". For further information contact Emma on 451082.

Social Events

Curry & Cava Night

Our 1st fundraiser of the year takes place on **Fri, 29th Jan** from 7.30pm. Taiyuan Restaurant has agreed to supply a selection of curries-Chinese & Thai, vegetarian option too. A committee member is also making an Indian curry. There will be raffles, quiz etc so bring along your purses. Tickets cost £5 – great value!

Fundraisers

The November Pampering Day proved very popular. A big thanks to Elaine & her sister! There will be a Sponsored Scoot & Coffee Morning on March 20th. There is the 10k in Glasgow in May

Parents' Evening

Parents of Playgroup children are invited to see their child(ren)'s work on **Mon, 1st Feb**. This will be an opportunity for them to talk to the play-leaders and see what the children do during their sessions. An appointment sheet will shortly be available.

February Holidays

Toddlers will be closed on Mon 15th, while Playgroup will be off on Fri 12th & Tues 16th. See our Toddlers/Playgroup year photos on the web site: www.dullaturcommunitynews.com

E-mail Items

How many e-mails do you receive in a day that offer you good luck angels, that you either forward through superstition or delete immediately; but one or two hit the mark as this one did, sent to me by Helen Macindoe of Westerwood Community Council. Truly inspirational!

www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=9xwCG0Ey2Mg

This one was sent to me by Bill Jamieson, one of our Community Councillors. Very Interesting.

<http://aerial.rcahms.gov.uk/>

www.youtube.com Sound of Music/Antwerp Central Station.....Great Fun

The scheme will begin collections again in Mid March 2010.

During 2009 the brown bins collected and diverted over 15,000 tonnes of material for composting, material which would normally end up at the landfill site.

Month	Recycle	Domestic	Recycle	Domestic	Recycle	Domestic
January	29					
February	12	5	26	19		
March	12	5	26	19		
April	9	2	23	16		30
May	7	14	21	28		
June	4	11	18	25		
July	2	9	16	23	30	
August	13	6	27	20		
September	10	3	24	17		
October	8	1	22	15		29
November	5	12	19	26		
December	3	10	17	24		

Please note that all recyclable waste is sorted by hand so please put yourselves in the shoes of the person sorting the waste and try to ensure that food and drink containers are rinsed clean before recycling. If just one bin is contaminated the whole street may be condemned to landfill.

Monday Green Bin Collection dates for 2010.

Jan 25	Feb 22	March 22	April 19	May 17	June 14	July 12
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And Finally

If you have just moved into the village, a warm welcome and we hope the move was not too stressful.

We are an active community, if you can lend a hand in any way, we would be delighted.

North Lanarkshire Council.....Bron Way.....01236-616200

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Services available in the village

Learn to drive with Ability ...Des Flynn...01236-727662 or ability@tesco.net.

Saturday & Sunday Newspapers delivered; Euan.....734277.

High Class Bespoke Tailoring by Jack Houston @ Robert Dick 0141-554-0655

Fresh Farm egg delivery..... Anna on 732282

Mercedes Benz Independent Specialist..... established 20 years-T.J. O'Neill Tel: 0141 778 5314.

Stabling and livery.....Wester Dullatur Farm.....723218

Tree Surgery and maintenance.....Jim Fraser 724482

Luxury People Carrier.....Dullatur Private Hire.....Colin Dunigan, 01236-724225 or 007952-873223

Pressed for time....Let Gillian do your ironing.....01324-815536

Gordon Campbell.....Telephone Installations 07947143517 or 01236-760133

Glenmavis Computers; Repairs & maintenance, home and business: 01236-762543

String Quartet for weddings, functions etc.....Peter Markham @Phoebus 724209

Roof Problems: Tom Rhymer, 01236-721339.

Plasma T.V Installations.....Graham.....730893

Burst pipes, new bathrooms, in fact anything needing done....Derek Rodgers 07770640093

Electrician.....Bill Mills.....734450 or 07732557485.

If you have a problem with uninvited house guests.....field mice, squirrels etc,

Contact Jim Armstrong....NLC Environmental Dept.....01236-616537

The Village Hall is available for hire for children's parties and the ceiling decorated and lit for a small fee. Hall hire for residents, £8.00 per hour.

Party Themes Girls Princess/ Disney, High School Musical, Hannah Montana

Party Themes Boys Pirates, Superman, Disney Cars.

Party Themes Dual Disco, Winnie the Pooh, Hawaiian Beach Party, Birthday Balloons, Halloween.

Likewise equipment, e.g. chairs, tables and catering equipment can be hired for a small charge.