

# Dullatur Community Council

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 28 June 2007, Dullatur Village Hall, 8.06pm.**

**Present** J McLean, M Smillie, M Kennedy, P Chard, E Watson, Mr & Mrs Ormerod, Mr & Mrs W Jamieson, Mrs A L Gurney.

**Apologies** Cllr G Murray, Mr & Mrs J Sword, Mr S Whitelaw, Prospect Road. Mrs C Devlin (DCC) and Mr K Fallon, Linnvale Way, Dr. & Mrs D Stoddart and Mr and Mrs A Brown, Antonine Road, Mr L Brown, Mr and Mrs D Flynn of Dykehead Road, Mr L Watson, Mr W Gurney, Victoria Terrace.

**Minutes** Previously distributed and taken as read, approved by M Smillie & E Watson.

**Matters arising from Minutes.** This year there has been two sewage spillages in the Chanticleer Burn. SEPA and Cllr G Murray were informed. We suspect the pumps at the pumping station at opposite the tennis courts have failed on at least two occasions as tankers were present pumping out the waste from the holding tanks.

## **Chairpersons Report: Josephine McLean.**

During the year several defects in the village had been reported to the various NLC departments and Cllr G Murray.

1. Lack of leaf clearing during the autumn months.
2. The Chanticleer Burn, blocking due to upstream debris, again during the autumn months.
3. Dead or dying trees blown over and falling on the Glen Road.
4. Blocked drains around the Old Village.
5. The collapsed man-hole and unstable paviers at the junction of Victoria Road and the Glen Road.
6. Fly tipping in the Bunny Hop.

## **Financial Report: M Kennedy (Treasurer).**

The Financial year showed a loss of £1,212.06. This was made up from the purchase of the storage hut, costing £945.87, for which we received a NLC grant of £305.00 and were anticipating the balance to be paid from the 2007 Grant Fund, however, this did not happen. 4 new lightweight tables costing £477.33 were purchased to replace the heavy hall tables. Income from a number of events has dropped from the previous years, although the numbers at the barbeque and the Christmas Eve Children Event has increased greatly. We have replaced the Gas barbeque and will apply for a grant to offset the cost. The barbeque will be used throughout the summer for the various groups.

The Language Class has reduced its use of the Hall to three hours on a Tuesday.

Mr G Inglis has audited the Village Hall Maintenance Account and the Dullatur Old Village Residents Assoc. accounts.

## **Progress Report**

As already reported by Mrs McLean, the Community Council made great progress last year with the defects in and around the village.

From the beginning of the year a burst pipe on the pavement adjacent to the Tennis Court wall caused fresh mains water to pour away from January to June. Several reports were made to Scottish Water and eventually the Council to make a repair. The builder and plumber from the Community Council had been to assess the problem and both agreed that the problem was not

with the Community Council's water supply. In the end it was a Scottish Water problem and they fixed the burst and repaired the pavement.

At the hustings meeting prior to the recent election, the Community Council asked NLC to consider adopting the Croy Walkway as a village core footpath. The Community Council last week was informed that NLC had adopted the footpath as a core path. This means that we will have a sustainable access to Croy Station that will be maintained by NLC.

Replacement light standards are scheduled for 2008/09, it is hoped they will be in keeping with the conservation areas.

The condition of The Lane will still remain as a priority with the Community Council, as we now have four NLC councillors in our ward we will keep up the pressure.

The kitchen was replaced and extra units installed, this was due largely to the generous rebate from Scottish Water.

The grounds around the hall are being maintained on a regular basis by Mr J Colquhoun and Grant Maxwell, a junior member of the tennis club.

### **Group Report: M Smillie (Secretary).**

**The Coffee morning** is held every Wednesday morning throughout the year and is an important social link for the community. Thanks go to everyone who helps to make it successful.

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

**The Bridge Club**, although a private members club is enjoyed through the winter months.

**The Educational Groups** for Language and Maths are doing well on a Monday and Tuesday respectively.

**The Toddler and Playgroup** have had another very successful year. They have maintained full capacity over the last 12 months and have managed to maintain a waiting list for places. People are requesting to join the group from both advertising locally and word of mouth recommendations. Emma has been working extremely hard to develop and deliver an exciting programme of topics and activities for both groups of children. They have also held 2 parents' nights this year in November and May where parents of older children were able to attend to discuss their child's progress and development. Both nights were well attended. The Care Commission carried out their Annual Inspection early February and submitted a very good report on the running of the group.

The group also had a Ladies Night for fundraising in November; another night was arranged for June 15<sup>th</sup>. Along with the Christmas Fayre they have had a very successful fundraising year which has allowed them to replace some items as well as purchase new equipment. This has included a bookcase and a children's hand washing station which was recommended by the Care Commission.

The summer trip was split this year and the Toddlers had a trip to Cadwinkle soft play in Falkirk . The Playgroup had a fabulous day out to the snow slopes for some sledging at Xscape. Both days out were great fun for all the children and the parents who came along.

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. This year we estimate that we will lose most of our senior members as they are all university bound.

The courts have been inspected and repainted and relined

Last year the club retained the services of Neil Crate, tennis coach at Esporta Hamilton. The junior members and parents enjoyed the facilities of two very successful sessions at Esporta during the winter months until the end of March. Neil will coach the juniors for three sessions, on a Thursday evening starting from 6.00pm, the beginners for 30 minutes; the junior section will start at 6.30pm for 1 hour, followed by the advanced juniors and seniors, at 7.30pm. At present the advanced juniors and seniors will be combined until we can get a firm idea of numbers. The Junior Coaching fees will be paid for in 5 week block.

Margaret Smillie and Gillian Rooney, helped by committee members will hold the popular summer school once again during the holiday break on Monday and Thursdays for two hours, lunch will be provided for £2.00, and this will be self funding. We will encourage any available mothers to help out on these days.

M Smillie and Neil Crate have approached like sized clubs to participate in inter club matches; this is in response to junior members enquiries. Hopefully this will take place after the exam period.

Finals Day 2006 started and ended in brilliant sunshine. Trophies and awards for excellence were lifted by the winners and the evening was ended in the usual Dullatur fashion by the popular Fish and Fish Supper.

Finals Day 2007 will be held on Saturday 25th August. The committee, under the guidance of the coach will grade the players in their playing ability groups. Playing lists will be posted on the notice board.

## **Any Other Business**

Mr & Mrs Jamieson reported several incidents of excessive speeding in Glen Road, this was also endorsed by Mr & Mrs Ormerod and members of the Community Council. This has been reported to Cumbernauld Police.

During the year we have had a spate of house and car thefts. The Community Council has distributed warning letters to the residents.

Mrs McLean thanked everyone for attending and reminded the company that the Community Council will reconvene on 8 October after the summer break. The meeting closed at 9.52pm.