

Dullatur Community Council

Autumn Newsletter

September 2007

Dear Resident

If you have been on holiday I hope you have all felt the benefit of the break and your batteries are recharged. To date autumn has been more like summer with the balmy days we should have had three months ago.

So what's been happening?

The Community Council agreed that any letter of significance will be copied to the residents: It may seem long winded but at least you are kept up to speed on what going on. Letter to Cllr Bob Chadha:

“Thank you for your prompt reply regarding the Community Council's comments on the Pumping Station in Antonine Road, the Crash Barrier in Glen Road and the Road Leaf Clearing service.

Mr Peebles commented at my "unfortunate generalisation" at the end of his e-mail message to you regarding the aforementioned issues in Dullatur.

I would say at the beginning of this letter to you that Mr Peebles has totally understated and does not begin to comprehend the issues in the e-mail message.

The works related to the pumping station will not be in his jurisdiction but the safety of school children should be and provisions for the school drop off area should have been made well in advance of the works. It would have taken one letter to me to contact parents. The issue with the pumping station is not a one-off and has been ongoing now for some 12 years; only Cllr Murray and Mr Tom McKenzie of S.E.P.A and the residents of Dullatur know what we have had to endure over the years. The combined action of the residents of Dullatur and S.E.P.A led to the prosecution of Scottish Water with regard to the management of / and the disposal of effluent from the Eastfield Road Plant.

The works thankfully have finished; the underlying issues I fear have not.

I am glad that Glen Road has been identified as the highest risk location in the Council's area. Albeit as a result of an incident occurring in England, as quoted in the message from Mr Peebles,

“[The new crash barrier on Glen Road is legal requirement following the fatal accident in England several years ago when a vehicle left the road and ran through a fence onto the railway line.](#)”

The crash barrier in the Glen Road has put pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders at a greater risk as they are placed in the direct line of fire from oncoming traffic. The Council has made no provision or consideration to the above when they located the barrier in one of the narrowest and dangerous roads in Cumbernauld. It would take something short of a miracle to get any vehicle onto or near the track from that section of the road. I just hope that Mr Peebles and North Lanarkshire Council will have the same consideration to the families of a fatally injured person for the lack of a safe footpath. Again I will re-iterate as above, this is not a one-off situation, the Community Council and residents of Dullatur have been asking for a safe footpath on the Glen Road for years. Where in the Draft of the Local Plan are our core paths? Can you, Councillor Chadha, as one of our elected Councillors and our representative on North Lanarkshire Council give your personal assurance of a safe passage to every non vehicular member of the public using the Glen Road?

Finally, the “unfortunate generalisation” of the poor service we received last year regarding the Leaf Clearing service from the Roads Dept. was unfortunately, fact. Cllr Murray highlighted the problem in the NLC Minutes in November 2006. The Community Council recorded in the minutes of our meeting on 11 December 2006 and 15 January 2007, the fact that no leaf clearing had been done in the village from October. Cllr Murray brought this to the table at a meeting of the Council in December before the Christmas recess. I draw your attention to the extract from our 12 February 2007 Minutes.

“[Due to pressure from Cllr Murray and the Community Council the streets around the old village have been swept. It was disappointing however, that the stepped pathway to Victoria Terrace had been ignored, this is an essential link to the upper and the lower village.](#)” Cllr Murray also sent a letter to Mr P Jukes, Director of Community Services on 16th February

stating, that the stepped footpath connecting the upper and lower village to Victoria Terrace had not been swept for months.

I can report to you the gullies around the village were cleared on Friday 12 October, the roads however were not, but to be fair it is early days.

I will add and Cllr Murray will confirm that, until last year, Dullatur Community Council had absolutely no complaint with the excellent service we had from the Roads Dept. or Community Services during the leaf fall season.

I hope I have made our case quite clear, we do not trivialise our issues and the Community Council will continue to press for the best deal we can get for Dullatur from North Lanarkshire Council on behalf of our residents."

As a result of this e-mail to the residents I received a phone call from a parent who related a serious incident relating to the first paragraph of the road works at the pumping station. A workman/ driver left his handbrake off and as he talked to another driver his vehicle rolled back several feet as 3 children were in the car park behind the truck. The parent got their attention by sounding the car horn and disaster was averted. The vehicle stopped as it ran on to a level surface. You can imagine that a few strong words, as you would expect, were used to the driver. A meeting of Councillors is being arranged to address this incident.

Primary School

All residents who have logged their e-mail address with the Community Council will know of this letter from the Chairman of Westerwood Community Council, Mr Gordon Wright to Christine Pollock, Director of Education.

"On 2nd October, Westerwood Community Council held a meeting to discuss the Draft Local Plan in which all Community Councils are presently involved in.

At a meeting in September Cllr Bob Chadha stated that the school complex of Cumbernauld/ St Andrews Primary School was the flagship of North Lanarkshire and in the top ten schools in Scotland.

A member of the audience asked if he could introduce his eight year old son Daniel to tell the meeting exactly what the conditions of the school were like.

This was the gist of the message to the audience:

1. He has been at the school for 4 years and 2 of these have been in Portacabins
2. The door to the toilet is broken and the smell of toilets prevails throughout the Portacabins.
3. At lunch time there are insufficient tables for the children to eat their packed lunch so they have to sit and eat their lunch off the floor. Also due to lack of space, some of the children have to sit outside for their lunch. There has been times when Daniel has been unable to finish his lunch as the area is so overcrowded that other pupils trying to pass has stepped on his lunch.
4. Some of the Portacabins leak and during rain showers water drips into the class room.
5. Because of the number of children, lunch times have to be staggered and they are only given approx. 15mins to eat their lunch.
6. From talking to parents it appears that the primary 1 children have their lunch first and ushered outside after 15 mins; pressure is put on them to finish quickly to allow further children to have their meals. This also means that they are outside for 30 mins, in what is a rather exposed playground.

The silence at the meeting after Daniel had finished spoke volumes. And I don't think one person could actually believe that he was speaking about a school in North Lanarkshire".

Before the school was built representatives from Area Community Councils, church groups, parents in the school catchment area and other interested parties were involved in a Public Hearing regarding the number of 4/5 bedroom homes being built in the area. It was clearly pointed out at that point; before the first brick was laid that the school was not big enough. We were all assured that the school would be more than adequate. It is all history now, within weeks of the school re-opening the Portacabins arrived. The partitions were not able to close and classes spilled into each other. Last year a 4 class room extension was added, again we were assured that the school was a suitable size. Again we are approaching the end of 2007 with children still based in inferior accommodation, with inferior lunch facilities and sub-standard toilet facilities. Large scale future developments of approx. 564 houses are proposed within the school catchment area in Carrickstone and the land off the Dullatur Road near the Roundabout.

You as parents I know, have heard from your children of a similar story to the one above from Daniel from your own children and have put it down to childish exaggeration. Sadly this was the grim truth. To address this appalling situation the Community Council will hold a public meeting on Thursday 1st November, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Community Council have invited Ms Christine Pollock, Director of Education, Mr Murdo McIver; Head of Educational Provision of North Lanarkshire; Cllr Gordon Murray, Cllr Bob Chadha, Cllr Alan O'Brien and Cllr Barry McCulloch to attend.

Community Council: We have our own Web Site; dullaturcommunitynews.com

This will service news relating to Dullatur Community Council, Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club, Dullatur Mother & Toddler and Playgroup, North Lanarkshire Council and Educational Groups.

Wheellie Bins

Uplift dates from Oct to December are listed before the services item at the end of the newsletter. Are you aware that if your bin is bigger than your requirements, you can apply for a smaller bin from Environmental Services 01698 403110. You may wonder why your paper bin wasn't emptied. Prime suspect, envelopes, brown cardboard and plastic covered enclosures!

At the 22nd August meeting of the NLC Environmental Services Committee that an alternate weekly collection system be introduced for residual refuse. To date no date for the commencement of this service has been given. This is not a popular decision and the Community Council will press for the weekly uplift to continue. New recycling bins are in the pipe line.

Garden Clear-ups;

The last brown bin uplift of 2007 will be on 8th November. If you are thinning out your borders in the autumn don't bin them ...plant them around the village.

Street Lighting; It is not the responsibility of the Community Council to report street light failure, the number for the council is 616200 and they will transfer you.

T.V Mast; Our license has now been terminated by the broadcasting licensing authorities and is not operational.

The date for switch over to Digital T.V for users receiving a signal from the Black Hill transmitter (homes in Victoria Road and above, possibly the villa side of Prospect Road and Dullatur Gate and the upper half of Victoria Grange) will be in 2011

The date for switch over to Digital T.V for users receiving a signal from the Craiggelly transmitter

(Pine Lodge, possibly Victoria Glade, Prospect Road, the lower village and farms) will be 2010.

Don't hold me to this as most of the old village knows well, this all depends on the elevation of your property or if you are affected by trees.

Community Police; Our new area Community Police woman is P.C Sara Laing; we have just been introduced as she has only been on our patch for a short time. If you need to contact anyone for advice, the office number between 8.30am and 6.00pm is 503919

Summer Fun; The Village Barbecue was again a great success with our biggest turnout ever. Thanks to Barbecue Bill for doing a great job and all the willing helpers that go towards a great night.

Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club;

Coaching; The club has retained Neil Crate as its resident coach and his popularity from last year from last year has reflected in the record numbers joining in this year; twenty four beginners, twelve juniors and fourteen advanced junior / seniors took part this year. Adults are getting themselves into the swing and are organising lessons.

The Tennis Club Summer School; Had a slow start due to the poor weather, however, around fourteen kids regularly attended. Thanks to Gillian Rooney, Terry Willaims and Tony Coutts for coping with the hungry hoards.

We had a super Finals Day, the weather was dire in the morning and at one point now one would have been surprised if Noah had made an appearance, instead of Cliff giving us Summer Holiday, we had the Dullatur crew raising the rafters with "Raindrops keep falling on our Heads". Thanks to some quick thinking by club member Ken Dalling, deck brushes and a VAX machine appeared to suck and brush the surface water from the courts. Due our senior girls heading of to "Uni" no senior girls' matches were played.

A new set of trophies were purchased for the advanced junior section to add to our impressive display.

The day ended with our popular Fish and Fizz evening. Thanks to all the committee members who worked their socks off, the arm twisting worked!

The role of honour is as follows;

Beginners Skills Knockout

Mini Boys Singles Finals

Runner up

Mini Girls Singles Finals

Runner up

Junior Boys Singles

Runner up

Junior Boys Doubles

Runners up

Junior Boys Runners up Shield

Runner up

Junior Mixed Doubles

Runners up

Junior Girls Singles

Runner up

Junior Girls Doubles

Stella Coutts

Joseph McGrath Williams

Josh McGuckin

Melissa Davidson

Isabella Ross

Ryan McGuckin

Tom Stoddart

Matthew McAlister & Ryan McGuckin

John McCue & Andrew Lynch

Simon Davison

Andrew Lynch

Fiona Dalling & Simon Davidson

Samantha Davidson & Matthew McAlister

Fiona Dalling

Katie McKernan & Lucy Ferguson

Fiona Dalling & Samantha Davidson

Runner up	Katie McKernan & Lucy Ferguson
Advanced Boys Singles Final	Andrew Toner
Runner up	Andrew Norman
Advanced Boys Doubles Final	Andrew Toner & Kieran Rooney
Runners up	Andrew Norman & Kameron Maxwell
Advanced Mixed Doubles Final	Claudia Campbell & Andrew Toner
Runners up	Kameron Maxwell & Claire Dalling
Advanced Girls Singles Champion	Claire Dalling
Runner up	Gabrielle Clark
Advanced Girls Doubles Champions	Gabrielle Clark & Claire Dalling
Runners up	Claudia Campbell & R Stewart
Senior Boys Singles Finals	R Stewart
Runner up	Brodie Clark
Senior Boys Doubles Finals	R Stewart & Rory Clark
Runners up	Ewan Alston & Brodie Clark
Presidents Achievement Salver	C McGrath Williams & Melissa Davidson

All the competitors were presented with a certificate.

North Lanarkshire Council Bonfire Night will be held on 4th November, at Broadwood Stadium at 7.30pm.

Mothers & Toddlers & Playgroup; The groups' annual visit from the photographer will take place on 25 October. The Groups are having a Ladies Night in The Hall on 10 November.

The groups will be holding a fundraising Christmas coffee morning on 1st December. There will a Lucky Dip Tub and of course Santa's Grotto. Donations of Home Baking will be accepted by the committee.

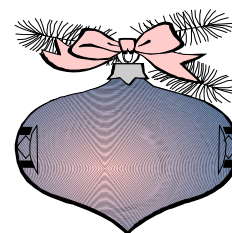


Remember last year.....You had to find the Old Man of Dullatur Wood, who had been turned into a tree by the wicked witch. Well.....The witch has moved into a new house and you may get an invite, if you are brave souls...It's that time of year again.

The Ghost Walk; The extremely popular Ghost Walk and Halloween Disco are on Saturday 27 October from 6.30pm. Mr & Mrs Stewart of "Hillcroft" have again kindly allowed us to use their garden for the walk. Tickets for the Ghost Walk only are £1.00; if you are joining us for the disco and buffet supper the tickets will be priced at £5.00 and £2.00. Please let us know if you can manage. A full bar service is available. And **yes** help would be appreciated.

The St Andrews Night Dinner will be held on Saturday 24 November at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £12.50. The haggis will be piped in by Lorne Brown our resident piper. This is a popular night, so get your tickets ordered in plenty of time. A full bar service will be available.

The Christmas Show; "The X-Mas Factor Show" will be held on Sunday 16 and Monday 17 December at 6.30pm. Find out what happens when nasty Simon is kicked off the show by the wicked Snow Queen. All the usual suspects are in the show and will give a big support to the new comers. May I take this opportunity in thanking all the "old girls" who have given us all such pleasure over the years; they have moved up the ladder and are now appearing in school musicals. Even if you're too old to join in you can help with the set. This is for all residents..... Why spend waste time driving in nose to tail traffic, finding a parking place when you can walk round the corner and see a home grown excellent show. Donations will go towards the Christmas Charity.



Meet Santa in the Hall on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. A few carols, mulled wine and Christmas Pies then off to bed in plenty of time for the big day.

The Community Council would like to thank all the Dullatur residents for your support at our events during the year.

The Community Council would not exist if it was not for like minded residents who value the community, can you spare a couple of hours per month. It's not rocket science, just a practical approach to life is required.

Bin Collection Dates; October to December 2007

BluePaper bin

2007			
	OCT	NOV	DEC
	16	13	11

Green Glass bin

2007			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
	8	5	3 / 31

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

North Lanarkshire Council.....Motherwell.....01698-302222

Cllr Gordon Murray.....01236-721518 or murrayg@northlan.gov.uk

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Services available in the village

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

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

Fresh Farm egg delivery..... phone Patrick on 457402 and Anna on 732282

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

Gordon Campbell.....Telecom Installations, repairs or P.C Problems; call 01236-7 or his Mobile.... 07947143517; also

60's, 70s music for large and small functions (not weddings)

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

Roof Problems.....Tom Rhymer, 721339.

All kinds of joinery workJohn Henderson.....01236-830289

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

Plumber.....Stephen Scott.....01236-613118. Mobile 07795973942

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

Music Tuition, Piano & Flute.....Lynn Fraser.....01236-720560

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, £6.00 per hour. Likewise equipment, e.g. chairs, tables and catering equipment can be hired for a small charge.