

**Minute of Meeting of
Dumbreck Community Council
held within Haggs Castle Golf Club on
Thursday 2nd July 2009 at 7.30pm**

01 APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE TAKER: Mrs Jacobsen agreed to take the minutes.

02 SEDERUNT: Mrs Ruth Maltman (Chairman), Mr Gerard McCudden (Treasurer), Mr James Armstrong, Mr Jerzy Bienkowski, Mr Kenneth Fee, Mr John Grant, Mrs Carol Jacobsen, Miss Kathleen Lanigan, Professor Martin McIntyre and, Mr Trevor Schuster-Davis. Also in attendance was local resident Mr George Boyes. Apologies for unavoidable absence had been received from Mr John Corbett, and City Councillor Stephen Dornan.

Mrs Maltman chaired the meeting.

03 MINUTE OF MEETING of 7th May 2009: The minute was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Armstrong and seconded by Professor McIntyre.

04 BUSINESS ARISING (a) **Flooding:** Land and Environmental Services had informed Mr Armstrong that the gullies on Nithsdale Road by the station would be cleared by 13 June 2009.

(b) **Nominees:** Carried forward to next meeting.

(c) **Play park:** Mrs Maltman is still awaiting a response to the FOI request regarding compensation for loss of amenity.

(d) **Sewage Leak:** The problem appears to have been fixed and no rats have been seen.

(e) **Heritage Street Lamps:** Mr Schuster-Davis has not received a reply from Councillor Dornan and will pursue the matter.

(f) **Replacement/Painting of existing lampposts:** It appears that posts are being replaced in Rowan Road. Mr McCudden will pursue.

(g) **Cones at Dumbreck Station:** Land and Environmental Services had brought the matter to the attention of City Parking (Glasgow) LLP but coverage is erratic. Mrs Maltman and Mr Armstrong will pursue.

(h) **Headed Notepaper:** Members acknowledged the notepaper produced by Mr Schuster-Davis and a down-loadable copy has been emailed to all.

(i) **Tree Stump and Exposed Cables:** The tree stump in Dargarvel Avenue has been reduced to an acceptable size. Mr Armstrong will inspect the exposed cables in Beech Avenue.

05 CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) **Flyer:** regarding replacement windows.

(b) **Community Council Discussion Group:** An invitation had been received for an attendee for the meeting on 18th July at the Parish Halls. Mrs Maltman will ask Mr Corbett if he would like to attend.

(c) **Ward Boundaries:** A letter had been received from Councillor Hunter enclosing a map showing Ward boundaries. Mr Armstrong will make some photocopies.

(d) **Glasgow Biodiversity**: News leaflet received.

(e) **Govan Area Committee**: Minutes of last meeting 22nd April had been received. The minute included a reference to Urrdale Road being listed as a “Hot Spot” by the Cleansing Department. Mr Boyes will use this information when pursuing cleansing issues.

(f) **City Plan Development of Open Spaces**: A number of activities are listed for Bellahouston Park. Mr Schuster-Davis will respond and Mr Grant will add some of the information to the web site.

(g) **Rail-link to Glasgow Airport**: Mr Schuster-Davis had received an invitation and will attend the next meeting. Mr Boyes (on behalf of 17 residents of Urrdale Road) has referred his complaint, regarding the continued use of a klaxon by train drivers, to the ombudsman.

06 CHAIRMAN’s REPORT: Anything Mrs Maltman had to report is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

07 VICE-CHAIRMAN’s REPORT: Miss Lanigan had nothing to report.

08 SECRETARY’s REPORT: Mr Fee had received a letter from Mohammad Sarwar MP stating that he would be available to meet community groups in his constituency in late August or in September. He had also enclosed two petitions, which he invited us to support. (The prevention of excessive bank charges and No to the exclusive use of “Argyll Arcade”) These were passed around the table.

Also received were The Minutes of Glasgow City Council, a booklet Nature of Scotland, and Health News. These were passed to Mrs Maltman.

09 TREASURER’s REPORT: Money is now very tight with just £45.16 left in our account. An application for a grant for our next Newsletter has been submitted. The grant will not cover all our costs. The Newsletter reaches 1100 residents in Dumbreck. Mr McCudden and Professor McIntyre will approach local businesses to offer distribution of flyers etc with our Newsletter. We will charge £100 for the distribution. Mrs Maltman has been added as a signatory for our bank account and Miss Lanigan completed a form to add her name.

10 WEBSITE: Mr Grant had received information and minutes from Mrs Jacobsen and had updated the Neighbourhood Watch page. The last news item had been the Men’s 10K. He would like more stories please. Mr Schuster-Davis will write an article about Heritage lampposts once his investigations are complete. Mr Grant had been asked to add a link on our site to The Property Landlord. It seems to be a site offering help to private landlords and tenants. Mrs Maltman asked the other members of the website sub-committee to review the site and report back.

11 NEWSLETTER: Professor McIntyre will meet with Mr Fee to obtain information regarding the printing/template etc. He is still to arrange a meeting for the sub-committee. This is likely to be in August or September. He asked that we all think of articles and email them to him, with photographs, in time for the meeting. Articles can be produced in Word and will then be transferred to Pdf format for printing. Professor McIntyre advised of a change in email address. Mrs Jacobsen will advise all members with a revised list.

12 PLANNING: Mr Armstrong will meet with Councillor Butt who is now the Chairman of the Council's Planning Group. He will raise the issue of the extension at 35 Dalkeith Avenue, which has breached conditions made by the Planning Department.

13 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Mrs Jacobsen reported that the area is still quiet compared to other areas in Glasgow. There is, however, an on-going problem with a young burglar who is trying to open doors and windows in the early hours of the morning.

14 RAT-RUNNING: Mr Bienkowski reported that the number of cars rat-running had dropped recently but this is probably due to holidays. It was noticeable that there was more rat-running when there were events at Hampden Park. The possible left turn filter at the traffic lights on Dumbreck Road at Nithsdale Road is on the agenda for 9th July.

15 DUMBRECK ROAD/M77/M8: Carried forward to Roads meeting on 9th July.

16 ROAD RACES: The race organisation appeared to run more smoothly this year. There was a problem with gaps in the portaloos distribution. A number of "Paula Radcliffe" incidents were witnessed in Melfort Avenue and behind the cafe in Fleurs Avenue. Mrs Maltman had received a letter from Culture and Sport admitting that it had been late in giving information and saying it would do so earlier in future. Members felt this was not enough. We should be consulted and could prevent some of the irritations. We will ask for a meeting with Culture and Sport and the Sponsors before the next race.

17 ROADS GENERAL: Mr Armstrong had written to Mr Booth of Land Services itemising a number of problems relating to roads throughout Dumbreck. All have either been undertaken or arrangements have been made for the work to be done.

18 NURSERY SCHOOL: Nithsdale Road Nursery School will remain open for the session 2009/10. As part of its Early Childhood and Extended Services Strategy 2008-13 the Council is likely to make a further proposal within the year. Mrs Jacobsen has kept all the consultation information and will meet with Mrs Lipton, Head Teacher in September.

19 OTHER SCHOOL ISSUES: Miss Lanigan had none to report.

20 MISC. INSTITUTION ISSUES: There are no issues at present.

21 ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH ISSUES: The New Victoria Hospital is now open. The old hospital is not yet closed, as there will be a phased take-over when the new Southern General Hospital is built. Professor McIntyre advised that more young people than old are likely to catch swine flu. Older people are likely to have gained some immunity from previous epidemics.

22 BELLAHOUSTON PARK: Mr Schuster-Davis will be responding to the council's City Plan Development of Open Spaces. If there is anything of interest he will prepare an article for the Newsletter and web site.

23 TRANSPORT: Mr Schuster-Davis reported that most buses using the 59 route now stop at Argyle Street. Early morning buses go further but throughout the main part of the day passengers must change bus or walk to get further into the city. The 34 bus goes from Mosspark Boulevard and the 121 bus from Maxwell Drive to Govan Bus Station. Mr Schuster-Davis will write to First Group to ask if these buses will be routed through the new Southern General Hospital complex.

24 CONSTITUTIONAL ADVICE: Carried forward.

25 MEETINGS, EXTERNAL REPORTS: (a) **Planning Aid for Scotland Training Course:** Mrs Maltman attended and passed the course information to Mr Armstrong for review. The website is <http://www.planning-aid-scotland.org.uk/>. They will give Community Councils free advice on the understanding of the planning system, and on specific planning issues. A workshop may be useful.

(b) **Community Council Discussion Group:** Mr Corbett attended and has produced a full report of the meeting.

(c) **Roads meeting on 9th July:** George Gillespie has arranged for Donald McKinven to attend our meeting on behalf of Land Services.

(d) **Conservation Area Review:** Glasgow City Council is conducting a review of all conservation areas. A review of Pollokshields was completed recently and Dumbreck will be reviewed in due course.

(e) **Go Ape:** The company has dropped the development of Go Ape in Pollok Park. The expense of developing the old Lodge House to provide toilets and changing meant the venture was no longer feasible.

26 FUTURE MEETINGS: Meetings for Dumbreck Community Council were set for 9th July (Roads) and 3rd September (General meeting 7.30pm in Hags Castle Golf Club). The golf club is available only from 5pm to 8pm on 3rd December 2009. It was agreed that we look for an alternative venue. The Public Meeting will be on 12th November 2009 in St Leo's Church Hall.

27 OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS: (a) **Secretary's Resignation:** Mr Fee informed members of his intention to resign from the Community Council. His house will go on the market next week and he will be moving out of Dumbreck. Mrs Jacobsen informed members that she would be unable to attend meetings for the foreseeable future due to her poor health.

28 NEXT MEETING: A Road's meeting has been arranged for Thursday 9th July 2009, 7.30pm at Hags Castle Golf Club.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.59pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.