

**Approved Minute of Public Meeting and AGM of  
Dumbreck Community Council  
held at St Leo's Church Hall on  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 at 7.30pm**

**01 SEDERUNT:** 25 residents of Dumbreck, and Glasgow City Councillor Stephen Dornan. Apologies for unavoidable absence had been received from Councillor Shaukat Butt and Miss Margaret Doran, Education Services.

Chairman, Mrs Ruth Maltman opened the meeting and introduced the other seven Dumbreck Community councillors present. Best wishes for the speedy recovery of our Honorary Secretary, Mr Kenneth Fee were passed to his wife.

**02 AUDITED ACCOUNTS:** Mr Gerard McCudden presented the Dumbreck Community Council accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. Our Honorary Secretary had worked hard to keep spending within the grants given for administration and the Newsletter. The level of grants had remained the same for a number of years and Councillor Dornan confirmed that they were likely to remain at the same level this year. The Chairman considered the level of grant insufficient funding for the Community Council. There being no questions regarding the accounts they were proposed by Mr Martin McIntyre and seconded by Dr Jacqueline Geddes.

**03 NITHSDALE ROAD NURSERY SCHOOL:** Councillor Dornan said that the City Council meeting finished at 6.30pm this evening and the Council had agreed all the recommendations proposed following the consultation period. Nithsdale Road Nursery School will remain open for the session 2009/2010 and further proposals will be made in due course. The reason for our success was due to the high number of reasoned responses including anecdotal evidence of the difficulties the transfer would make. This type of response had not been received from other schools affected. The City Council remain committed to creating Early Years Centres open 8am to 6pm for 52 weeks a year.

Comments made included: Do we need a nanny state with childcare giving our children breakfast? The priority should be education. Childcare is not necessary for all children and there is a need for the traditional Nursery School. In this area many mothers stay at home or, if working, replace themselves with nannies or relatives. The priority should be socialising and education. We want confident children. Working mothers use nurseries close to their work place, as time at work was the priority. Nursery Schools should not have catchment areas. Nursery Schools should be local and there should be a limit set for the distance children are expected to travel.

**04 RAT RUNNING / ROADS:** Residents in Fleurs, Dalkeith and Beech Avenues had noticed a reduction in traffic numbers and a big reduction in the speed at which vehicles travelled.

Problems with speeding cars have been experienced in Fleurs Avenue between Nithsdale Road and Dumbreck Road. Some drivers still think it is a through road. There is a need for better signage or concrete cushions.

A number of vehicles, unable to turn right at the junction Paisley Road West and Dumbreck Road were making U turns in Dumbreck Road at Urrdale Road. Residents asked if there was to be a roundabout at this junction. A roundabout had been proposed as part of the traffic calming measures to be put in once the M74 opens. Mr John Corbett will ask for an update. He is still pursuing Transport Scotland for information collected via counters installed in Dumbreck Road.

Following the refusal of our request for a traffic signal at the Dumbreck Avenue junction on Dumbreck Road, Mr Corbett had ascertained that the survey conducted by Land Services was not fit for purpose as the junction was surveyed for just three quarters of an hour on three separate days and at no time at peak periods. We will pursue the matter.

At the start of the football season there was a lack of cones in some streets and it had taken 9 or 10 phone calls before they were restored. There is a need to get things sorted at the start of each season. We are still waiting for yellow lines to be painted at corners throughout Dumbreck.

Rangers are at home to Celtic on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May the day before the Women's 10K on Sunday. It was suggested that we ask for the no parking cones to remain in place after the match to be collected after the 10K.

Urrdale Road has not been swept or cleaned for more than a month. There was a lot of leaves and rubbish lying on the roads throughout Dumbreck.

Anti-skid surfacing and yellow box grids were becoming worn and may need replacing.

In view of the number of road issues faced by the community it was suggested we invite George Gillespie and possibly Chief Inspector McLaughlan (Operational Planning/ Traffic) to a Community Council meeting.

**05 AL MEEZAN PARKING:** Proposed parking restrictions in Rowan Road were not popular with Brisbane Court residents. They are unhappy with the up to £100 cost of residents parking permits. Al Meezan students are still reluctant to park in Urrdale Road.

**06 AOCB: (a) Neighbourhood Watch:** Minutes of the last meeting of Dumbreck Community Council Neighbourhood Watch were available for all. Sergeant Weir had described the area as quiet but residents were aware of a number of attempted break-ins to houses, garages and sheds. Residents complained of a lack of Community Police presence. Very few had seen officers in Dumbreck. We need to be more pro-active; recruiting more co-ordinators; informing residents of the co-ordinators; creating links between residents, co-ordinators and the Police. Residents should report all crimes.

**(b) New Victoria Hospital:** The new hospital will open on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Key services will open in stages with the minor injuries unit opening on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**(c) Planning:** Dumbreck Community Council has been successful in preventing an application for a house to be built in the garden of a house in Maple Road. Big changes are coming in Planning Law and Mr James Armstrong will put details on the Community Council website as they become available. Councillor Shaukat Butt is now the convenor of the Planning Applications Committee of Glasgow City Council.

**(d) Scottish Water:** There has been a recurrence of the sewage pipe leak at the bottom of Beech Avenue.

(e) **Street Lamps**: Following a request that the lampposts in Dumbreck be repainted, Land Services replied that all street lighting was due to be replaced by new “white lighting”. New lights are about to be put in along Titwood Road and residents have been told that conservation areas may request heritage style posts. Park Circus has some very nice posts but residents paid approximately £40 per household to get them. Heritage Scotland may give grants. Council Funding is tight and replacement is piecemeal across the city. Mr Trevor Schuster-Davis offered to test the system by requesting heritage replacements within Hazelwood Conservation area.

**07 NEXT MEETING:** The next Community Council meeting is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and will be in St Leo’s church hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm with good wishes to our Honorary Secretary and a vote of thanks to our Chairman.