

**DRAFT Minute of Meeting of
Dumbreck Community Council
held within 157 Urrdale Road on
Thursday 21st August 2008 at 7.30pm**

01 SEDERUNT: Mrs Ruth Maltman, Mr Kenneth Fee, Mr James Armstrong, Miss Kathleen Lanigan and, Professor Martin McIntyre. Also in attendance were City Councillors Shaukat Butt, John Flanagan and Allison Hunter; Mr John Grant (Dumbreck Tenants' and Residents' Association), Mr Tim Kelly (Brisbane Court Residents' Association), Mr Asgher Mohammed (Al-Meezan), briefly; and resident Mr George Boyes. Apologies for unavoidable absence had been received from Dr Alastair Gilchrist, Mr Gerard McCudden, Mr John Corbett, Dr Mair Crouch, Mrs Carol Jacobsen, Mr Ian McLaren-Thomson and, Mr Trevor Schuster-Davis; and from Mr Mohammad Sarwar MP and Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP.

In the absence of Dr Gilchrist Mrs Maltman chaired the meeting.

02 MINUTE OF MEETING of 29th May 2008: The minute was unanimously adopted on the motion of Miss Lanigan, seconded by Mr Armstrong.

03 BUSINESS ARISING (a) Dumbreck Court Play Area: Much dissatisfaction was expressed at the lack of progress anent the filched £100,000+. The City Councillors present agreed to check whether the money had already been illegally transferred to Mosspark, and to investigate if the blatant misapplication could be righted.

(b) Salter's Croft: Mr Armstrong continued to pursue Sanctuary Scotland about the present and future possible residents of the house.

(c) Rangers FC and littering: Mr Armstrong reported that no progress was possible in the absence of corroborating photographs. Mr Boyes called for systematic clearing up after matches. Sporadic street sweeping was still a problem, and Urrdale Road needed a second/third refuse bin. There were still problems with buses and removed cones.

(d) Epicormic growth round trees: The Secretary was instructed to keep pursuing Land services.

04 TREASURER's REPORT: Of the £643.75 at the bank, £550 was earmarked to pay for the Autumn/Election Newsletter. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr McCudden for his continuing diligence despite a prevailing indisposition.

05 SECRETARY's REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE: (a) Govan Area Committee: This was the reconstituted SW Area Committee with a promise of a more relevant remit. Mr Fee was nominated by Professor McIntyre, and seconded by Mrs Maltman as the Community Council's representative and, there being no other volunteer, declared elected.

(b) **New “community” organisations**: Representatives were also invited for two other bodies which purported to represent “communities” – large swathes of South West Glasgow allegedly concerning themselves with “community” problems throughout their extensive sprawling territories.... with equally extensive budgets to match. Lengthy discussion took place on what support/credibility Dumbreck Community Council should afford them. It was felt that further information would be required from the Partnership body. The Govan “Community” Reference Group (CRG) was an unelected body also but Community Councils were invited to send one Councillor (among 20) to their meetings. In fact Mrs Jacobsen had been attending in an individual capacity, as had Mr Grant with a different hat. It was agreed to ask them to continue attending future meetings, and report their impressions of the Group’s aims, objectives, functions – and amount of financial support from the City’s budget. Mrs Jacobsen had sent an interesting sketch of the last meeting and it was agreed to make that available to residents via e-mail.

(c) **“Doors Open Day”**: Copies of a brochure on Glasgow’s Built Heritage Festival were available and well worth reading.

(d) **Usual junk mail**: This was also available on a side table for perusal by anyone interested.

06 ROADS: (a) **Diversion Impasse**: Land Services continued with their arrogance and intransigence by refusing to implement the firm undertaking in 2004 to have the Seaward Street Diversion functioning in advance of the M74’s completion latest estimate 2013 !?!). Firstly Minister Nicola Sturgeon had been palmed off with a proposal for an “independent” traffic management assessment, half to be paid for by Land Services and half by Dumbreck Community Council..... Rather than respond to this absurd proposal, Mr Armstrong suggested that the newly elected Community Council for 2008-2010 should arrange for a district-wide petition, with the aim of demonstrating the strength of feeling of the community in this matter. This was agreed unanimously and the Secretary was instructed to explain the position to Ms Sturgeon.

(b) **Rat-Running**: Land Services officer Paul Adams was examining the feasibility of installing concrete cushions to counter dangerous speeding along Farm Road.

(c) **Dumbreck Road/ Dumbreck Avenue junction**: Land Services had routinely rejected Mr Corbett’s request for an improved form of traffic control at this increasingly dangerous junction. Almost at once a serious collision – involving a car and a motorcyclist – occurred which Mr Corbett had adventitiously been on hand to photograph. This excellent explicit picture would appear in the Newsletter.

(d) **Dumbreck Road bus stop**: A disingenuous letter had been received explaining that a decision to move the bus stop had been taken “jointly” by representative of SPT, Land Services and the Police – but with no reference whatever to the Community Council. Although the move was a generally sensible one on this occasion, the Secretary was instructed to ask SPT why the Community Council had been ignored in the consultation process – the SPT, Land Services or the Police not being residents of Dumbreck.

07 PLANNING: (a) **GO-APE update:** The decision to grant the application had been referred to the Government but was unlikely to be reversed unless there had been a problem with the process. The outcome should be known in September.

(b) **Al-Meezan parking:** City Cllr Butt had not been able to attend the arranged meeting in Al-Meezan House which he had agreed to chair. Mrs Maltman had taken his place. Mr Mohammed had e-mailed Mr Kelly rejecting the proposal that Urrdale Road be used for parking instead of Rowan. Cllr Butt felt that a solution was still possible and so he would arrange a meeting with George Gillespie urging him to find the solution to this now long-standing community irritant.

(c) **133 Urrdale:** The application to build five garages, a gymnasium and a store had been withdrawn, Mr Kelly having visited the family to enquire about the reasons for the application. It was understood that they would submit a fresh, less ambitious application.

08 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/POLICE: In Mrs Jacobsen's absence, Sergeant Kirk had warned residents to be on the lookout for three youths who had been prowling the district in the early morning testing doors and windows.

09 AUTUMN/ELECTION NEWSLETTER: The Resource Centre had preferred that the 2008-2010 election be held on October 30 but it was not possible for the Newsletter containing the nomination form to be produced in that time frame. The Secretary would negotiate a compromise with them. In any case the copy date would be mid-September.

10 NEXT MEETING: This was agreed as Thursday 2nd October in preparation for the election, future possible office bearers etc.

11 OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS: (a) **Railway tunnel noise:** Mr Boyes explained the now almost intolerable problem. He was pursuing the Ombudsman and the offending engineers.

(b) **121 Fleurs:** Mr McCudden had been concerned about wood/furniture detritus left outside the house for a considerable time. The Secretary had taken photographs.

(c) **More Road Races:** The Chair would discuss this at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.56pm with a vote of thanks to the Acting Chair.