

**Minute of Meeting of  
Dumbreck Community Council  
held within 157 Urrdale Road on  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm**

**01 SEDERUNT:** Mrs Ruth Maltman, Mr Kenneth Fee, Mr James Armstrong, Mr Jerzy Bienkowski, Mr John Corbett, Dr Jacqueline Geddes, Mr John Grant, Mrs Carol Jacobsen and, Mr Trevor Schuster-Davis. Also in attendance were City Councillors Shaukat Butt, and Allison Hunter; Mr Asgher Mohammed (Al-Meezan); and Nursery parents Mr Ajaz Ahmed, Mr and Mrs Graham Rowan and Mrs Tracy McCann. Apologies for unavoidable absence had been received from Mr Gerard McCudden, Miss Kathleen Lanigan, Professor Martin McIntyre and from Mr Mohammad Sarwar MP and Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP.

Mrs Maltman chaired the meeting.

**02 MINUTE OF MEETING of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008:** The minute was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Armstrong, seconded by Dr Geddes.

**03 BUSINESS ARISING (a) Flooding:** There has been some improvement in Nithsdale Road since the drains were cleared. The Highways Authority claims they do not have the funding to repair Dumbreck Road. Mr Armstrong will keep pursuing the matter.

**04 TREASURER's REPORT:** Mr McCudden's draft annual accounts are with the auditor.

**05 SECRETARY's REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE: (a) Nominees:** It was agreed that we invite nominees from all local institutions and associations: Al Meezan, Brisbane Court Residents Association, Dumbreck Tenants and Residents Association, Bellahouston Academy, Hazelwood School, Nithsdale Road Nursery School, St. Leo's Church, Sherbrooke St. Gilbert's Church, Opus Dei and Tradeston Ex-servicemen's Club. Mr Fee voiced dissent to the last two. Mr Fee will circulate a copy of the Constitution to all members in advance of the next meeting.

**(b) Communication:** As there are a number of new members on the council Mrs Jacobsen will email all members with a list of contact details etc.

**(c) Nithsdale Road Nursery School:** Mr and Mrs Rowan, Mrs McCann and Mr Ahmed voiced their concerns regarding the proposed closure of Nithsdale Road Nursery School and the transfer of children to a new Pre 5 Centre in Pollokshields Primary School Annexe. There are a number of discrepancies in the proposal: 10 full-time pupils have been counted as present for only one session not two, giving the impression that the school is underused when 78 of the 80 places are taken; the building has been described as poor when the council's own report records it as in good condition. The distance from the nursery school to the proposed Centre is 1.5 miles which is not within "buggy pushing" distance (the term used in GCC early

Childhood and Extended Services Strategy 2008-2013 document.) Nithsdale Road Nursery School received a "very good" or "excellent" in the 26 March 2008 Inspection Report by the Care Commission and HM Inspectorate of Education. Parents felt it would be very difficult to replicate the high standards and excellent ethos of the Nursery School. There is to be a consultation meeting in Bellahouston Academy on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm and parents have organised a protest march from the Nursery School to Pollokshields Primary School Annexe on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. It is hoped that there is a large turn out for each event and that as many people as possible will sign their petition and respond to the proposal 21 on the sheet which can be downloaded from GCC website. The consultation period ends on 18<sup>th</sup> March and a decision made in April by Glasgow City Council's Executive Committee. Mrs Jacobsen will respond on behalf of Dumbreck Community Council.

**06 ROADS:** (a) **Diversion Campaign:** The M74 link and signage for the Seaward Street diversion is now likely to be in 2012. Traffic on Dumbreck Road is causing problems at the junction with Dumbreck Avenue. Hazelwood School would like a pedestrian crossing across Dumbreck Road at this point as well as one across Mosspark Boulevard near Bellahouston Drive. A number of requests have been made for a set of traffic lights at Dumbreck Avenue but the reply has been that there is no requirement. Councillor Butt had spoken to Mr Gillespie and been advised that there was no money available. Mr Grant suggested that DTRA would accept crossings instead of the play park. Compensation allocated for the play park should cover the cost of crossings. Councillor Butt advised that a play park was due to be created in Bellahouston Park. Mr Fee will make a FOI request to obtain details of the play park. Mr Corbett has obtained more than 100 pages of traffic figures from Transport Scotland. Their website shows a counter located in Dumbreck Road but the figures are not available as they are being collected for another party. We assume this to be Glasgow City Council. Mr Corbett or Mr Fee will make a FOI request to obtain the figures from this counter.

(b) **Rat-Running:** Land Services are still examining Farm Road. Despite the concrete cushions there is a marked increase in traffic using Beech Avenue when there is any hold up on Dumbreck Road. Mr Bienkowski is still pursuing the possibility of a left turn filter into Nithsdale Road.

(c) **Football Parking:** Land Services had agreed to mark all corners with yellow lines. Mr Fee will pursue.

**07 PLANNING:** (a) **Al Meezan:** Application has been granted with conditions to safeguard the amenity of the surrounding conservation area. Mr Mohammed advised that no date has yet been set for the work. When work starts the school will relocate and the building closed for one year.

(b) **133 Urrdale Road:** Application rejected due to over-development.

(c) **2 Maple Road:** Application rejected due to over-development. The owner has appealed this decision and Mr Armstrong has lodged a further objection to the development on behalf of Dumbreck Community Council.

(d) **10 Dumbreck Avenue:** This is a retrospective application for an extension already built without planning permission. There have been a number of objections and the application is to be considered by the Planning Committee.

(e) **2 Erskine Avenue**: Application for a single storey extension to the lower conversion flat. No objection.

**08 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/POLICE:** Mrs Jacobsen handed out copies of the minutes of the last Neighbourhood Watch meeting. The community Police are now operating a shift system to ensure that an officer is available in each area at all times. They are not giving individual email addresses but a team address, which is monitored by the Sergeant on duty. The Watch group is in need of more co-coordinators. Dr Geddes is looking into this and will write a short piece for the Newsletter.

**09 SPRING NEWSLETTER:** Mr Grant will deal with the print but Mr Fee still needs contributors / volunteer to write it. The main issue is likely to be the Nursery School campaign. Copy date was set at 1<sup>st</sup> April with delivery to residents likely to be 9<sup>th</sup> April. The Newsletter will not include advertisements but, for a donation, members will deliver an advertisement flyer with each Newsletter.

**10 AGM:** Agreed as Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Mr McCudden or Miss Lanigan will book St Leo's. Mr Fee will invite someone, possibly Margaret Doran, to speak about the proposed closure of Nithsdale Road Nursery School.

**11 WEBSITE:** We have received an email of congratulations from a local resident. Mr Grant will add a counter to the site to show the number of visitors. The site has been changed so that visitors are taken straight to the News page.

**12 OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS: (a) Govan Area Committee:** Mr Fee complained of advertising by Ian Davidson MP contained in literature given out at the meeting. Councillor Hunter explained that this would not have been funded by Glasgow City Council but from Mr Davidson's Constituency Allowance.

**(b) Parking:** Councillor Hunter volunteered to check parking regulations regarding commercial vehicles parked on residential streets. A number of cars were being parked well onto pavements, particularly in Beech Avenue. It is deemed not an obstruction if there is room for a pram to pass by.

**13 NEXT MEETING:** This was agreed as Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.25pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.