

Dumbreck Community Council Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Minute of Meeting of Thursday 18th May 2006

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Apologies: Mair Crouch, Kathleen Lanigan, Fiona McCreath.

Present: James Armstrong, George Boyes, Charlotte Cavanagh, Bruce Fraser, Alastair Gilchrist, Naida Higgins, Carol Jacobsen, Robert Mitchell, James Sewell, Lynda Smith, Sheila Smith, John Stewart, John Thomson, Constable Tom Wilson.

2. Minutes of last meeting were adopted

Proposed by Robert Mitchell and seconded by James Armstrong.

3. Matters arising not on the agenda

After the last meeting Carol wrote to Land Services asking that the trees be lifted and shrubbery trimmed on the walkway used by the flasher. A reply was received stating that the work would be carried out by 31st March. Carol is not sure that the work has been carried out and if so, it is not to a sufficient standard. She will check the situation once the work on the walkway has been completed and take up as necessary.

4. Financial Situation

The only expenditure has been £10 for the hire of the session room; a small amount of bank interest has been credited leaving £103.19 available.

5. Police Report

Tom Wilson said the crime figures for the four-month period to 1st April 2006 were the best he has had to report. There have been no housebreakings with actual theft during this period. He admitted that housebreakings were down for the whole of the Greater Govan area. There were:

- 2 Housebreakings with intent and
- 3 Attempted housebreakings (Police put a car in the area following these housebreakings and a man was arrested in Dalkeith Avenue; he admitted to all five.)
- 1 Vehicle stolen (This was a works van which was left unattended while the workmen worked on a house. The keys were left in the ignition, the door left unlocked and a window left open)
- 3 Cars broken into (Two of these belonged to Rangers fans and occurred on a match day)
- 5 Acts of Vandalism (A broken window at Hazelwood House; a car window smashed in Melfort Avenue, damage to a child's climbing frame; and two at Bellahouston Academy one of which was damage to a fifth year pupil's car during school hours.)

Constable Wilson is to take a course on the use of hand-held speed detection devices. At some point he will be able to use the device and stop speeding drivers in Dumbreck. He asked that we email him with any streets we thought were frequently used by speeding drivers. A driver could be stopped for speeding if going over 33mph in a 30mph zone. Dumbreck 20mph signs have green circles and not red and are therefore advisory and not compulsory. Tom said he could still stop a driver going at less than 30mph if he thought it was dangerous, say approaching the school when there were pupils leaving.

James asked that we have a vote of thanks for Tom Wilson and his colleagues for successfully reducing housebreakings in the area. All present concurred.

6. Incident Report

In addition to the 5 attempted burglaries mentioned by Constable Wilson Sheila Smith reported fly tipping in Daisy Lane. By early April there was a lot of rubbish and her husband reported it to the Clean Glasgow hotline. When it wasn't uplifted he phoned again and was told they couldn't remove it as it was on private land. Alastair said DCC would try to ascertain ownership of the land.

George Boyes reported garden rubbish dumped in Urrdale Road by two women in a lorry. They appeared to be with a group of travellers who were in the district offering to do odd jobs in gardens.

James Armstrong reported a bonfire in a garden Larch Road that got out of hand. It set neighbouring trees alight and the Fire Brigade attended. There was also a burst water main in Larch Road, which, despite repeated reminders, was left for four weeks before repaired. This is within months of the two bursts in Urrdale Road and another in Dumbreck Road. James has had extensive correspondence with Scottish Water

and Water Watch including dated photographs, which he will pass to DCC. Robert Mitchell said there was a burst water main in Fleurs Avenue in early April. Residents were not informed that the water was being turned off and during the repair the pipe was punctured again. When complaining to Scottish Water on the telephone he was asked who was carrying out the repair "Is it Balfour?"

Police were called to two men behaving suspiciously in Dalkeith Avenue, to another in Urrdale Road, to kids in a garden in Maple Road, and to two women sitting on the pavement in Rowan Road.

Alastair reported a Larson trap stolen from the side of a shed in Dargarvel Avenue.

George reported a stone thrown through a window in Beech Avenue. He also reported on his battle to get information from the procurator fiscal regarding a criminal case he was due to appear as witness. This is the second time he has been a witness and, despite seemingly strong evidence, the fiscal has not proceeded with the charge. He has complained to the Justice Minister, he would like to be given reasons and feels he has lost his faith in the justice system.

On behalf of a group of neighbours in Urrdale Road George has submitted an objection to the expansion of the railway line to Glasgow Airport. They would like the track behind them upgraded to prevent vibration and also to stop the drivers sounding klaxons before going under the motorway. At the moment it is not too much of a nuisance but it would be when trains pass every fifteen minutes.

7. Publicity

There is a Neighbourhood Watch section on the new Dumbreck Community Council website at www.dumbreckcc.org.uk There is general information and minutes of the last co-ordinators meeting. Information and questions can be emailed to dumbreckcommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Tom Wilson suggested that his email address Thomas.Wilson@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk be added to the contacts. Congratulations go to John Grant for creating such an excellent website for Dumbreck.

The leaflets on garden security and crime prevention are still on order. Carol will request a copy of the leaflet regarding ASBO's.

8. Bellahouston Academy

In general the pupils have been better behaved. There are still problems in Maple Lane and some isolated incidents. Children had used a house for sale in Maple Road as a smoking den. When Mr Anderson was informed it stopped. Sheila had complained to the school about young pupils loitering by Daisy Lane in the early afternoon. Mr Anderson was not in and she was told that, as they were outside school premises, it was a police matter. There are still pupils climbing over the wall into a garden at the bottom of Dalkeith Avenue and then over the wall to get to Dumbreck Station. James suggested she write to Ian Anderson about it and if possible take photographs of the offending pupils.

9. Roads

The women's 10K takes place on Sunday 21st May. There are to be similar parking restrictions as for Rangers match days. Some fencing has already been delivered and we will again have portaloos in every street. The race will start on Nithsdale Road by Fleurs Avenue. Nithsdale Road, Fleurs Avenue and other streets will be used as holding areas before the start of the race. Nithsdale Road in Dumbreck will be closed to traffic between 8am and 1pm. A bollard from the Dumbreck ends of Torridon Avenue and Dargarvel Avenue are to be removed to allow an emergency exit for those trapped in the cul de sacs.

The Seaward Street diversion is at the planning stage.

Concern was expressed about any impact caused by the opening of the new bridge across the River Clyde. It was thought it might draw more vehicles to Dumbreck Road.

There is no further news regarding the speed bumps for Dumbreck.

Dumbreck Community Council had held a Special General Meeting on 27th April called by residents, mainly those in Brisbane Court who complained that the increase in traffic, parking, turning and reversing in driveways by students of Al Meezan House in Rowan Road was disturbing the peaceful enjoyment of their properties. Land Services said they are not prepared to put in any parking regulations, saying we had previously refused parking permits in relation to Rangers parking. Councillor Butt assured the meeting that he would ask that the planning application for the extension to Al Meezan House go to a hearing and that each side would be given an opportunity to state their case. Both parties were encouraged to continue negotiating.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting for Dumbreck Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators will be on **Thursday 21st September 2006** at 7.30pm in Sherbrooke St. Gilbert's Church.