

**DRAFT Minute of Meeting of
Dumbreck Community Council
held within 157 Urrdale Road on
Thursday 31st January 2008 at 7.30pm**

01 SEDERUNT: Dr Alastair Gilchrist, Mrs Ruth Maltman, Mr Kenneth Fee, Mr Gerard McCudden, Mr James Armstrong, Mr John Corbett, Mrs Carol Jacobsen, Miss Kathleen Lanigan, Professor Martin McIntyre and, Mr Trevor Schuster-Davis. Also in attendance were City Councillor Allison Hunter; Mr Tim Kelly, Mr William Turner and Ms Rosemary Dickson (Brisbane Court Residents' Association); and residents Mr George Boyes and Mr Jurek Bienkowski. Apologies for unavoidable absence had been received from Dr Mair Crouch, Mr John Grant and Mr Asgher Mohammed; and from Mr Mohammad Sarwar MP and Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP.

02 MINUTE OF MEETING of 15th November 2007: The minute was unanimously adopted on the motion of Miss Lanigan seconded by Mr Gerard McCudden.

03 BUSINESS ARISING (a) Garden Centre threat: Cllr Hunter reported that consideration of this project was still proceeding under Cllr Ruth Simpson's guidance, with advantages being listed like access to the "derelict" walled garden; potential problems with traffic access were being assessed. The Secretary moved, Mr Armstrong seconded and it was agreed that the Community Council's strong opposition be expressed at this stage even before the City Council did find a taker for the threatening scheme.

(b) Dumbreck Court Play Area: Mr Grant was pursuing the £100,000+ planning committee condition and its current possible misappropriation to Mosspark. The Secretary was instructed to make a Freedom of Information request to discover what was afoot.

(c) Salter's Croft: Mr Armstrong reported that he was now pursuing the City Council to accept responsibility for any mayhem which arose from the presence of the house in the area.

(d) Graffiti: There had been changes in the telephone numbers which residents were invited to call when reporting graffiti they wanted removed. The new numbers would feature in the Spring issue of the Newsletter.

(e) Dumbreck Station bridge: Mr Armstrong had received a holding response from Land Services – Amey were the responsible party but a ready solution was not in sight.

(f) Rangers FC and littering: Mr Armstrong awaited more photographs before approaching the littering problem.

04 SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE: (a) Community Councils Resource Centre: Following Mrs Margaret Stirling's resignation, Mr Alex Hewetson had been appointed as a new broom. He would be visiting a future meeting in Dumbreck to report on the Scottish Government's proposals for reform of the community council movement.

(b) **Glasgow “Community” “Planning” “Partnership”**: This new body was seeking “20 residents to have their voice heard on local issues” (whatever that might mean, for what “community”, and in any case begging the question of what community councils were for). The Secretary had attended an explanatory meeting only to be the sole attendee, and learning nothing of any worth about this controversial, heavily tax-funded venture. It was agreed to hang fire until it were made clear just who would be hearing the voices.

(c) **Website**: Mr Grant was congratulated for the work he was doing in updating the site alongside Mrs Jacobsen. The Resources Centre had tried to suggest an amendment to the text, the Secretary having to remind them that Dumbreck Community Council was not a creature of the City Council. It was agreed that Mrs Jacobsen would act as editor of the site until a full discussion could be held about its content, possible development and financing.

05 TREASURER’s REPORT: Mr McCudden presented the draft annual accounts to 31st December 2007, subject to audit. Mr Armstrong, seconded by Mrs Maltman, proposed their adoption and this was agreed unanimously. It was hoped to have the audit available for the next meeting.

06 ROADS: (a) **Gilchrist Diversion**: Transport Scotland’s Paul Reid was now in charge of their involvement in the required signage, and he had confirmed that this was being genuinely undertaken now. With the Green Party’s latest objection, the M74 tendering process was in some doubt.

(b) **Traffic Calming**: A letter from Land Services executive director Robert Booth claimed that the traffic calming scheme had been successful and there was therefore “no further need for any remedial measures at present”. That was still disputed by residents – Mr Bienkowski thought especially at peak times – and it was hoped that Mr Gillespie would finally confront residents at the public meeting with suggestions about how Land Services might go about tackling the still serious problem.

Mr Kelly expressed concern at speeding on Farm Road. Mr Turner again proposed that Urrdale Road should now be closed, but this was not generally thought to be a solution. There was some discussion about re-running the 2003 referendum.

07 PLANNING: (a) **Al-Meezan**: Cllr Butt’s sub committee did not seem to have met. Ms Sturgeon had also indicated that she was experiencing some difficulty in arranging a meeting with the Al-Meezan Board.

(b) **Go-Ape**: It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary be instructed to lodge an Objection to the planning application.

08 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Mrs Jacobsen’s usual full report would be published in the forthcoming Newsletter.

09 NEXT MEETINGS: The public meeting/AGM would take place on Thursday 3rd April in St Leo’s hall; and the next (shortened) Community Council meeting on Thursday 20th March 2008 followed by a send-off for the retiring Chairman.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm with a vote of thanks to the Acting Chair.