

MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

Draft Minutes of the 5th meeting of the 32nd Session of
Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House,
Kirkmichael on February 23rd. 2009

Present:; Fiona Calvin; Andrew Duncan; Doreen MacIntyre (Chair); Donald Michie; Phil Moston; Mike Purdie; Susan Scott Cllr Bob Ellis; Cllr Liz Grant, Cllr Caroline Shiers, Sgt I Taylor and Cons. G. Humphrey of Tayside Police, and one member of the public.

1. Minutes of last meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting was proposed by M. Purdie and seconded by A Duncan.

2. Matters arising from the last minutes

- The allocation of houses at Whitefield View appears to have taken into account community concerns, which is encouraging.
- The Forestry Commission is to hold a meeting at Blackcraig Forest on March 13th to discuss management and future developments - D MacIntyre to attend.
- A draft proposal on the Core Paths network is to now go before the Scottish Parliament, then for further consultation
- The verge-cutting meeting has been postponed.
- Cateran Trail signposting is to be improved.

3. Report from the Chair

- The architects had suggested trees to be planted to landscape the new Kirkmichael car park (between the car park and the open field). These are not considered to be necessary.
- Plans are available to view in the village shop at Kirkmichael, regarding the repositioning of the James Small Memorial and re-alignment of the junction.

4. Report from Secretary

A number of communications were received, of particular note the Draft Housing in the Countryside Strategic Environmental Assessment. All welcome to see the communications.

5. Report from the Treasurer

- As of November 24th, the current balance for the Community Council fund is approximately £790.00.
- The Drumderg micro-fund holds approximately £450. Any applications to the micro fund (for grants of £250 or lower) should be made through the Community Council.

6. Report from the Community Police.

- Sgt Ian Taylor reported that from the police perspective there was less leisure usage of the A93 by motorbikes than in the past. Traffic police continue to monitor the A93, and if bikes are noted to be speeding, if the local police are informed they will attempt to stop and caution these individuals.
- Over the next 12 months they hope to have an increased police presence, and are currently looking to recruit additional Special Constables.
- Concerns were raised over the speed of traffic passing through the new Craighall bypass, particularly in poor weather conditions, and there was discussion as to whether there should be warning signs, particularly at the top of the section.
- Discussion took place regarding the erection of snow fences on the A93, at known drift sites, but this was not generally felt to be of great benefit.

