

Minutes of special meeting of Thornhill & Blairdrummond Community Council held on Monday 6 March 2006 at 7.30pm in Blairdrummond Community Hall

1. Present & apologies

Mr. Jim Maxwell	Chairman		
Mr. Peter Rickard	Secretary		
Mr. Alan Bain	Community Councillor	Mr. Ian Bain	Community Councillor
Mrs. Sue Duke	Community Councillor	Mr. Campbell Hannah	Community Councillor
Mr. Sandy Stewart	Community Councillor		
Mr. Paul Nelson	Stirling Councillor		

8 members of the public

Apologies were received from Mr. Jim Bisset, Mr. Tom Cunningham, Mrs. Kate Cartney, Sir John MacMillan, Mrs. Ann Petrie, and Jack Littlejohn.

2. Planning application for a livestock mart near Drip Bridge

The meeting discussed the plans submitted by Elphinstone Land Ltd for a new livestock market on land between the Forth and Teith rivers to the north-west of Drip Bridge. Various points were raised by councillors and the members of the public:

- This is a departure from the structure plan
- It is on a Greenfield site
- Why can't the current brownfield site at Kildean be further developed and improved?
- The retail space is inconsistent with current agricultural use
- There will be additional traffic noise affecting neighbours from the proposed roundabout at the end of Chalmerston Lane
- There will be additional noise affecting neighbours from Sunday markets if they continue as now at Kildean
- The scale of the development is out of proportion to the needs
- Traffic currently backs up onto the A84 at morning and evening rush hours and during the peak summer months, especially at weekends. The additional roundabout will exacerbate this
- There will be an increase in heavy vehicle traffic along the A84 from the M9 intersection. This will put extra pressure on the turning into Dobbies
- The proposed roundabout encroaches onto a designated conservation area
- This is the principal route for tourists into the Trossachs area and further north to Breadalbane and beyond
- This is an industrial development in the countryside

The meeting decided to call a public meeting to discuss this development. Both Elphinstone and Stirling Council Planning Department will be invited to the meeting. The date was subsequently set for Tuesday 21 March in Blairdrummond Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Action secretary to arrange and to advertise in Stirling Observer

The meeting asked that the planning department be informed that we will be holding this meeting and requesting time to submit our response.

Action Kate Cartney

3. Planning application for a maze etc. at Briarlands, Somers Lane

Mrs. Joanne Inglis explained the nature of the development to which councillors had no objections.

4. AOCB

Drains in the Main Street, Thornhill are choked. **Action secretary to report to Scottish Water**