

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

PRESENT: John McLatchie, Katie Stuart-Cox, Andy McLarty, Robin Craig, Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies.

Associate Members – Stuart Baillie, Alison Mitchell

Councillor – Eric Holford

Public – Babs Muir

APOLOGIES – Ryan Cox, Jo Talbot, Ian McCallan

The Chairman present his report as follows:

*Duneaton Community Council Chairman's Annual Report 2016/17*

*Chairman John McLatchie*

**General**

This year we saw a number of quite significant developments in the Duneaton Community Council projects, roles and responsibilities.

As always our underling goal is the provision of non-political and impartial support to our community across a broad spectrum of concerns, complaints and requests for assistance that come across the Community Council table from a variety of sources, be it either groups or individuals. Our aim as always is to provide an impartial voice for the community we serve.

**Good Citizen Awards 2017**

Now in its second year, the Good Citizens Award is attracting nominations from a wide-ranging aspect of our community and this year, with multiple nominations, made the decision difficult to choose an outright winner as all the nominations were very worthy of the award.

Anyone who was nominated but did not win has received a thank-you/appreciation card.

This year's winners are:

Abington: **David Lindsay**

Coulter: **Barbra Muir**

Crawfordjohn: **Christine Barton**

Lamington: **The winner declined to participate**

Roberton: **Heather Watt**

Wiston: **Angela Ross**

Congratulation to those winners who took part and thank-you to all those who took the time to send in their nominations.

### **Micro Grants**

The Micro grant application scheme seems to be a very popular way of funding more local community based projects, from Tae Kwan Do after school clubs to Comedy Nights with twenty one of those projects being approved for funding by Duneaton Community Council in 2017 year to date. We continue to manage monies from both the Clyde Wind Farm Fund and the Infinis Glenerie Fund.

### **Road/South Lanarkshire Council Spending**

See separate report.

### **Community Council Liaison Group**

The Community Council Liaison Group continues to meet, albeit less frequently, maintaining a conduit between SSE and the Community Councils affected by their respective developments. The committee is hosted by SSE Renewables and comprises of 2 representatives from the following Community Councils,

Duneaton

Crawford

Skirling

Upper Tweed

Tweedsmuir

Moffat and District,

A full copy of the minutes is produced on Duneaton Community Council Facebook page.

## **SSE Group**

I am pleased to announce that confirmation received from SSE through their Clyde Wind Farm Extension Fund, has ring-fenced considerable funding for allocation by Duneaton Community Council for a future community project or projects aimed at benefitting the residents of our community. The final details have still to be ironed out but this is an excellent opportunity for DCC to help those in our community who have projects they may wish to take forward but are light on funding.

## **Planning Updates**

Other than the impending 3<sup>rd</sup> planning application from Patterson's of Greenoakhill to site a sand and gravel quarry at Overburns Farm in Lamington, there are no outstanding planning issues since Muirhall Energy Ltd. had their most recent application for a wind farm at Priestgill, Wandel refused.

My understanding is that Muirhall Energy are appealing to the Scottish Government on this issue but I have no dates for that appeal hearing as yet.

The Patersons application is expected to go before the full South Lanarkshire Council planning committee in 2018 but again there has been no date set.

A liaison has been established between the South Lanarkshire Council Planning Office and SEPA to maintain a communication link between those bodies, and Duneaton Community Council, CRAG and the community, and meetings have recently been held with CRAG, DCC and the South Lanarkshire Planning and SEPA representatives to put across the communities points and opposition to the application. Since its inception, this application has received in excess of 1000 individual letters of objection to South Lanarkshire Council.

## **Clyde Wind Farm Fund (CWFF)**

Duneaton Community Council continues to have two seats on the CWFF funding panel committee and Anne Jefferies has taken my seat which I can no longer fulfil due to work commitments.

## **Communication**

Our online presence continues to extend the DCC's reach and ability to capture local opinion as required. Our Facebook page is up to 145 'likes', and our website averages 88 page views per week from 47 unique visitors. Some of these visitors are from other areas who find our grant information page useful.

## **Conclusion**

The future of the Duneaton Community Council is once again secure and looking in good health, with many projects ongoing and many under development. We can look forward to another year of dynamic, diverse and an engaged Community Council being at the vanguard of our community whom we serve and providing that much needed voice for our community.

As you will be aware this will be my last term in office as Chairman and I will be standing down at our next AGM in 2018.

It would be my intention to remain as an ordinary member of the DCC without holding office, so you may wish to consider the Chair's position yourself or you may have another individual full member in mind. I would encourage you to visit this to ensure a smooth transition at our 2018 AGM and for the future.



# December 2016-end Nov 2017 General Account (Includes ringfenced Clyde Wind Farm Fund micro grant and Infinis Glenkerie grant monies)

Account		General Account									
INCOME					EXPENDITURE						BALANCE
Date	Details	Amount	Payment Type	Date	Details	Amount	Cheque No.	Date Issued			
				04-Dec-16	GCA Abington - Bill & Toni Bentley	50	155	04-Dec-16		5942.54	
				04-Dec-16	GCA Coulter - Ann Pigott	50	156	04-Dec-16		5892.54	
				04-Dec-16	GCA Crawfordjohn - Janet Telfer	50	157	04-Dec-16		5842.54	
				04-Dec-16	GCA Robertson - Cathy Craig	50	158	04-Dec-16		5792.54	
				04-Dec-16	GCA Wiston - Meg Beresford	50	159	04-Dec-16		5742.54	
				06-Dec-16	DCC-CWF-010 Crawfordjohn Christmas Party	210	160	06-Dec-16		5532.54	
29-Dec-16	Interest	0.62	Bank Transfer							5533.16	
				07-Feb-17	DCC-CWF-011 Crawfordjohn Public Hall Association	500	161	07-Feb-17		5033.16	
13-Feb-17	Donation (Secretary's Honorarium)	50	Cheque							5083.16	
06-Mar-17	Infinis Glenkerie Grant 2017	1000	Cheque							6083.16	
				07-Mar-17	DCC-CWF-012 Abington and District Agricultural Society	500	162	07-Mar-17		5583.16	
30-Mar-17	Interest	0.69	Bank Transfer							5583.85	
				04-Apr-17	DCC-INF-005 Culter Library Signage	169.91	163	04-Apr-17		5413.94	
				04-Apr-17	DCC-INF-006 Coulter WRI Transport	200	164	04-Apr-17		5213.94	
				04-Apr-17	DCC-CWF-013 Wiston Community Enhancement Group	500	165	04-Apr-17		4713.94	
22-Apr-17	DCC-CWF-009 Abington Christmas Party overpayment r	168.31	BACS Transfer							4882.25	
				05-May-17	DCC-CWF-014 Robertson WRI Robert Burns Coach Trip	380	166	05-May-17		4502.25	
				05-May-17	DCC-CWF-015 Robertson Gardening Club Trip	400	167	05-May-17		4102.25	
				05-May-17	DCC-CWF-016 Irene Riddell (Lamington Village Group)	500	168	05-May-17		3602.25	
				07-Jun-17	DCC-INF-007 Holy Trinity Chapel Planters	250	169	07-Jun-17		3352.25	
				23-Jun-17	DCC-CWF-017 Abington Bowling Club	461.02	170	23-Jun-17		2891.23	
29-Jun-17	Interest	0.62	BACS Transfer							2891.85	
				04-Jul-17	DCC-CWF-018 Abington SWI	430	171	04-Jul-17		2461.85	
				01-Aug-17	DCC-CWF-019 Holy Trinity Chapel	422.26	172	01-Aug-17		2039.59	
				01-Aug-17	Holy Trinity Chapel	77.74	173	01-Aug-17		1961.85	
25-Sep-17	CWFF Micro Grant	5000	Cheque							6961.85	
28-Sep-17	Interest	0.34	BACS Transfer							6962.19	
				03-Oct-17	DCC-CWF-020 Abington Halloween Party	448	174	03-Oct-17		6514.19	
				03-Oct-17	GANDL Events Newsletter A5 advert	50	175	03-Oct-17		6464.19	
18-Oct-17	DCC-CWF-018 Abington SWI overpayment	30	Cheque							6494.19	
07-Nov-17	DCC-CWF-020 Abington Halloween Party overpayment	90	BACS Transfer							6584.19	
07-Nov-17	Donation from Katie Stuart-Cox	120	BACS Transfer							6704.19	
				07-Nov-17	DCC-CWF-021 Comedy Events	500	176	07-Nov-17		6204.19	
				07-Nov-17	David Lindsay	60	177	07-Nov-17		6144.19	
				07-Nov-17	DCC-CWF-022 Crawford and Abington Baby and Toddler Grou	500	178	07-Nov-17		5644.19	
				07-Nov-17	DCC-CWF-023 Grace Goddard	500	179	07-Nov-17		5144.19	
				07-Nov-17	DCC-CWF-024 GANDL	500	180	07-Nov-17		4644.19	
				07-Nov-17	DCC-CWF-025 Abington After-School Tae Kwon Do	480	181	07-Nov-17		4164.19	
				07-Nov-17	DCC-INF-008 Robertson Christmas Party	150	182	07-Nov-17		4014.19	
				21-Nov-17	Rigside and Rural Community Nursery	100	183	21-Nov-17		3914.19	
28-Nov-17	DCC-INF-007 Holy Trinity Chapel Planters overpayment	0.68	BACS Transfer							3914.87	
				28-Nov-17	DCC-CWF-022 Crawford and Abington Baby and Toddler Grou	-500	178	07-Nov-17		4414.87	
				28-Nov-17	DCC-CWF-022 Crawford and Abington Baby and Toddler Grou	500	184	07-Nov-17		3914.87	

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS. Jo Talbot has agreed to continue as Secretary for another year proposed by John McLatchie, seconded Katie Stuart-Cox. Treasurer Anne Jefferies proposed by John McLatchie, seconded Robin Craig. John McLatchie advised that he will be stepping down as Chairman next year and asked members to consider who might consider taking this on so that a smooth hand over could be achieved.

ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION. This was adopted and all members of the committee agreed.

DATES OF MEETING – Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month and it was agreed that they should be held in rotation around the Community Council remit. The January meeting will be held in Roberton Village Hall. Meetings to be advertised on the website and Facebook.

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