

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2019
ROBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present

Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Clare Symonds, Irene Riddell, Gordon Wilson, Liz Steele,
Katie Stuart-Cox, Cllr Eric Holford, Robin Craig.

Apologies

Cllr Ian McAllan, John McLatchie, Allison Mitchell.

Adoption of previous meeting minutes

September – Proposed AJ, Seconded MM

October – Proposed AJ, Seconded MM

Abington School House (former)

KSC gave an update on progress to convert the former School House into a community hub providing office space, gymnasium, meeting/training rooms and eventually a garden area with poly tunnels. KSC displayed the proposed plans that will be submitted to SLC this week. The community asset transfer is almost complete, and an application has been made for a Scottish Land Grant.

Priestgill Wind Farm

The Memorandum of Understanding between Muirhall Energy Ltd and DCC was approved subject to the addition of the word “a” in sections 1.1 & 1.2

Treasurers statement

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £426.89.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
28 Oct	000090 Cheque	-£11.85	£426.81
15 Oct	000089 Cheque	-£100.00	£438.66
27 Sep	15SEP GRS 00121712 Interest	£0.03	£538.66
03 Sep	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE Automated Pay In	£328.00	£538.63

DCC General account balance: £18,652.29. £885.99 is unrestricted.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
05 Nov	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE Automated Pay In	£5,000.00	£18,652.29
16 Oct	000237 Cheque	-£231.60	£13,652.29
16 Oct	000230 Cheque	-£473.00	£13,883.89
16 Oct	000229 Cheque	-£250.00	£14,356.89
14 Oct	831611 Credit	£100.00	£14,606.89
09 Oct	000226 Cheque	-£500.00	£14,506.89

Activity

- Clyde Wind Farm microgrant 2018-19 end of year accounts submitted to SLC and approved
- CWFF microgrant 2019-20 £5000 funding received
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie 2019-20 end of year accounts submitted to Foundation Scotland and approved, next grant ready to release in Feb 2020
- Grant cheque handover to 3 groups completed
- Grant cheques prepared for 5 groups pending grant money arriving in the DCC bank account
- 2 grants closed out after receipts/affidavit received
- SLC confirmed the Mungo Henshall Bequest of £267.03 will be released to DCC

Action points

- CWFF microgrants:
 - Wiston Village Christmas Party Committee £480
 - Crawfordjohn Christmas Party £500
 - Abington Sugar Craft £444.50
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie microgrants:
 - None this month
- CDW Oct/Nov hall hire cheques: Lamington £20, Crawfordjohn £21, Wiston £30 from SLC admin account – approved for payment by DCC.

Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £3866.93 remaining of the £5000 2019-20 grant (£2442.43 if all above approved)
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £186.40 remaining of the £1000 2019-20 grant

Community Development Worker DCC monthly report 12 Nov 2019 as received from Liz Steele

Questions I would like answered will be highlighted in red

Thanks very much to all of you who gave up your time to deliver the newsletters. I have posted a copy on the DCC website & Fb page and each of the village Fb sites as well as requesting the Drop In sessions be advertised in the Gazette village news sections.

Village Project Updates: my actions and outcomes

I have had positive responses from those who were awarded grants and am pleased to see a number of new events happening in the villages.

Abington

Drop-In sessions: No one attended either session. I did though talk to David Lyndsey about the potential to apply for grants for his 'Wee Gigs/Giggles'. As Robertson hall is needing support for its refurbishment project, the idea of David applying for a DCC micro grant to host an event in Robertson. I also gave information for the possibility of applying for a Clyde small grant to fund a 12-month, Wee Gig/Giggle program within the Clyde windfarm area.

I had a phone call from Rosemary Bushell who would like to start up a sugar craft group in Abington. She came to see me at the Robertson Drop-In and we talked through the possibilities for a DCC micro grant application to get the group started.

Coulter

On the 17th October I attended a community meeting at Coulter. Gillian Bell was very pleased to be awarded grant funding from her 2 applications. A new group has been formed calling itself the Coulter Community Club, with the aim of meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Mill. I will aim to attend when I can until I feel they have become more 'self-sufficient'. They can then contact me when they have a question. The group are in the process of sorting out their constitution and a new bank account.

Plans were made for the community bonfire, (which was a great success with approximately 300 people attending), and Carol Service. They discussed ideas for events for next year, how to approach sorting out the Play park and the Broadband. I gave email contacts, advice on funding and the process needed to address renewing the Play park.

Broadband: Jonathan McCosh had mentioned there is an existing fibre cable running through Coulter from Biggar to Abington. I contacted Kenny Lean on the subject and he gave me BT web links which I passed onto the group. Am encouraging the CCC to arrange a community meeting with Kenny, BT and JM as speakers.

Drop-In sessions: No one attended either session, except Malcolm as a kind gesture!

Crawfordjohn

Jemma Campbell from CAL is working with Abington, Crawfordjohn and Lamington on their Active Travel initiative, and may extend the project to other Duneaton villages. Jemma and I met at Gordon's house to discuss the project and the possibilities for a workshop and walk in Crawfordjohn. Following a community consultation day led by Ice Cream Architects, they are planning to install active travel information signage boards with maps and direction signage, which may tie in with the Crawfordjohn Development plans for new village signage.

Drop-In sessions: Chantelle Plenderleith asked for information on grant funding for a children's Christmas party. We worked through the DCC micro grant, which she has submitted for the Nov meeting. No drop ins in the evening.

The new Crawfordjohn Development Group are currently meeting monthly. I was unable to attend the October session due to overlap with a Drop-In session. As with Coulter, I will attend when I can until I feel they have a good grasp of funding opportunities linked to their ideas. They can then contact me for advice. I have responded to minutes from the meeting, with information for funding and contacts. I need to gain their confidence to get them into the habit of applying for grants.

Lamington

Drop-In sessions: Sheena Edgar asked about the possibility of a defibrillator for Lamington. I asked Gregor Leishman to find a contact for permission to locate the unit at the school. In response, as SLC don't own the building this isn't possible. Will need to consult the village for ideas for alternative locations. Other areas have put them on poles and linked into Council power supplies. Once a location/s are decided, need to contact SLC Roads department to see if they will provide power to the unit.

Have forwarded the paperwork from Crawfordjohn's defib. project to Sheena. Discussed having the 1st aid/defib course/s in Robertson Hall and applying for funding for a mini bus from Lamington. Discussed applying for a Clyde Small grant for the project. It seems there is a village bank account, so just need to revitalize the constitution.

Jemma Campbell from Community Action Lanarkshire met with Bob and I to discuss options for her Active Transport project in the village, (also in Abington and Crawfordjohn). The idea of a village Saturday workshop to talk through ideas/options for walking/cycling routes in the area and a walk. CAL will deliver leaflets to all villagers with info on the event. Potentially a good opportunity to use the event to encourage attendees to take part in other village events.

Roberton

Roberton Hall refurbishment: On 11th Oct I attended a meeting at the Hall with Kay and Alison, 2 senior staff from 'Properties' and Gregor Leishman. Unbeknown to us, work had already been done to repair the roof and work was underway to repair water damaged areas of the interior. A positive start to the meeting. Properties were reasonable in their understanding to make the best efforts to keep the hall open, but

at a cost of £10k per year, more needs to be done by the community to increase active use of the facility.

Gregor has also helped with the request from Anne Gilchrest, for hand rails in the ladies' toilets. I have asked for handrails to be put in the gents as well. SLC have placed the order for the work.

Drop-In sessions: Rosemary Bushell from Abington, talked through her idea to set up a Sugar Craft Guild in Abington. Suggested she use DCC micro grant to offer 2 taster sessions to see if there is interest. If the sessions continue, there is an annual fee as well as payment for classes, so the tasters would be a good opportunity to introduce the activity. It's a 'not for profit' enterprise, i.e. Rosemary would run the classes voluntarily.

Grant Conchie the Estate Manager for Douglas and Angus Estate introduced himself, with the idea he is happy to be asked about any new projects that may include Estate land. I mentioned Crawfordjohn are looking at new signs within the village and they are aware they may need Estate permission when they make a decision on location.

The Clyde Small grant application to support the Roberton Emergency Support Team project managed by Glyn Booton is 99% complete. They are just waiting for RBS to finalise the group's new bank account.

Wiston

Drop-In Sessions: Afternoon session: Kay and Glen Booton, Roberton, came to discuss their projects, as outlined in the Roberton section. Discussion with Clare Simmons about the defibulator and the need for Wiston Hall Association to support the Clyde application. She again spoke of her interest to install planters and seating throughout the village, linked to a history trail. I'm going to find contact details for a local historian who potentially has information to share on Wiston.

Jacquie and Neil McFarlane came to the evening session to follow up my idea of the Group adding a project to the Clyde Small grant, alongside that of the defibulator. They are keen to get new tables and chairs.

Defibulator: I met with Alison Gibson to talk through her idea of getting a defibulator for the village. Again I shared information from the project in Crawfordjohn. Need assurance that Wiston Hall as a constituted group are happy to support the application, with the assumption the unit can be located at the Hall. Have also suggested to the Hall committee to add other projects/events to make best use of any grant application. They are thinking about new tables and chairs.

From this series of Drop-In sessions and contact from individuals at other times, I'm aware people are responding better to one to one conversations about grant opportunities, but less so from Groups. I have verbally given advice/information of funding for specific projects to Groups, and followed up with sending documented information, but am finding the information is getting lost along the way. I need to encourage the Groups to 'let me in' to their planning and meetings, so they can make the best use all funding opportunities related

to their ideas. I will aim to encourage individual meetings with Group members who are taking responsibility for individual projects.

Biggar

Regarding the possibility of a 'Spring Fling' Science Festival in Crawfordjohn Hall funded by a DCC micro grant, the festival committee are keen but are not ready to apply for a grant yet. I will keep pursuing the opportunity.

Networking:

As Community Action Lanarkshire are working on projects in some of the Duneaton Villages, I accepted their invitation to attend their fortnightly meeting on 13th November. Will be a good opportunity to talk through the Active Travel and Clydesdale Carbon Cutters projects.

Forward Planning for CDW

Having engaged with many of the 'active' people in Duneaton and because of the time of year, I'm anticipating things may slow down with my current work over the next few months. I'm wanting to make sure I make best use of my 16 hours during this time.

Is there an area you would like me to work on in the background to my current work, and/or an aspect of part of your individual roles I could help with, and/or an area of the survey that is less in control of volunteers that I might be able to work on?

Would appreciate your ideas.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or comments about the content of this report.

Many thanks for your support.

Liz

DCC reply to questions from Liz,

More applications and requests for information/assistance from Liz have been received since she submitted her report and it was felt she has enough of a workload for the time being.

Micro Grant applications

Wiston Christmas Party £480.00 – approved

Crawfordjohn Christmas Party £500.00 – approved

Abington Sugar Craft £440.50 – approved

Planning applications.

The application for a quarry at Overburns has again been refused.

Local issues

Wiston

A Ceilidh will be held in Wiston Hall on the 29th of November.

Lamington

IR reported that it took eight men to deliver and erect the Christmas tree in the village and questions if this was a good use of Council resources.

Crawfordjohn

GW reported that the recent Fireworks/Bonfire night had been a success.

Crawfordjohn Development Group will meet on the 24th of November to plan their constitution.

Coulter

MM reported that the recent Fireworks/Bonfire night had been a success and had been attended by around 300 people.

A Carol Service will be held in Coulter Auld Kirk on the 14th of December.

AOCB

Requests for nominations for the DCC Good Citizen Awards have been publicised on Facebook and some nominations have been received.

Emails received by the DCC secretary are to be “filtered” and only relevant emails are to be forwarded to DCC members.

RC asked if anyone would be willing to take on the job of Secretary for DCC, GW agreed to take on the roll.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd of December (AGM)