

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023

Roberton Hall

with

Zoom Input

AGENDA

1 Present

1.1 Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Liz Steele, Nichola Hill, Irene Riddell, Alison Mitchell, Clare Symonds, Cllr Allison.

1.2 Apologies

Cllr MacAllan, Cllr Barker, Gordon Wilson.

2 Minute of Last Meeting and Matter Arising

2.1 Minutes proposed by NH, seconded by IR

3 Treasurer's Report

3.1 AJ spoke to her report as below:

SLC Admin account balance: £94.97, added quarterly interest

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
30 March 2023	INT	▼ 16MAR GRS 00121712	£0.21	-	£94.97

DCC General account balance: £12130.84, pending multiple cheques being cashed

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
30 March 2023	INT	▼ 16MAR GRS 00113132	£22.80	-	£16,094.05
29 March 2023	BAC	▼ JEFFERIES A	£500.00	-	£16,071.25
28 March 2023	CHQ	▼ 000356	-	£200.00	£15,571.25
14 March 2023	BAC	▼ N HILL	£49.86	-	£15,771.25
3 March 2023	BAC	▼ VOLUNTARY ACTION S	£5,850.00	-	£15,721.39
2 March 2023	CHQ	▼ 000355	-	£369.96	£9,871.39

Activity since March meeting

- Completed paperwork for 4 grants
- Closed out 5 grants after receipts received, overpayment refund of £500 for cancelled Clyde microgrant project

- SSE confirmed no further action re split of Year 1 Clyde Extension monies between the two host community councils

With Others

- SLC to release 2023-24 CWFF micro grant funds (expected April)
- Pending SSE releasing funds for Community Development Worker role extension for 2023-5

Actions

- Grant applications:
 - Abington Nursery Outdoor Activities £250 (Clyde Extension)
 - Abington Community Choir £250 (Clyde Extension)
- Complete EOY audit for South Lanarkshire Council (Chair/Secretary input required as well)
- Minuting cheque to reimburse Liz Steele for Community Cafes Q1 2023 expenses of £226.47

Grant Monies Remaining (excludes Actions amounts)

- CWFF: £554.08 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £597.32 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Clyde Extension: £1765 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Other grants: £7850
- Clyde Extension DCC-directed pot: £53,277.36 remaining of £143,000 allocation

4 Grants

4.1 AJ advised there were two grant applications to consider:

Clyde Extension Micro Grant

Abington Community Choir - £250 to engage choir leader/hall hire/refreshments for choir

Rigside and Communities Nursery - £250 for gardening equipment plants and soil – teach children how to grow own vegetables/wood walks.

These were both approved unanimously.

5 Planning

5.1 Exhibition Garage 51 Carlisle Road Abington – NC advised of concern with a roof that size, as there might be an issue with flooding, with all the water being diverted to the gully shown on the drawings. That part of the road is prone to flooding already at times with the water coming from higher in the village. She advised that she was aware that Scottish Water was taking an interest in this application.

6 Wind Farm Updates

6.1 MM thanked CS for her detailed response submitted on behalf of DCC regarding the Little Gala Planning application.

- 6.2 No update on most with exception of following:
Priestgill – Developers want to arrange a meeting with DCC.
- 6.3 There was discussion around how best to manage the DCC wind farm pot as there are more and more groups applying and there was concern that the money may not last. It was agreed that when funds start running low (expected late summer) the relevant DCC panel reps will request from each of the 3 'big' funds that micro grant pots are increased. The aim is to be able to cover the usual Halloween/Christmas party applications, which looks unlikely at present. A joint application (similar to the coronation celebrations) is an alternative option if pots are not increased.
- 6.4 AJ requested that MM send her the wind farm spreadsheet so that it could be updated on the DCC website and Facebook page.

7 Flooding at Coulter and Lamington

- 7.1 Findings still awaited from report consultant's report. It was agreed that DCC should write to our MSP, Mhairi Macallan and ask her to address the lack of action taken by the parties involved.
- 7.2 DCC to engage with the respective landowners.

8 Community Asset Transfer

- 8.1 It looks likely that Abington Village Hall will become a Community Asset Transfer option. Any project would require community backing and a strong leader. As NH has a direct conflict of interest she is unable to lead the type of community FB posts/community meetings that would normally take place when checking for potential alternatives. LS will cover that stage as needed, but would not be involved in the CAT/project itself. If no-one steps up from the village to lead then SLC's next step would be the sale of the asset, or demolition (RB indicated that funds are unlikely to be released for this so it would become derelict). No indication on timescales yet from SLC.

9 Fly-tipping and litter, Wiston/Rigside

- 9.1 Following discussion CS to write to Craig Brown, SLC Environmental Protection on behalf of DCC.

10 Community Development Worker report

- 10.1 It's been another busy month with funding enquiries, networking events and requests from other 3rd sector organisations wanting to link up, with the aim to try to include Rural South Lanarkshire in their strategies. The cafes have been very successful too.

Of course I welcome any comments on any aspects of my work any of you may have.

Funding Updates:

Scottish Gov Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, CMHWF, round 1: Community cafés

Having delivered 6 cafes in 3 villages during February and March, round 1 of the CMHWF is now spent. Happily within budget apart from an overspend of £14.80 which I'm happy to cover.

CMHWF stage 2: spend by end Sept 2024.

Awarded £5,850 to include £2,700 revenue, £1,800 venue hire and £1,350 consumables. The full amount has been paid to DCC.

Preliminary idea to deliver 5 cafes over an 8-week period starting May-June, then Sept-Oct and Nov-Dec. I'll then have an idea of the balance of funds with the possibility of continuing in the New Year.

2nd application of £2,000 awarded to Duneaton for shopping bus trips. Pearl Jones from Abington has taken ownership of organising the trips for 4 trips with a 33 seater to Livingston, Gretna, Carlisle and The Fort at an average cost of £500 per bus.

The 1st trip to Livingston was a great success.

New Social Isolation Fund: I had hoped to apply to this for further funding for the shopping bus trips but couldn't because DCC doesn't fit the criteria. I'll keep looking for an alternative.

Meetings:

I've been contacted by Francesca Lynch, a Development Manager from the Scottish Community Development Centre. She's been tasked to deliver a workshop in our area related to research on Health disparities in South Lanarkshire. I suggested she arrange a meeting to include Lyndsey and Nicci rather than me being sole representative for rural Clydesdale. We're meeting on Thursday 6th April.

Networking Opportunities

SLC Enterprise and Sustainable Development Services Rural Conference

Both Malcolm and I attended the conference. Mostly a great opportunity to network.

VASLan/Healthy Valleys/CCI Third Sector Locality Network

Now a quarterly event with 5 minute presentations by local groups followed by group discussions. Really interesting to hear presentations from other groups on their work,

as well as an opportunity during the discussions to give my views related to Duneaton. Also valuable to network with new and established acquaintances.

[CDW Village Project Updates: my actions and outcomes](#)

Duneaton village Coronation events: In agreement with DCC I submitted an application to SSE Clyde Extensions on behalf of all 6 villages for £4,000 to cover expenses for Coronation events. I will have an update to give at the meeting on Tuesday.

Abington Abington Hall

Iain Mullholland from the SLC Community Empowerment Team has a role responsible for Asset Transfer. I met with him on the 13th March to discuss Abington Hall.

It is unlikely SLC will re-open the hall.

SLC will consider community asset transfer.

If no community interest in the property then the possibility SLC will demolish the building, but that would be at a cost with funds they don't have.

SLC? Hall regeneration fund for kept halls.

Community Ownership Fund 50%

Purchase of building or land through The Scottish Land Fund

Needs strategic thinking

Abington community has 12 months to consider whether they wish to take ownership or not.

Suggestion for me to lead a public meeting alongside Iain.

March community cafe through the CMHWF. Fantastic to see so many attend from many villages.

Coronation funding enquiry

Coulter

Coronation event funding enquiry

Crawfordjohn

The March community café funded through the CMHWF again was a great success. Fantastic to see so many attend from many villages.

Coronation funding enquiry

Lamington

Coronation funding application for afternoon tea boxes.

Lamington Chapel: As part of a conversation with Colin McMillan from SSE Clyde Extension, as he's in receipt of a funding bid for upgrades to the Chapel, Colin asked about use of the building. The question of putting funding into the building without it

being open for community use. I have already spoken to Bob Riddell about the idea of in the future, opening the building at weekends during the summer. To seek revenue funding for a part time post to manage the idea.

I'm keen to arrange another meeting with Bob and a further meeting with Bob and the Biggar Museum Trust to see if the idea is an option.

Roberton

The Community café delivered in March through the CMHWF was another successful event. Fantastic to see so many attend from many villages.

Coronation event funding enquiry

Wiston

I was invited by the hall committee to attend a funding meeting with Kenny, Colin and Yvonne, to talk through a strategy for REF and Clyde funding to support their Hall development project. The hall committee have completed their feasibility study and a member gave a fantastic PowerPoint presentation on progress to date and their dream proposal for the building. From my funding experience through the Crawfordjohn solar project I was able to give what I feel to be helpful contributions to the discussion. The volunteer hall committee should be commended for their commitment to produce such an outstanding project.

Coronation event funding enquiry.

11 AOCB

- 11.1 **DCC May meeting** - AJ requested that the next DCC meeting due on 2 May be put back to 9 May. This was agreed.
- 11.2 **Pricing of Village Hall for Community Groups** – AM advised that there appears to be a lack of consistency regarding charges for and increases in hall hire for groups using the hall. Cllr AA stated that this applies to all halls under South Lanarkshire Leisure management. There has been a reduction in subsidy from 75%, down to 50%, and a rise in rates. Cllr AA to get this confirmed and will advise DCC.
- 11.3 **Garden Waste Uplifts** – AM asked why cities get these uplifts but we do not in rural areas. Cllr AA advised they are arguing the case and asked what the view would be if there was a charge for such uplifts. On the whole the meeting was receptive to this. Cllr AA said he would still pursue the issue.
- 11.4 LS to create a draft newsletter for email review covering the latest wind farm updates and the Phase 2 lunch activities. Canvass DCC members in advance for any requested format/content changes. Printing costs approved, will be detailed and paid in May's meeting.

12 Date of Next Meeting

- 12.1 Next meeting will be at Roberton Hall on Tuesday 9 May 2023 at 7.30pm. Zoom will be available for the meeting. **[NB this was later changed back to 2 May due to clashes on 9th]**