

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019  
ROBERTON VILLAGE HALL

**Present**

Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Clare Symonds, Irene Riddell, Cllr Eric Holford,  
Liz Steele, Robin Craig.

**Apologies**

Cllr Ian McAllan, Katie Stuart-Cox, John McLatchie, Gordon Wilson.

**Adoption of previous meeting minutes**

AJ proposed

CS seconded

**Treasurers statement**

**Balances**

SLC Admin account balance: £210.63, no change.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
27 Jun	13JUN GRS 00121712 Interest	£0.03	£210.63
28 Mar	14MAR GRS 00121712 Interest	£0.03	£210.60

DCC General account balance: £15,974.69. Ventient Energy Glenkerie £1000 2019-20 grant paid in (£12,179.37 ringfenced for CDW).

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
03 Jul	FOUNDATION SCOTLAN Automated Pay In	£1,000.00	£15,974.69
27 Jun	13JUN GRS 00113132 Interest	£1.17	£14,974.69
20 Jun	000218 Cheque	-£445.00	£14,973.52
19 Jun	000217 Cheque	-£6,694.69	£15,418.52
06 Jun	000213 Cheque	-£180.00	£22,113.21

**Activity**

- Closed out 1 grant after receipts received, no repayment required

**Action points**

- SWI Choir Ventient Glenkerie microgrant application

- Abington WRI CWFF microgrant application
- Pending SLC confirmation of end of year accounts
- Chasing overdue receipts for 1 grant

## Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £1789.93 remaining of the £5000 2018-19 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £1000 remaining of the £1000 2019-20 grant

Two cheques were issued to cover the Community Development Worker July hall hires as per previous meetings. £25 for Holy Trinity Chapel Lamington, £21 for Crawfordjohn Hall.

### **South Lanarkshire Council Vocational Development Officer – Wilma Weir**

Wilma Weir was present to explain her roll as Vocational Development Officer with SLC. Funding for her role comes from the Middlemuir Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. The fund covers Leadhills, Crawford, Crawfordjohn, Abington, Robertson, Rigside, Coalburn and Douglas. The aim of the fund is to help locals who are unemployed to get back into employment. Assistance is available for improving individual's interview technique, preparing CVs, and "upskilling". Financial assistance is also available to fund courses, travel costs and protective clothing. 52 people have so far been helped with this fund and about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of these people have gained employment. ACTION: Liz Steele to issue customised employer/employee FB updates to try to increased uptake from the DCC area.

### **Micro Grant applications**

Heather Watt applied for £250.00 to assist with travel costs for the Lanarkshire WI Choir to attend the Scottish Woman's Institute Conference. £50.00 was approved, as only two members of the Choir reside within the Ventient Energy Glenkerie area.

Alison Mitchell applied for £185.60 for the cost of hiring Robertson Hall for Tai Chi Classes. Approved.

Abington WI applied for £500.00 to help fund their 100 year centenary celebrations. Approved.

### **Community Development Worker report received from Liz Steele**

Anne and I are now meeting the evening of the 3rd Monday of the month for a catch-up, as well as the opportunity to talk at DCC meetings.

## Village Project Updates

### **Abington**

**SWRI:** Has submitted a DCC micro grant application towards their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

No response from Pearl Jones related to a larger Clyde application as she is currently tied up with family matters.

**Art Group:** Submitted a micro grant application for new tables for Abington Hall but Anne's non-grant solution has been accepted.

**Abington Fire Station** is available to book at no cost for community-based meetings. Need to give advance notice to make sure staff are available to man the venue.

Booking: [david.abernethy@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:david.abernethy@firescotland.gov.uk). 07971 138145

## **Crawfordjohn**

Meeting with villagers on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug to discuss their ideas for the village, specifically funding for the annual bonfire night, signage and activities for children.

## **Coulter**

Drop-In session 09-07-19. 2 attendees

Discussions related to small grants for SWI, opportunity to refurbish Coulter Library and ideas to link the walking paths in Coulter with National routes. I also have a meeting planned with a resident who is very keen to reintroduce some of the activities of the past such as the flower show etc.

## **Lamington**

Drop-In session 08-07-19. 2 attendees

Ideas for small grant funding related to making the Chapel more workable as a community hub; wish list of projects for the village but need someone to take them on.

## **Roberton**

Two people from Roberton are working on a project idea to refurbish Roberton Hall. Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug with them and Linda Smy of SLLC Halls, to discuss the Council's responsibilities related to mending the leaking roof, and the correct procedures for an internal refurbishment under SLC procurement using funding from Clyde/Rural Energy Fund.

Another group is looking to apply to the Clyde small grant to fund 2 defibrillators and associated training sessions for the village.

## **Wiston**

A group from Wiston are keen for a project to refurbish Wiston Hall. Have advised on the process for a funded feasibility study.

Have met with Wendy Belk from Wiston Lodge to consider the IDEA of Wiston taking on the responsibility of a Youth Worker for the DCC area. The position would be funded by DCC Clyde extension funds at the Community Council's approval.

## **Biggar**

Have been in touch with Biggar Scouts group, meeting on 20 Aug, and Janet Moxley from Biggar Science Festival, still awaiting response, to see if there is a way they can use DCC funding to create opportunities for children in the DCC area through their events/activities.

## **Networking:**

**16 July 2019, meeting with the team from Community Action Lanarkshire** to see what aspect of their work overlaps with ours. Increasingly pleased to be linked with CAL through the RDT, as they are including me in lots of networking/information sharing opportunities. Guest speaker Gregor Leishman, SLC Community Participation and Empowerment Officer. A new department within the Council to help groups/individuals access the right contact/s, particularly related to community projects.

**16 July: Meeting with Helen Thomson, responsible for the CCI project: Environmental Volunteering**, which helps communities improve their greenspace. Helen has agreed to work with all of our 6 villages, as long as there are village volunteers from who will work alongside her

volunteers. I'll use the community survey to realise possible projects and to contact people who left their details as potential volunteers.

Helen can bring tools/trimmer etc but local group will need to apply for funding to provide anything such as plants/planters/benches etc.

She has offered to come to Duneaton 1 day per month from October 2019. I will set up links with the villages before that date.

#### **17 July: Meeting with Wendy Belk: Wiston Lodge Volunteer coordinator**

Wendy was keen to hear about DCC's new CDW project and eager for possibilities of how we can work together. As discussed with Anne as a potential project, I introduced to Wendy the IDEA of a Youth Worker for the DCC area, funded by DCC and managed by Wiston Lodge.

#### **22 July: Abington Fire Station: Meeting with Davie Abernethy**

As well as being a fire officer, Davie is the new community liaison for our area. He wanted to see how we could work together. Seems there is a dangerous shortage of part-time firefighters in our wider area, so at least helpful that I'm aware as I increasingly engage with the community. He has no need for funding.

**5 August: Meeting with Jonathan Clarkson of Urbantu, Ewan Bachall CAL, Anne and Malcolm.** Aim of the meeting was for Jon to outline the findings from the recent Sustainable Action Travel Plan Survey. For me the outcome is fine to have another survey for the area, but with the usual outcome that individuals/groups involved have to voluntarily move projects forward. Potential for a DCC funded Project Manager post.

**6 Aug: Meeting with Gillian Bell from Coulter,** to discuss how funding opportunities might match her long list of activity ideas for the village.

#### **6 Aug: Meeting with CAL in Lanark re Broadband for the rural areas.**

Kenny Lean from SLC is guest speaker, to share his knowledge on Broadband.

**Upper Clyde Parish Church:** am meeting with the minister Nikki Macdonald sometime after 8 Aug, to see if there's an opportunity for the church to make use of the DCC micro grant.

**13 Aug: Meeting with Gregor Leishman, SCL Community Participation and Empowerment Officer,** to outline my role and to get a better understanding of how he and his team can help us.

**15 Aug: Outing with CAL** to visit Woolford, Auchengray and Tarbrax open days, 'to be inspired by the community's progress on rural transport, community activities and broadband'. Might be some helpful links.

**20 Aug: Meeting with Biggar Scouts Leader** to see if she can create an initiative that might link into the DCC micro grant.

**Local groups:** I've compiled a list of local groups and plan to visit all by the end of September. Have already been in touch with some, but others don't start up until September.

## **Newsletter**

Anne and I have discussed the idea of publishing a newsletter at least twice a year and to employ the Royal Mail to deliver, to ensure everyone in the DCC area is kept informed of developments and opportunities. I hope to publish the 1<sup>st</sup> edition by mid-September at the latest.

An opportunity to explain the benefits of the CDW role, a 'What's On' for all villages, to encourage people to become involved in small or large projects and to volunteer for projects such as the CCI greener environment initiative; to publicise dates for the next drop-in sessions in October and outline funding opportunities in brief, plus my contact details and any other points of interest. I'll send out a draft before print.

I'm pleased that after 8 weeks in my role there is now a steady stream of community projects to assist with and regular networking and knowledge building opportunities.

### **DCC associate members**

Alison Mitchell

Proposed – MM

Seconded – RC

Liz Steele

Proposed – AJ

Seconded – CS

### **Local News**

Wiston

Drummond House has recently been sold at auction, and there is concern within the village about the lack of information surrounding its possible new use as a Children's Care Home. CS will try to find out more information.

### **Lamington**

Village road surface- EH has tried to find out if/when it will be repaired but as yet, he has had no response.

Road lighting – No firm date has been received for the required repairs.

The hedge surrounding the bowling green need cutting as SLC have not cut it this year.

IR has serious concerns about the speed of vehicles passing through Lamington on the A702. She has written to Transport Scotland, highlighting her concerns about speeding vehicles and safety issues on the road.

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September