

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2017
ROBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: John McLatchie, Anne Jefferies, Katie Stuart-Cox, Andy McLarty, Malcolm Muir, Robin Craig, Alison Mitchell. Councillor Eric Holford, Member of the Public Babs Muir

Apologies – Ryan Cox, Jo Talbot

Chair – John advised that he will be standing down next year at Chairperson and that it would be good to have someone to come forward as a possible so that they could work together over the year for a smooth hand over.

WANDEL AMcL Deer Culling – An email had been sent to Scottish Woodland and Alan Johnson; as no response had been received he had chased this and received a very unsatisfactory reply from Martin Spears. AMcL is composing a reply as is JT. KSC requested that the tone of the reply not be confrontational to ensure a working relationship. AMcL will give them another 2/3 weeks to get back, in the meantime. MM advised that leaving animal body parts is against the code of practice.

TO DO: JMcL will ask David Westoncraft to attend the next meeting and JMcL will also speak to Martin Spears.

SB advised Quad Bike was stolen 3 weeks ago – it had been found in a forest along with about another 20 in Larkhall.

ROBERTON RC advised Xmas lights have been improved. KSC stated that it took 9 council workmen to erect the tree in Abington which seems a bit excessive.

LAMINGTON JMcL - Lamington Road needs attention. New PEAT Business has started up and JMcL wondered if planning permission had been granted as the road is not suitable for lorries; recently 40 pallets of peat was unloaded.

TO DO: EH to raise with roads department condition of Lamington Road and to enquire if Planning Dept. are aware of the Peat Business.

ABINGTON KSC – Firefighters Charity Box has now been moved into Council Car Park, thanks to Ian McAllan.

Council are putting in another electric car charger in the car park due to demand.

KSC is contacting Stuart Simpson of Roads department as there are no markings on the road to the school and to advise the spot lights are not working.

Tennis Court – KSC had contacted J Archibald about a grant, he had been very helpful and had suggested that a grant of around 75% might be available and that the balance could come from the Clyde Wind Farm one off grant we will be receiving. This was rejected by the committee as the money has not been received, no terms and conditions agreed with SSE and also DCC had to look into how the money can best be used for the whole community. It was agreed that J Archibald did not have the authority to make such suggestions.

Play Park in Abington unlikely until end of next year.

MICRO GRANTS KSC advised that she is still waiting to hear from David Mundell about the allocation of the micro grants to the community with DCC only getting the same as other villages whilst we represent 6 villages.

TO DO - KSC to chase this up

SSE ONE OFF GRANT After much discussion it was agreed that door to door canvassing would be preferable to ensure that all the community is involved and are aware of what is available. This would ensure that DCC are considering all the villages they represent.

The work to be undertaken is massive and support from the community is vital if it is to be a success. It was agreed that in the meantime KSC and AM would prepare a draft questionnaire for discussion. This should be at a meeting dedicated to this subject.

Due to this it was agreed to postpone having meetings in each of the villages until such a time as we are ready to make positive suggestions to the community about this fund.

CLYDE WIND FARM GRANTS JMcL reiterated that J Archibald's role was to advise applicants and to pass on applications to the committee without comment and that it is not a question of the committee simply rubber stamping applications. It was noted that unspent grant money goes back into SLC.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT AJ gave a brief outline of monies available and advised that 60% of the micro grant had already been spent. This emphasises the need to try to obtain more money from SSE.

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £523.29

No change since last meeting.

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
31 Oct	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE Automated Pay In	£496.28	£523.29

DCC General account balance: £4,644.87.

Pending multiple cheques being cashed, ledger balance is £3,914.87.

Today's balance	Available
£4,644.87	£4,644.87

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
05 Dec	000184	-£500.00	-
29 Nov	000180 Cheque	-£500.00	£5,144.87
28 Nov	MISS AH JEFFERIES Automated Pay In	£0.68	£5,644.87
24 Nov	000177 Cheque	-£60.00	£5,644.19
24 Nov	000176 Cheque	-£500.00	£5,704.19
23 Nov	000179 Cheque	-£500.00	£6,204.19
09 Nov	MISS AH JEFFERIES Automated Pay In	£120.00	£6,704.19
09 Nov	MISS AH JEFFERIES Automated Pay In	£90.00	£6,584.19

Activity

- Completed paperwork for the Comedy Events, Baby and Toddler Group, Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, GANDL Cinema Events and Tae Kwon Do CWFF micro grants and also for the Robertson Christmas Party Inifinis Glenkerie grant.
- Processed overpayment refund from Holy Trinity Chapel Lamington.

- Completed cheque for donation to Abington Nursery's Christmas outing.

Action points

1/ Micro grant applications:

- Masonic Lodge, lighter replacement tables, Abington. Not approved.
- Abington Parish Church, emergency gate repair, Abington. Not approved (SB abstained as he is Treasurer).

In both cases, after much discussion, it was agreed that money for capital projects/spending should come from the Clyde Wind Farm general grant and both applicants will be advised of this.

2/ Update on CWFF DCC application

Pending further clarification by J Archibald.

Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £2192 remaining of the £5000 2017-18 grant
- Infinis Glenkerie: £359.44 remaining of the £1000 2017-18 grant

AOB

EH advised that Bield Housing will be closing next year. A campaign is ongoing currently and a meeting is taking place on 12th December together with a demonstration outside the Scottish Parliament. He and David Mundell are having a meeting with the Chief Executive of Bield on 14th December and meeting Social Work on 15th December.

Priestgill – AMcL advised that Priestgill are appealing to the Scottish Office after rejection by SLC.

AMcL advised that an application will be going forward to demolish Lamington Hall for building.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – approval was put on hold until next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2018.