

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING TUESDAY 4th December 2018

Present – John McLatchie, Anne Jefferies, Clare Symonds, Katie Stuart-Cox, Cllr Eric Holford, Irene Riddell, Jon McCosh, Stuart Baillie, Gordon Wilson, Robin Craig.

Apologies – Malcolm Muir, Cllr Alex Allison, Cllr Ian McAllan.

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Three people present have expressed their desire to join DCC as elected members. They are Clare Symonds, Katie Stuart-Cox and Gordon Wilson.

AJ gave a brief outline of what is expected of elected members.

DCC must have a minimum of four elected members, a maximum of eight elected members and can have two associate members.

CS asked if there is any training available for elected council members. Full guidance notes are supplied to each new elected member.

Grant Applications

- KS-C Abington
Fitness class, Yoga & Pilates to be run in Abington Hall for twelve weeks, starting in the New Year. £330 applied for. This amount will cover the cost of the instructor and hire of the hall. Approved.
- Gaynor Campbell
Trip for a group of ladies to see a Country & Western singer perform in Motherwell Civic Centre. £492.80 applied for to cover the cost of tickets. DCC will not pay for the cost of tickets but will offer to pay for the cost of transport.
- Roberton Christmas Party
Total cost of this year's party estimated to be £350 - £400. Applied for £150 to help towards the total cost. Approved

DCC village issues

Abington

- KS-C reported that proposed works on the play park would cost £70,000 and she has suggested to the Abington PTA that they apply for match funding.
- Abington tennis court application for funding to Clyde Wind Farm Fund has been approved in principal.
- Abington Community Group have been awarded £12,500 to conduct a feasibility study for their plans to develop the Old School House. This group have also had their plans for the building forwarded by South Lanarkshire Council to The Scottish Government for possible funding of £800,000 with a decision due in January.

Lamington

- IR reported that the road gullies are not being cleaned as often as is needed. Any work of this type seems to be reactive rather than pro-active. The road surface of the A702 through Lamington is poor. Re-surfacing is due to commence within the next twelve months. EH to check that this is the case.
- Scottish Power has taken some trees down and remedial works on the power lines is due to commence in early 2019.
- A fatal road accident earlier this year, has highlighted the need for reduced speed through Lamington. A letter had been written to Aileen Campbell, Scottish Member of Parliament, highlighting the speed of traffic through the village; however, her response was considered “poor”.
- EH has met with Police in Lanark and was informed that a new speed radar gun was due to come into operation.
- IR commented that road side signs were poor through the village and wondered if flashing speed warning signs would help. JMcC commented that dummy speed cameras may be more effective as more road signs

may lead to “sign blindness”. IR asked if DCC would back her in her requests to have the speed limit reduced in Lamington.

- JMcL – Damage to lamp post on the A702 has still not been repaired. The road to Langholm has not been swept and four grit bins are needed along this road.

Coulter

- JMcC – Craigend bridge is in extremely poor condition. The width of the bridge has been reduced to limit vehicle movements and a temporary bridge is being installed beside the existing bridge. JMcC asked why vehicles using the existing bridge had not been limited to local vehicles only as it was still being used by heavy Scottish Water vehicles. EH to ask for answers from South Lanarkshire Council. JMcC also reported that the condition of the road surface prior to Coulterallers is very poor. EH to ask the council about repairs.

Wiston

- CS would like to have new “Wiston” signs erected and perhaps flower pots/planters placed at the split in the B7055 between Greenhill and West Millrig.

Crawfordjohn

- GW – Power cuts in Crawfordjohn seem more frequent than in other places. Scottish Power to be asked if anything can be done.
- EH – Human bones, which were discovered during the demolition of the school, are currently being stored in council premises in Hamilton. South Lanarkshire Council have asked if there is any local interest in them as they plan to inter them into the graveyard next spring. GW to ask Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture if they have any interest in the bones.

Survey

Taylor Nisbet have conducted initial survey meetings in all six DCC villages. No long-term projects were highlighted during these meetings. The survey document will be “live” as of the 3rd of December and all DCC members were asked to encourage as many residents as possible to complete the survey.

Next meeting 8th January 2019