

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019  
ROBERTON VILLAGE HALL

**Present**

Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Irene Riddell, Cllr Eric Holford, Gordon Wilson, Liz Steele, Alison Mitchell, Robin Craig.

**Apologies**

Cllr Ian McAllan, John McLatchie

**Adoption of previous meeting minutes**

Proposed – MM

Seconded – AJ

**Good Citizen Awards**

Nominations for the Good Citizen Awards have been received. Abington received 2 nominations, Robertson 4, Crawfordjohn 2 and Coulter 1. AM to send cards to those that had been nominated.

**Treasurers Statement**

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £295.82.

03 Dec	000091	-£59.99	-
26 Nov	000093 Cheque	-£21.00	£355.81
19 Nov	000094 Cheque	-£30.00	£376.81
15 Nov	000092 Cheque	-£20.00	£406.81
28 Oct	000090 Cheque	-£11.85	£426.81

DCC General account balance: £15,757.79

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
03 Dec	000236	-£220.00	-
02 Dec	000243 Cheque	-£500.00	£16,227.79
29 Nov	000242 Cheque	-£480.00	£16,727.79
26 Nov	000244 Cheque	-£444.50	£17,207.79
26 Nov	000231 Cheque	-£500.00	£17,652.29
22 Nov	000232 Cheque	-£500.00	£18,152.29
20 Nov	000241 Cheque	-£265.43	£18,652.29
12 Nov	SLC EXPENDITURE A/ Automated Pay In	£265.43	£18,917.72
05 Nov	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE Automated Pay In	£5,000.00	£18,652.29

## Activity

- Grant cheque handover to 10 groups completed
- 4 grants closed out after receipts/affidavit received
- Received Mungo Henshall Bequest of £267.03 from SLC

## Action points

- CWFF microgrants:
  - Roberton Christmas Party £125 - approved
  - Coulter Burns Night Ceilidh £500 - approved
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie microgrants:
  - Coulter Carol Service £185 - approved
- Approving Rural Development Trust CDW invoice #2 for £4,567.27 covering Oct-Dec 2019 – Approved for payment by DCC.
- CDW – any upcoming expenses?

## Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £2442.43 remaining of the £5000 2019-20 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £186.40 remaining of the £1000 2019-20 grant

- **Community Development Worker DCC monthly report 03 Dec 2019 as received for Liz Steele.**
- Questions I would like answered will be **highlighted in red**
- I'm pleased to report there are now starting to be a few projects requiring funding from the Clyde small grant. Good that your plan for my role is coming to fruition, that people are gaining the confidence to get in touch in the hope I can support them. Despite my statement last month, am now busy with enough projects to fill my hours.
- **Village Project Updates: my actions and outcomes**
- **Abington**
  - Rosemary Bushell is very pleased to have been allocated the micro grant for her sugar paste classes. It should bring a good number of people from outside the area, as well as involving locals, which is good for the area.
  - Working with Simon Liddell from Abington school parent council. New Play Park site visit with landscape architect Mark Steele, to help advise Simon on SLC plans for the site. Attended SLC public exhibition on the new development. Looking for funding possibilities for the group for future projects Including an after school gardening club run by 1 of the parents. Encouraging an application to the Big Lottery Lanarkshire Fund (deadline 6<sup>th</sup> Dec), or DCC micro grant.
- **Coulter**
  - 14<sup>th</sup> November attended a Coulter Community Group meeting at the library in Coulter. In addition to the meeting agenda, there was a discussion about applying for a Clyde grant to refurbish the facility. It's a fantastic meeting place and even more useful as a venue now the Mill has closed. Just need to find someone willing to take put their name to the project.
  - Coulter Community Group now have a constitution, but still to sort a group bank account.
  - Gillian Bell prepared a thorough agenda covering Coulter Kirk Carol service on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec; Burns night ceilidh 25<sup>th</sup> Jan; Village Fete 30<sup>th</sup> May; Duneaton Inter Village in Bloom and Community Flower show on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. I'm encouraging the group to apply for a small Clyde and/or SLC grant, and/or Big Lottery Lanarkshire grants to help support these events.
  - I then met with Gillian on the 19<sup>th</sup>, to discuss how I can help with the larger projects.
  - **Defibrillator:** I've contacted Linda Smy, SLLC responsible for Coulter Hall, to ask permission for the defib to be located at the Hall and for SLLC to agree to pay the electricity. Still waiting on a response. As there are 3 villages wanting defibrillators, with 2 being submitted as single projects, I asked Anne for guidance to amalgamate the 2 projects under 1 funding application.

- **Coulter Village Hall refurbishment:** Gillian commented that the Hall roof is leaking and damaging the interior. Once the damage is repaired, plans to refurbish the hall and buy new equipment. I contacted Joanne Forbes, responsible for maintenance of Halls, she is sending someone to look at the damage. A meeting with myself, Gregor Leishman and Joanne has been arranged for January 10, to discuss the procedure for possible refurbishment.
- **Coulter Broadband:** I offered to organize a community meeting with BT, Kenny Lean from SLC and possibly Jonathan McCosh. Have contacted BT through an email provided by Kenny, with a suggestion of a community meeting either Wed 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> January. They are unable to send anyone to a meeting until the group/individuals register through 2 online links that I've passed onto Gillian and Malcolm. Need to be a resident to complete but I will continue to help once the project moves forward.
- **Play Park:** It seems as the Play Park is in such poor repair and the grass uncut, the school and possibly local children have stopped using the facility. Have contacted Lynn Carr: Amenity Services Manager, who is sending someone to assess the equipment. She is then going to try to arrange a meeting for February to discuss the Council's procedures for any possible upgrades. The department are short staffed and so will have to keep encouraging them to meet. Will require REF match funding.
- **Crawfordjohn**
  - Chantelle Plenderleith is delighted with the micro grant for the children's Christmas party.
  - Active Travel: Ice Cream Landscape architects have organized a 'Make your Map' workshop for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2-5pm as part of Jemma Campbell's CAL initiative.
  - 29 Nov attended the Crawfordjohn Development Group meeting. They adopted a new constitution and have names put forward for the existing bank account. They have moved forward quickly with approx. £6,500 list for a Clyde small grant. The chair has registered their interest with SLC. All the village signs are damaged and the Council have said they have no funds to replace them, so the group has quotes for their own design, including SLC Roads permission to use them. Have offered assistance with the Clyde application but have not been asked to get involved.
- **Lamington**
  - **Defibrillator:** Sheena Edgar is willing to take on the responsibility for the defibrillator, but not until the new year.
  - There needs to be a walk around the village by interested parties to locate a good place for it. It has been suggested to locate it on a pole with access to electricity from

a lighting pole, or other. As soon as the position is determined, I'll get in touch with SLC roads department to ask about the power supply source.

- Community Action Lanarkshire's Active Transport project: I've been contacted by Ice Cream Architects about the 'Make your Map' workshop for Crawfordjohn, but nothing for Lamington (or Abington). Possibly Bob or Irene have an update for Lamington.
- **Roberton**
  - Alison and Kay are preparing for a community meeting to discuss ways forward for Roberton Hall. I have offered assistance with creating a business plan when they're ready. As I understand that agreement for any refurbishment depends on the planned increased usage of the Hall, I would assume the business plan needs to be accepted before the group can move forward with the project.
  - I don't have an update on current agreed repairs caused by water damage, or installation of toilet handrails, until I attend the DCC meeting on Tuesday.
  - The Clyde Small grant application to support the Roberton Emergency Support Team project managed by Glyn Booton is 99% complete. As reported last month, they're still waiting for RBS to finalise the group's new bank account.
- **Wiston**
  - Gregor Leishman has found limited information on land ownership in Wiston for Clare, related to her History Trail project.
  - Alison Gibson is doing well with collecting quotes for the village defibrillator project. Clare has quotations to add to the application for the purchase of new tables and chairs for the hall. When ready, I'll meet with Alison to complete the new style online Grantvisor Clyde application, supported by Wiston Hall constitution and bank account.
- **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 still to talk to a member of their committee
- **Networking:**
  - Have been assisting with CAL's sustainable transport initiative through being the village contact for Crawfordjohn for Ice Cream Architects, who are running the 'Make a Map' workshops.
  - I've been sent an invitation by Clydesdale Community Learning and Development Steering Group (LAPG), who are having their Planning Day on Thursday 12th December 2019, 9am-1pm at Coalburn Miners One Stop Shop. Discussions about the move towards communities being more involved in decision making. I've been encouraged by Gregor Leishman to attend. Please let me know if you have any objections.

- Thanks very much for all your support. Please get in touch if you have any questions or comments about the content of this report.

### **Reply to question from Liz**

DCC are in favor of Liz attending Clydesdale Community Learning and Development Steering Group meeting

### **Local news**

#### **Lamington.**

IR reported that the outstanding repairs to street lighting in Lamington have been delayed until the next financial year.

IR has again written to Transport Scotland highlighting the on-going problems on the A702

#### **Coulter.**

Residents of Coulter have registered with BT Openreach for the installation of Fibre Broadband

#### **Crawfordjohn.**

The Crawfordjohn Development Group now have a constitution

Bulb planting in the village has now been completed; around 20 people attended.

Approval has been received from SLC for the installation of new “Crawfordjohn” village signs.

Roberton,

RC reported that, so far, the damaged cattle grid on Howgate Road had not been repaired.

The pass gate on the second cattle grid had been stolen and “fly tipping” had also occurred at the same place.

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of January.