

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 1 December 2020

(Unofficial Zoom Meeting)

AGENDA

1 Present

1.1 Malcolm Muir, Gordon Wilson, Liz Steele, Irene Riddell, Alison Mitchell, Robin Craig

1.2 Apologies

Anne Jefferies, John McLatchie.

2 Previous Minute

2.1 Approved by MM and seconded by IR.

3 Treasurers Statement

3.1 MM read out the Treasurers Statement.

1. Grants

4 cheques/grant paperwork issued. Chased up overdue receipts and got overpayments returned from:

Coulter Bonfire Night Overpayment refund	43.60
Coulter Burns Night Ceilidh overpayment refund	347.99
Abington Halloween 2019 overpayment refund	50.00

This meant we could issue the 4th grant without having to wait for the new 20-21 CWFF monies. This is currently in processing with SLC, who have kindly agreed to transfer the £5K subject to paperwork being completed.

Current grant reserves assuming all pending grants are approved:

Glenkerie Covid: £1333 (no time limit)

Normal Glenkerie: £600.25 (20-21 grant)

Clyde: £61.18 (19-20) with £5000 20-21 on the way from SLC.

2. SLC Grant Account

Approvals for the following in the minutes:

1. Secretary Honorarium £50

2. Treasurer Honorarium £50

These were approved for payment.

3. Grant paperwork postage was approved by AJ and MM between meetings but blanket approval by the DCC for this £5.75 and any upcoming postage costs approved.

4. Approval for LS Newsletter printing costs granted. Receipts to be forwarded to AJ asap.

Including #1-3 of the above the remaining balance in this account is £318.42, so there's plenty left to cover #4.

3. CDW Payments

DCC approved the fourth and final Year 1 CDW payment to RDT of £3044.83. AJ has the cheque ready for signing post-meeting. AJ has contacted SSE for the Year 2 Community Development Worker £18731.01 funding to be transferred via BACS. We would normally have applied for this around the May-20 timeframe since the payments ran Jul-Jun. However, with LS's time redirected from DCC activities towards the Covid activities (covered by part of the SSE £10K separate grant) the grant duration has been extended accordingly. Since the original grant's timeline will now need to be changed, for the record please be aware that it will be extended 14.25 weeks (LS won't need to work the other 3 weeks, that'll cover the statutory 3 week's redundancy pay since the Covid time takes her over the 2-year minimum). Obviously if we decide to extend her contract this wouldn't need to be paid (TBC). The new grant completion date is therefore expected to be Fri 8-Oct-21.

4. Other

The DCC's general pot is pending various cheques being cashed, excluding any amounts being voted on tonight the balance is £6381.73.

4 Micro Grant Applications

- 4.1 Coulter PS - Christmas presents for children - approved
- 4.2 Coulter PS – reading material for pupils. IR advised that the Council has funds from the Scottish Govt for Education during Covid. Approved subject to DCC advising SLC that it is only doing so during the Covid period and would expect this cost to be met by the Education Dept in future.

5 Planning Requests (if any)

- 5.1 One application for Lamington. Access road to forestry area to be widened and improved.

6 Clyde Extension Fund – approval of fund structure.

- 6.1 MM advised that the DCC needs to discuss and approve or comment on the structure issued by SSE. LS noted that there appeared to be no upper limit for the higher level of grant funding. MM stated this could be an issue for the group when it meets. The proposed structure was approved.

7 Defibrillators – (Lamington and Coulter)

- 7.1 MM advised that the Council has sent out a copy of the legal paperwork used for the Auchengray defibrillator – a Partnership Agreement. It was noted that the original application was made through the DCC as it has a bank account and that Robertson has a 10 year maintenance agreement in place with a charitable trust for its defibrillator. The Trust has offered to take on the two other appliances for a fee of £8,000. After much discussion it was agreed that DCC should not be the signatory to the document but that a joint Lamington Coulter group should be set up to take the matter forward. MM to discuss with Coulter group (which may not have a bank account) then with representatives in Lamington (which has a bank account).

8 CAL/Ice Cream Architecture - Lamington and Coulter

- 8.1 MM advised that there has been no response to the paperwork circulated in Coulter. MM had been asked to complete the map for the project but was not prepared to do that. IR had contacted Rural Development about the ICE Cream project stating she thought it a waste of time and that she was wanting nothing further to do with ICE. One of the basic things ICE failed to do was discuss its project with local landowners. MM wondered how the project was given funded when it had no local support. MM agreed to write a letter to Rural Devlt stating that DCC sees the ICE Cream project as a waste of time and money.

9 Representation on Windfarm panel

- 9.1 MM agreed to remain on the panel. LS to take AJ's place as a community member.

10 Community Development Worker Report

- 10.1 LS spoke to her report.

VasLan – LS now been awarded £1,000 which she intends to split between the Abington shop and Christmas lunches for those living on their own. She has spoken to David at the shop who intends to start a pop-up café at the rear of the shop with two tables offering afternoon tea. In addition, the Elphinstone Hotel is going to provide two course Xmas dinners for those of any age group on their own at Xmas. LS is the contact for both initiatives. As regards the Xmas meals all nominees need to be supplied to LS by 16 December.

Village Hall openings – no date for openings.

Crawfordjohn - Val McCarron taking picnic area issue forward.

Roberton hall – LS and RC had a positive meeting with Joanne Forbes (SLC) on Monday. Feasibility study ongoing and JF will get works costed. If cost below £12,000 monies to be sought from Clyde Wind Farm.

Wiston – hall furniture purchased through Wind farm funding. Applying for grant to fix a roof leak.

Newsletter – LS has circulated a draft. Asked for comments. GW asked if we should print in plasticised paper given Covid issues. LS to check with printers - may be a cost saving. Agreed the newsletter should go on Facebook early but needs to be circulated by 11th/12th at latest. LS to put statement about letter drop on Facebook with PPE. IR suggested local noticeboards/bus shelters to maximise news about Xmas lunch initiative.

11 Local News

- 11.1 No local news reported except for Lamington – Xmas tree erected.

12 AOCB

- 12.1 Posting of DCC minutes on Facebook page - MM referred to the email sent by AM regarding placing minutes on Facebook. It was agreed this would be done through LS. GW to do a precis of previous minutes for the local communities to place on their respective website pages.
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