

# DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2022

## Zoom Input

### AGENDA

#### 1 Present

1.1 Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Gordon Wilson, Liz Steele, Clare Symonds, Alison Mitchell, Nichola Hill

#### 1.2 Apologies

Irene Riddell, Cllrs MacAllan, Allison, Barker

#### 1.3 Member of the Public

Paul Davis

#### 2 Treasurer's Report

2.1 AJ spoke to her report as below:

##### Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £97.34, loan from A Jefferies pending SLC grant payment

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
10 November 2022	CHQ	▼ 000117	-	£247.20	£97.34
10 November 2022	CHQ	▼ 000116	-	£77.50	£344.54
2 November 2022	BAC	▼ JEFFERIES A	£250.00	-	£422.04

DCC General account balance: £8906, pending multiple cheques being cashed.

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
2 December 2022	CHQ	▼ 000336	-	£13,500.00	£26,164.60
1 December 2022	CHQ	▼ 000343	-	£399.00	£39,664.60
16 November 2022	CHQ	▼ 000342	-	£500.00	£40,063.60
14 November 2022	CHQ	▼ 000341	-	£500.00	£40,563.60
10 November 2022	CHQ	▼ 000340	-	£418.57	£41,063.60
10 November 2022	CHQ	▼ 000339	-	£412.09	£41,482.17
8 November 2022	BAC	▼ FOUNDATION SCOTLAN	£1,363.00	-	£41,894.26

##### Activity since November meeting

- Completed paperwork for 7 grants, including 4 approved via email
  - o Wiston Kids' Christmas £327.60 (Clyde)
  - o Robertson Christmas Party £300 (Clyde)
  - o Robertson Christmas Party £250 (Glenkerie)
  - o Coulter Carols £227 (Glenkerie), M Muir recused himself due to conflict of interest
- Closed out 3 grants after receipts received
- Received Glenkerie 2021-22 £1363 micro grant
- Paid RDT invoice of £15,792 for Community Development Worker role

## With Others

- Pending SLC confirmation of 2021-22 accounts and issuing 2022-23 admin grant, chased multiple times

## Actions

- Grant applications:
  - o Crawfordjohn Hogmanay Hoolie Transport £250 (Clyde Extension)
  - o Robertson Soup Kitchen £100 (Glenkerie), A Mitchell recused herself due to conflict of interest
  - o Upper Clyde Church Guild £200 (Clyde Extension)
  - o Crawfordjohn Toddlers £240 (Clyde Extension)
  - o Abington Primary Judo £250 (Clyde Extension)
- Complete CWFF microgrant EOY report by 31-Mar-23, new funding will only be released by SLC in the new financial year
- Community Development Worker role extension for 2023-4

## Grant Monies Remaining (excludes Actions amounts)

- CWFF: £4.22 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £1042.55 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Clyde Extension: £3000 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Covid grants: £1806.43
- Clyde Extension DCC-directed pot: £53,277.36 remaining of £143,000 allocation

## 3 Grants

3.1 |AJ advised there were five grant applications to consider:

### **Clyde Extension Community Fund**

Crawfordjohn Toddlers - £240 – Hall hire for 12 weeks

Abington Primary PA - £250 – Judo instructor fee

Upper Clyde Church Guild - £200 – afternoon teas/entertainment

Robertson Soup Lunches - £100- ingredients for lunches

All above grants were approved unanimously.

### **Clyde Extension Community Fund**

Crawfordjohn Hogmanay Party - £250 – in addition to £500 previously awarded

There was significant discussion regarding this second award for the same event

as we may be subsidising ticket prices. After discussion the grant went to a vote In favour  
GW/NH/CS

Against AJ/AM/MM

On a casting vote MM supported the application on the basis that any surplus be returned to DCC.

## 4 Planning Issues

4.1 No issues.

4.2 CS advised of the progress with the National Planning Framework 4, which is due to be approved after Christmas. It is now a material consideration in Planning applications but will become part of the Development Plan once approved and applications need to conform to it. The Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance will be got rid of. The NPF 4 is generally pro-renewables. CS is

not sure how this will impact on the Little Gala application and NPF4 could be used just to push it through.

## **5 Windfarm Developments**

- 5.1 No updates on any of the current projects, i.e. Grayside, Bodinglee, Andershaw West, Kennoxhead, and Little Gala.

## **6 Priestgill Windfarm**

- 6.1 MM understood that the Priestgill Memorandum of Understanding is to be ready at the end of this week. AM asked about the funds coming from that site. It will go to whatever body set up to receive the funds.

## **7 Banks Renewables – Community Benefit discussions**

- 7.1 MM advised that he had attended a series of meetings with the Banks Group and members of the Douglas and Rigside Community Councils to discuss Bodinglee Community Benefit proposals. Banks has done a lot of work progressing a project for insulating local properties. £30M investment has been discussed for an insulation/heating project. Anyone in a 5 or 10km radius could benefit. It would need a new charity to be set up with CC's and SLC on its management board but SLC having no voting rights. Could incorporate the Energy Savings Trust and other organisations, with a manager to be employed. Banks is interested as the carbon savings in such a scheme could be greater than the Bodinglee wind farm and be a model for other projects. PD asked if this would cover Wiston, which it will. The proposal is to be considered by the Banks Board which is thought to be supportive. CS asked about the timescale and any impact on peatlands and wildlife. MM stated that there is only one area of peatlands locally. GW asked who is likely to set criteria for assisting local people. MM suggested that would be for the Board to consider.

## **8 Forestry and Woodland Applications**

- 8.1 Over Abington Farm – shelterbelts  
MM advised that the proposal is to put broadleaved trees along the water course. No issues and no real need for a response.
- 8.2 Burnhouse Moor – Long Term Forest Plan. This covers a large area of commercial, sitka spruce plantation. It could be argued that the buffer planting of broad-leaves along the watercourses is rather minimal. DCC should respond when the formal consultation is issued by Scottish Forestry.

## **9 Community Development Worker Report**

- 9.1 There's been a healthy number of microgrant applications. The community café is also well attended and takes up my time mostly on half of Wednesday and all of Thursday.

### **Funding Update:**

**Scottish Government 'Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund': £4,725.**

£2,500 salary and £2,225 project funding. The fund has been paid into the DCC account to be used to fund the community café project and volunteer mileage for the CCI 'Handy Folk' project. The community café's start next week. I'll have a better idea of costs for next month's report.

**Community café: Scottish Gov Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund**

The café numbers are at a good number each week with November showing 10 at Coulter, 18 Crawfordjohn, 18 Wiston and 26 at Abington. Four more cafés in December. I'm so very grateful to my hard-working team of volunteers who help make the events a success.

I will have funds remaining to consider continuing the café from Feb 2023, with the idea of having 2 instead of 4 each month at Robertson and Crawfordjohn, possibly on alternate Wednesdays.

### **CCI 'Handy Folk' initiative**

I have tried to engage with the new facilitator of this project but with no response. As the café already takes up a lot of my time, I'll re-engage with the group in the New Year.

### **Funding Meetings:**

I've had a productive meeting with Colin McMillan who has replaced Gareth at SSE for the Clyde extension fund. As Colin lives in Edinburgh he was pleased to get a background of our area in relation to funding. What works and what doesn't work.

### **Clydesdale Community Partnership:**

As I'm already involved with many evening meetings as a volunteer and paid worker, I have opted to disengage with this group. Thankfully Gordon is already part of the group as a representative of DCC.

### **Healthy Valleys Active Travel E-Bike initiative**

A member of the Active Travel initiative within Healthy Valleys contacted me to ask my opinion if the opportunity for venues within Duneaton to house e-bikes for community use might work in our area. I personally think it's a fantastic idea, 1stly as it's the 1<sup>st</sup> time HV has voluntarily offered to run a project in Duneaton, and 2ndly a golden opportunity for individuals to exercise using the bikes. The project is still at early stages. LS added she had met with Colin McMillan about this and they were looking to use village halls as the focus of the initiative – HV would pay for storage.

### **Meeting with Pat Mayvor who heads the WAT IF group**

With the idea DCC is working with windfarm developers to consider the community funds go direct to our community rather than to SLC, I met with Pat to discuss how WAT IF operates. The organisation is funded by 6 small windfarms, contributing c£200,000 annually. The funds allow employment of Pat as a full time worker plus 3 others part time. The balance pays for a good number of community initiatives including a village shop, community mini-bus, funding for kids learning to drive etc. A good model if DCC and other CC's were to consider forming a development trust in the future.

### **CCI and Healthy Valleys quarterly meetings**

CCI and Healthy Valleys are working in Partnership with Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan) to help bring Clydesdale's community groups and organisations together on a quarterly basis. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec I've been invited to attend the event to deliver a 5-minute presentation on the benefits of our Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, facilitated by VASLan on behalf of the Scottish Government.

### **CDW Village Project Updates: my actions and outcomes**

#### **Abington**

##### **Abington Hall**

As I've been so busy I'm still to contact Joanne Forbes for an update on the Hall. As she's moved positions I will write to her with an invitation to follow up with a phone call or email.

### **Abington Primary School**

Encouraged the PTA to apply for an SSE microgrant for Christmas activities for the school.

LS advised that the Old Schoolhouse is to hear about funding for a Warm Hub soon.

## **Coulter**

### **Defibrillator**

Arrangements have been made for the defibrillator and signage to be installed on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec on the outer wall of Coulter primary school. Something to celebrate after negotiations 1<sup>st</sup> started with SLC 3 years ago!

The dog training group booked at Coulter Hall on a Wed night has been awarded SLLC's warm spaces free let until 31<sup>st</sup> March initiative. Anyone is welcome to be in the hall to make use of the 'warm space' during the let as well as the advantage it allows the group to save up money not spent on paying for the lets as a sustainable income.

## **Crawfordjohn**

I had an enquiry for funding to support a free baby massage group but having sent through information, haven't had any further response.

Although a Clyde microgrant has already been awarded, advised it would be worthwhile to apply for SSE Clyde funding to further support the Hogmanay event.

Met with the Crawfordjohn playgroup as had heard they may have to fold if they couldn't get additional funding to support increased hall hire costs. Assisted with the microgrant application.

## **Lamington**

Nothing to report, but there was discussion about the recent flooding in the village and what the DCC could do to help. AJ advised that financial help may be a problem due to current funding regulations.

## **Roberton**

An enquiry for funding options to fund a short term café in Roberton, with my suggestion to apply to SSE Clyde extension.

I've sent a number of emails to user groups to encourage them to apply to SLLC for the warm spaces opportunity, offering free lets until March 31<sup>st</sup> if the let is offered to the community as a place and time they can be in the hall as a warm space.

## **Wiston**

The start of helping 2 members of the hall committee with funding for a gold level refurbishment project. Once they decide which aspects of the feasibility study they wish to pursue, have suggested we all meet up with Kenny and Colin to discuss funding opportunities.

The Hall is already struggling with huge increases in electricity costs. I'll look out for any opportunities to try to support them.

#### **Crawford /Elvanfoot CC**

LS advised that the CC has appointed a Community Development worker, Lindsay Davenport, who LS knows and has offered assistance to.

#### **10 SLC Community Plan and Volunteering Strategy**

- 10.1 MM apologised as he omitted to remove this item from the agenda. GW advised that no further meetings have taken place and one is to be organised for January.

#### **11 101/2 Bus – Community Survey**

- 11.1 CS had no update to report

#### **12 Matters Arising**

- 12.1 GW advised that the meeting had not approved the previous minute for the November meeting. He advised that amendments by AJ had been accepted prior to the minute being circulated. The minute was proposed by AJ, Seconded by MM.
- 12.2 Rural Devlt Event  
AM referred to an email dated 24/11 regarding the above and said that she wanted to attend. LS looking to go.
- 12.3 Garden Waste  
AM asked how many men it took to erect a Xmas tree? She advised that it took 5 lorries and 11 men for the Council to put up the local Xmas tree. She still does not understand why they cannot reinstate the garden waste collection service.

#### **13 Local News**

- 13.1 Roberton/Wandel/Wiston – no updates.
- 13.2 Coulter – defibrillator box now fitted at school. MM advised that there is a Carol Service on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30 in the local Church.

#### **14 AOCB**

- 14.1 GW advised there had been a Planning issue in the last few weeks – the proposal to fit wooden cladding and solar panels to the Museum in Crawfordjohn. There were however no issues raised by this application.

#### **15 Date of Next Meeting**

- 15.1 Next meeting will be at Roberton Hall on 7 February 2023 at 7.30pm. The next meeting date would have been on 3 January which is a public holiday after the festive period so it was decided to hold the next meeting in February. GW will cancel the 3 January booking.

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