

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020
ROBERTON VILLAGE HALL

AGENDA

1 Present

Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies (part), Robin Craig, Cllr Eric Holford, Gordon Wilson, Liz Steele, Alison Mitchell.

Apologies

Cllr Ian McAllan, John McLatchie, Irene Riddell.

2 Adoption of January 2020 minutes

Proposed – MM

Seconded – AJ

3 Treasurers Statement

3.1 Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £295.87, no change.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
Pending current account transactions			View >
30 Dec	16DEC GRS 00121712 Interest	£0.05	£295.87
03 Dec	000091 Cheque	-£59.99	£295.82
26 Nov	000093 Cheque	-£21.00	£355.81

DCC General account balance: £10,382.50, all cheques now cashed.

21 Jan	000233 Cheque	-£120.00	£10,382.50
08 Jan	000250 Cheque	-£125.00	£10,502.50
30 Dec	16DEC GRS 00113132 Interest	£1.98	£10,627.50
23 Dec	000247 Cheque	-£50.00	£10,625.52

3.2 Activity

- Processed 3 sets of grant receipts, pending small overpayment refund from Coulter group
- Received receipt for CDW invoice #2 for £4,567.27

3.3 Actions

- Grant Applications :CWFF – Robertson Music Club, £220 & CWFF – Abington Disco Ladies, £489.98. Both unanimously approved.
- Chase up VEG February transfer of £1000
- CWFF Extension Update – MoU returned, next steps
- Good Citizen Award cheque to cover associate member expenses completed, as approved in previous meeting.

3.4 Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £1817.43 remaining of the £5000 2019-20 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £1.40 remaining of the £1000 2019-20 grant, new monies expected early Feb 2020

AJ left the meeting at this point.

4 Planning Requests (if any)

- 4.1** One Planning application last week for Wiston. Erection of single dwelling 1.5 storeys. No concerns.

5 Community Development Worker Report

LS advised December/January had been a busy time.

- 5.1** Abington – LS advised she had assisted with micro grant application.

Coulter – she had attended local community meetings: hopefully, more village residents will become involved as events and activities develop.

- The Village in Bloom meeting had been successful and it was proposed that each village could make application for a £500 micro grant or explore mainstream windfarm funding for the wider project.
- Library – meeting to be set up for this and broadband issues.
- Defibrillator – location for it to be confirmed. School being considered. LS asked who in Education she might contact to discuss. Advised to contact Vance Sinclair's team initially. MM will contact Vance Sinclair.

Hall refurbishment – Coulter and Robertson. Potential for works to progress. LS had a meeting with Joanne Forbes (South Lanarkshire Council). AM Confirmed that JF had written to the Robertson Group but nothing confirmed.

Crawfordjohn – no update as next meeting in late February. LS confirmed she had emailed Martin Hall (Chair) regarding the Clyde Wind Farm application he is progressing to see if he needs assistance completing same. LS has found the application process difficult to complete. Uploading information is problematic.

Robertson – questionnaire about hall use being prepared. As stated, AM in contact with JF. Idea is to build up a programme of use for the hall.

Wiston – LS working with Alison Gibson regarding defibrillator. Clyde Wind Farm application submitted. LS has met with resident about broadband. Cllr EH advised Government target to get all but 200 properties in the area on fibre broadband by 2021.

Biggar – no update.

- 5.2** LS advised that she has attended a meeting to get an understanding of Crowdfunding Information System on the internet.

- 5.3** Newsletter – LS proposes to carry out a series of drop-in meetings in March. AM commented that it was important that successes were publicised. There was some discussion about the cost of the previous newsletter – seen to be good value for money.

6 Local News

- 6.1** Robertson – AM referred to email from Kay Booton regarding the fact that the Priestgill Wind farm website had not been updated to reflect the increased size of the turbines to be located there. GW agreed to draft a letter for MM to sign and send to Muirhall Energy.
- 6.2** Lamington and Coulter – no update
- 6.3** Crawfordjohn – GW advised about death of Alan Wilson who managed the local pub. Concern was expressed as to what may happen to the pub which is important for the village.
- 6.4** Cllr EH advised that the chair of Carstairs Community Council had passed away recently.

7 AOCB

- 7.1** Cllr EH advised that the General Election had pushed back the setting of Scottish Govt and Council budgets. There is a full Council meeting on 13 February to discuss the setting of the local Council tax without knowing what its Scottish Govt allocation was going to be. Likely to be a 3% increase in Council tax.
- 7.2** VE 75th Anniversary – LS advised she had posted the information on the DCC website but there had been no response as yet.
- 7.3** South Scotland Strategic Woodland Creation Initiative – MM advised of the initiative and the hope that mixed tree planting could take place in the hills around Robertson and Coulter. There is also scope for planting evergreen trees near the Pentlands. Consultation will be arranged in the coming months.
- 7.4** National Planning Framework 4 – community resources and roadshows – GW advised that the DCC had to consider the email received regarding the above. Claire Symonds advice was seen as very helpful. GW to contact her to discuss further.
- 7.5** My Place Awards – Scottish Civic Trust – GW advised of an email received earlier today regarding this which is designed to celebrate community led built environment initiatives that have produced a transformative project for their locality. Submissions can be made any time in the 2020 calendar year.
- 7.5** Persons Representing Ex-officio Members at CC Meetings – members of the DCC confirmed that they had received this.
- 7.6** North Lowther Energy Initiative: Proposed Grid Connection – GW advised about the fact that SP Energy Networks had arranged consultation in Crawfordjohn but there had been no attendance as the meeting had not been advertised. GW agreed to email SP Energy.

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 March 2020, at 7.30pm at Robertson Hall.