

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 5th June 2018

PRESENT: Malcolm Muir, Andrew McLarty, Anne Jefferies, Katie Stuart-Cox, Cllr. Eric Holford.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Ian McCallum, Robin Craig, John McLatchie, Jo Talbot, Stuart Baillie, Ryan Cox.

Attending: Ewan Bachell and Sarah O’Sullivan of Community Action Lanarkshire and 1 member of the public.

Adoption of Minute from May 2018 proposed by AM, seconded by AJ

1.0 Community Action Lanarkshire – EB gave overview

- 1.1 Leader funded programme with staff employed by SL Rural Development Trust
- 1.2 Remit is to help with community capacity building: it is not itself a grant provider
- 1.3 Can help groups find funding to refresh or develop community plans, e.g, the one that gave rise to GANDL
- 1.4 They are the same team that formerly ran the Clyde and Avon Valleys Landscape Partnership, so have recent, relevant experience.
- 1.5 They are going around CCs to establish what they need and what they might best be able to offer.
- 1.6 AJ – For DCC money is not the issue, rather how to use it most effectively.
 - Micro grants have been useful but people nervous about taking on big projects
 - DCC would happily work with CAL to help people to “think a bit bigger.”

KS-C – Do CAL envisage any specific types of project?

EB – No AL can help to link CCs with more specialist providers, such as Clydesdale Community Initiatives, for support with delivery.

MM – AS discussed before, it would be useful to link with other local CCs to develop wider, strategic opportunities and make best use of available funding and support mechanisms.

KS-C – Abington has a number of projects under development: tennis courts, Environmental Improvement Plan, development of Old Schoolhouse, Community gym, growing areas, etc.

AM – explained idea behind DCC tender for community survey/consultation. To date no tenders had been returned.

2.0 Treasurer’s Statement was read by AJ

- 2.1 AJ has spoken to John Archibald about increasing grant allocation; the Clyde Wind Farm Fund allocation for this period has run out. DCC agreed that we would not apply for the next year’s grant early, or at our current rate of spend we would have to miss a year in 2 years’ time.

Activity

- 2.2 Completed paperwork for Kid's Disco (Crawfordjohn and surrounding area)
- 2.3 Contacted SLC/SSE re additional grant monies, notified via FB/website that the CWFF 'pot' has run out
- 2.4 Chased receipts for Abington Tae-Kwon Do and Crawford & Abington Toddlers Group
- 2.5 Let Abington Primary Parents' group know that there were insufficient funds for their grant and suggested alternatives

Action points

- 1/ Request 2018-19 CWFF micro grant money early?
- 2/ Honorariums from 2018-19 SLC budget
- 3/ Treasurer to prepare year end accounts for submission to SLC
- 4/ Treasurer to complete end of year accounts for CWFF micro grants

Grant Monies Remaining

- 2.6 CWFF: £26 remaining of the £5000 2017-18 grant (effectively all spent)
- 2.7 Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £629.35 remaining of the £1000 2018-19 grant

3.0 Local Issues:

- 3.1 AJ noted that notice board by Coulter Library had cracked glass - who is responsible?
MM – probably Coulter Library Committee, will find out and see if they wish to apply for grant to repair.
- 3.2 Abington – Old RBS building going on to the market in July; considerable community interest. There is a lot of local support for the Old Schoolhouse project; currently negotiating funding through CWFF and Leader.
- 3.3 KS-C - Fly tipping remains a problem; would CCTV help? Difficult to install and monitor in more remote, rural areas. Several lengths remain along the A702.
- 3.4 AJ - Appeal against Priestgill Planning decision has been delayed
 - Harryburn; Ryan attended latest meeting; SLC have rejected application.
- 3.5 EH reported ongoing issue with potential loss of 101 and 102 bus routes. The routes are going out to tender after which we will find out actual costs. SPT and West Trans remain committed to both routes but Borders are threatening to withdraw their funding. A meeting will be held in late June for all interested parties and will be coordinated by Cllr. Allison. DCC was represented at the recent protest event in Biggar.