

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2020
ROBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present

Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Irene Riddell, Cllr Eric Holford, Liz Steele

Robin Craig (Minutes)

Apologies

Gordon Wilson, Katie Stuart-Cox, Alison Mitchell.

Adoption of previous meeting minutes

TBC at April meeting

Abington School House (former)

Jo Talbot was present to give a brief overview on the progress of the project to re-develop the former schoolhouse into a community hub.

- Design drawings have been submitted to South Lanarkshire Council
- Total development cost £1.2 million
- £600,000 grant through SLC has been secured from the Scottish Government
- £600,000 grant applied for from Clyde Wind Farm Fund
- £27,000 grant applied for and approved from DCC Clyde Wind Farm Extension Fund. This will be used to employ a manager to “kick start” the project.
- SLC are not permitted to sell the building for a period of 15 years but after this period, the project will be able to purchase the building at 35% of market value.
- A “peppercorn” rent has been agreed with SLC costing £1.00/year
- Charitable status has been approved.

Clyde Wind Farm Extension Fund

AJ and MM are meeting Gareth Shields from SSE on the 17th of March to discuss the fund.

Treasurers Report

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £295.87, no change.

DCC General account balance: £10,672.52, all cheques now cashed.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
Pending current account transactions			View ➤
19 Feb	000252 Cheque	-£220.00	£11,162.50
11 Feb	FOUNDATION SCOTLAN Automated Pay In	£1,000.00	£11,382.50
21 Jan	000233 Cheque	-£120.00	£10,382.50
08 Jan	000250 Cheque	-£125.00	£10,502.50

Activity

- Processed 2 sets of grant receipts, pending small overpayment refunds from Coulter group and Robertson Christmas Party
- Handed over 3 cheques
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie 20-21 grant of £1000 received

Actions

- Grant Applications :CWFF – Rigside & Rural Communities Nursery Music & Storytelling £500
- CWFF Extension Year 1 pot: Abington School House Year 1 manager
- CWFF Extension meeting 17-Mar
- CDW printing costs? £70.00 Approved
- CDW hall hire charges for drop-in sessions during April. Approved

Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £1107.45 remaining of the £5000 2019-20 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £1001.40 remaining of the £1000 2020-21 grant

Micro Grant Applications

Rigside Rural Community Nursery applied for £500.00 to run a music story telling experience. Rigside is outwith the DCC area but the children who will benefit are from the DCC area. Approved

Wiston Primary School

WPS applied for £500.00 for photographic equipment and other technological upgrades within the classroom. AJ to revert back to the applicant and ask who will take ownership and responsibility for the equipment. Discussions also focused on whether SLC should provide this equipment as it is being used within class time.

Planning applications

Wiston – Glass door in vestibule at Wiston Lodge

Lamington – Renewal of consent for 1 dwelling at Lamington Mains.

Community Development Worker report. As received from Liz Steele

Questions I would like answered will be highlighted in red.

I will send through a draft of the next newsletter before Tuesday's meeting and welcome any comments.

Defibrillators:

There are 3 'live' defibrillator projects within Duneaton for Robertson, Coulter and Lamington.

Robertson, led by Glyn Booten, is leading the way with a Robertson Emergency Support program for the village. Briefly, the project involves installation of 2 defibrillators in the village and a telephone alert system.

During a meeting, Glyn pointed out the potential liability issues of villages installing units where a single person has the responsibility to log weekly maintenance checks. The potential that if the unit is required but not maintained, individuals could face confrontation from potential users if the unit isn't of service. Glyn's method pays an organisation to provide, install and maintain the unit, plus the telephone alert system for any emergency issues, at a price for a period of 10 years.

Glyn's small Clyde grant application for the Robertson Emergency Support initiative, at a value of £9,920, has been submitted and approved. It is an unusual agreement, as windfarm funding doesn't usually support a long term initiative, especially where the total costs are paid out in total at the beginning of the project.

As well as supporting new defibrillator/telephone alert projects, the company Glyn has selected will also manage existing defibrillators under the same remit, as long as they're of a certain standard.

A meeting with Kenny Lean, originally organized for me to comment on the Clyde Grantvisor system, allowed discussion of the way forward for villages with defibrillators. Kenny agreed that Glyn's project is a good model. He has also agreed in principle that other villages with existing defibs will be allowed to apply for funding to sign up to the same model as Robertson, following an 18-month trial period. This allows time to realise if the company are viable as project managers. Someone from each of the villages will need to take responsibility for the project.

A meeting has been arranged with Rosemary McStay, Support Services Coordinator for Biggar Learning Community, at Lamington school on March 10th, to discuss the possibility of siting community defibrillators on Lamington and Coulter schools.

Village Project Updates: my actions and outcomes

Abington

The 1st Sugar craft class went well and plans are in place for 2 more sessions, as January was cancelled due to the weather. The organizer Rosemary Bushell has plans for enquiring about a Clyde grant to support the initial stages of a Sugar Craft Guild to be based in Abington.

Coulter

The Coulter Community Group have adopted their constitution. Still to sort a bank account.

Events: The Feb Community Group meeting discussed details for future events in the village.

Coulter Library: It has been established that the library does have a trust and there are 3 committee members. Accounts are being updated in the hope there is potential to move the project forward.

Defibrillator: Discussion at the Community Group meeting to locate the defib on the school and not the hall. Meeting booked to discuss with the Council. I have opened a Clyde Grantvisor account on behalf of DCC for the defibrillator project for Coulter and Lamington.

Coulter Village Hall refurbishment: Community Group to submit outline details to Joanne Forbes of wind and watertight issues with Hall in the hope the Council will make repairs.

Broadband project: BT have changed their mind about giving a quotation for Broadband for Coulter: [Openreach are currently unable to quote under community fibre – the final details of R100 are commercially sensitive and Openreach await direction from Scottish Government on what to tell “in” or “out” communities.](#)

Play Park: A meeting has been arranged with Jo Gillings, SLC Senior Landscape Officer, on Tues 3rd March to discuss possibilities of an upgrade for Coulter play park. Gillian Bell and I will attend.

Crawfordjohn

No updates until the Crawfordjohn Dev Group next meeting on 10th March.

Lamington

Defibrillator: As already noted, a meeting has been arranged for 5 March to discuss the possibility of locating the defibrillator on Lamington School.

Roberton

Kay Booten has arranged a meeting on Monday 2 March with Joanne Forbes, myself and Gregor Leishman, to discuss the continued problems of water damage to the building. Kay and Alison are also moving forward with creating a business plan for future use of the Hall in anticipation of securing funding for an internal refurbishment project.

Wandel

I had a meeting with Lindsey McNeill, for an enquiry to support funding for a venue to deliver cancer support retreats. Linz enquired to the Scottish Landfund about the possibility of supporting the purchase of the Abington Hotel. They said no as they are already supporting the Abington Hub. Suggested she makes an appointment to visit the Hotel before looking at other possible funding sources.

Wiston

No updates. Just waiting on confirmation for a Clyde small grant for a village defibrillator and village Hall furniture. If successful, will then assist Alison to move the defibrillator project forward.

Biggar

I've had 2 recent enquiries for funding opportunities for 2 groups from Biggar to run 'events' in Coulter. A meeting has been arranged with Jim Duncan to discuss funding opportunities to run music events from Coulter church and the possibility of 2 individuals running therapy art sessions in the village. Janet Moxley will chase up the idea of a Duneaton Spring science event to be funded by DCC micro grant.

Networking:

I attended 2 half days of the Scottish Rural Action Conference on 25th & 26th February at New Lanark. I engaged with a number of organisations who are interested to develop projects in our villages, with the suggested of Abington as a central location. It was pleasing that several people were looking out for me as a link to our area.

We were invited to attend 2 of 4 workshops: Developing a Rural Movement, Re-population, Climate change and Funding. The outcomes will be collated, with the idea of SRA presenting them to the Scottish Government.

I'm pleased to have the opportunity to engage with people from agencies and departments that have the potential to make life better in Duneaton and the surrounding areas. From feedback from those people, they are impressed DCC has created the role of a CDW, to have the chance to make those links.

Thanks for your continued support.

Liz

Local News

Lamington

IR reported that Ice Cream Architects have been holding local meetings to discuss local access. IR commented that these meetings seemed totally in-effective and a waste of money. LS to investigate what the intended outcomes of these meetings are and whether the money being well spent or not.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 7th of April 7.30pm, Roberton Hall.

