

# **DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 2 March 2021**

(Zoom Meeting)

## **AGENDA**

### **1 Present**

- 1.1 Malcolm Muir, Gordon Wilson, Liz Steele, Irene Riddell, Robin Craig.  
Public attendees - Kay Booton; Glyn Booton; Virginia Bennett; Howard Goldstein

### **1.2 Apologies**

Anne Jefferies, Cllr McAllan

### **2 Previous Minute**

- 2.1 GW referred to comments received from VB and KB regarding the previous minute.

Public Attendees – Virginia Bennett

2.1 Para 2 – Area C of the proposed windfarm not Part C

Para 6 – ‘the wind farm will be visible to a large proportion... not ‘seen by at least 60%’

Para 11 – ‘that the best benefit to the community would be for...not to be put up.’

Last Para – ‘that the link to this meeting and the agenda...’

5.1 MM read out Treasurer’s statement ; not Treasurers statement.

7.1 Para 2 – ‘...vehicle use locally...’

9.8 LS had completed her first month of furlough.

- 2.2 With these amendments the minutes were approved

Proposer – RC

Seconder – IR

### **3. Treasurer’s Statement**

- 3.1 MM advised there was no Treasurer’s statement for this meeting.

### **4 Grant Applications**

- 4.1 MM advised that no grant applications had been received this month.

### **5 Planning Applications**

- 5.1 There were no Planning applications to discuss.

### **6 Wind Farm Update**

Grayside

- 6.1 MM had attended an initial consultation meeting with the developer’s agent Arcus. The scoped-up proposal was what was agreed by the Scottish Government. They hope to start an Environmental Impact Assessment in early autumn.

- 6.2 If DCC does a community questionnaire it will be done over the summer in conjunction with Biggar CC. MM and Claire Symonds have worked up a draft questionnaire for circulation. There was a general understanding that DCC needed to move quickly if we are to get community feedback by the end of summer.
- 6.3 GB asked if we could identify the DCC responses when the questionnaires are analysed. MM confirmed that this could be done by requesting people's postcodes on their responses.
- 6.4 MM stated that there were components of the Grayside development that concerned him. When asked what these were, he stated the road access in. RC asked if the access has been identified? MM said the developer has surveyed and set out an access route in from the A702 but, ideally, a negotiated access from the neighbouring developments would be far less disruptive.

Priestgill

- 6.5 MM advised he had received a contact email from the developer Muirhall Energy. We should invite them to a DCC meeting soon. It is his understanding that they want to link in to the substation at Elvanfoot.

Bodinglee

- 6.6 MM advised that of those in the community he has spoken to not many are in favour of this development but Douglas and Rigside may be. LS advised that Douglas already has £1.5M of grant monies. RC advised that the Hagshaw wind farm is being upgraded.
- 6.7 VB stated that the application for a monitoring mast for Bodinglee had been discussed at the SLC Planning Committee on 23 February and had been approved. However, the wind farm application would go through the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government. HG advised that Cllr E Holford had not been allowed to speak as it was not his ward. VB asked for views as to whether SLC would defend its Landscape Capacity Study for Turbines. MM suspects that SLC will oppose Bodinglee but it would not be in their interest to make a stand just on the wind monitoring mast. The main argument, from a community perspective, must be the cumulative impact. LS thought that as the DCC comments have now been lodged we should push SLC to put in an objection to the Scottish Government. VB wondered what the SLC view is of the Scoping Report. KB stated that Eskdalemuir was at its budget limit.
- 6.8 RC asked if there was any information regarding the Little Gala wind farm – wind mast appeared near Rigside. KB said that RWE was the developer and its business model was to build and sell on wind farms.
- 6.9 VB stated that Robertson had been informally surveyed by the local group, but should be included in the DCC survey. This was confirmed.
- 6.10 GW suggested it would be useful if we could develop a timeline for all the wind farms so we could track progress and ensure we do not miss out on key stages. MM asked LS to pull the requisite information together.

## **7 Joint Community Council Meeting**

- 7.1 LS/MM attended a joint CC meeting yesterday. The meeting collated what the respective groups were doing and was a good first step. Looking to work forward together on strategic projects e.g. transport. Discussed the fact that SSE has grants of up to £50,000 for local projects. Carmichael a (new group), Thankerton, Quothquan, Biggar and Symington attended. LS to send funding information to Carmichael. Agreed to meet as a larger group in three months.
- 7.2 MM expressed concern that DCC has six villages within its area while a number of other groups work for one village. Each village had its own group until SLC amalgamated them 25 years ago. LS advised there are 82 separate local groups in Biggar. IR asked if the disparity in groups was worth raising. MM wondered if anyone would have population figures for the areas. LS advised that Thankerton /Quothquan was similar in population to DCC. GB suggested it may be possible to get figures from the electoral role.

## **8 OU Training for Community Councils**

- 8.1 No interest shown.

## **9 Defibrillators - (Lamington and Coulter)**

- 9.1 MM advised that the situation is almost resolved. However, a constituted group is required to take on the lease. IR said that the lease is one thing but we need to get a management company in place. MM stated that as nominal leaseholder was required by SLC. LS advised that she thought the management company she had contacted had a price increase in February and she had not yet submitted the application for grant funding. LS to chase this information tomorrow as the original quote was six months old.
- 9.2 GB advised that Robertson does not own its defibrillators – they are owned by the management company that services them, Community Heartbeat Trust. The local group accesses services and occasionally checks them. Lease could therefore be between CHT and SLC. This option to be explored. LS to send draft CHT agreement to MM.

## **10 Make Your Way**

- 10.1 MM advised a MYW map was to be displayed in Coulter School and he was making edits to the associated information, etc.

## **11 Development Worker's Report**

- 11.1 Abington – MYW engaged Ironside Farrar for £34,000 feasibility study for cycle path to M74 services. But did not get landowner approval.
- 11.2 Volunteer Delivery Service from Abington shop – no take-up. Viewed as community pulling together.
- 11.3 VasLan monies - £120 of £1,000 used. Abington pop up café not moved forward.
- 11.4 Abington – Community Hob progressing well. Playpark completes soon.
- 11.5 Coulter – broadband – MM cables laid but connections still to be made to properties.

- 11.6 Crawfordjohn – Picnic area – VM working with Stewart Law from SLC. Hoping to get SLC to maintain interest in site.

Hall – Solar panel/insulation funding request lodged. Zoom meeting to be held with SLC. Hall costs £110 per week to run even in lockdown.

- 11.7 Roberton – Village Hall refurbishment – GB advised had a meeting with Joanne Forbes SLC. £1240 paid for Building Warrant. 2.5 weeks into 12-week feasibility study. Then get specification finalised with villagers, then make grant application for works. Needed to submit a schedule of events as part of the process to show need. LS advised The Big Lottery provides grants of up to £10.000 for furniture.

- 11.8 Wiston – nothing to report.

- 11.9 LS attended VasLan roadshow. Groups can approach Cooperative Society for monies.

## **12 Local News**

- 12.1 Woodland creation. RC commented on this – great idea helping farmers work in their own areas.

- 12.2 Lamington – IR has contacted BEAR customer liaison and an engineer was sent out regarding drainage issues. Should we engage with them at a DCC meeting? IR to contact BEAR.

- 12.3 Duneaton Quarry – LS advised there may be letters of objection to proposed change of use following discussion with her neighbours.

- 13 AOCB

- 13.1 No matters raised.
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