

# DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY 1 March 2022**

(Zoom Meeting)

## AGENDA

### 1 Present

1.1 Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Gordon Wilson, Alison Mitchell, Irene Riddell, Liz Steele, Cllr E Holford

Public Attendees – Kay Booton, Glynn Booton.

### 1.2 Apologies

Cllr McAllan, Robin Craig, Mark Sykes

### 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 1 February 2022

2.1 GW advised he had received comments on the draft previously circulated from Robin Winstanley (RW) (Banks Group), LS and AJ. RW commented about some additional examples in the text but had no other comments to make. LS asked for the comment regarding the events in Abington to be amended and AJ had commented that she felt that the full Treasurer's report should be included in the minute. GW accepted LS's comment and advised that the minimum financial information the Council required in the minute was the balances in any accounts held and a listing of any cheques issued. After some discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer's report would be copied into the minute in full.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

3.1 AJ went through the Treasurer's report as detailed below.

#### Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £362.19.

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
30 December 2021	INT	▼ 16DEC GRS 00121712	£0.07	-	£362.19

DCC General account balance: £52,720.06, pending multiple cheques being cashed.

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
16 February 2022	CHQ	▼ 000304	-	£150.00	£57,640.46
28 January 2022	DPC	▼ BOOTON G & K	£15.31	-	£57,790.46

#### Activity since February meeting

- Prepped paperwork for 2 grants, including Robertson Fish & Chips (Glenkerie £250), approved via email following the meeting

- Received one overpayment refund of £15.31 from the Robertson Santa Stone Workshop (CWFF)

## Actions

- Issue Abington School House group cheque to cover the first quarterly invoice of £6750
- Grant applications:
  - o Robertson Gardening Club £485 (CWFF)
  - o Robertson Social Group Insurance £181.43 (Glenkerie)

## Pending With Others

- Send in forms to change RBS signatories once Gordon's Secretary information received
- Robertson Kids' Christmas grant paperwork completion so cheques can be issued

## Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £1365.66 remaining of the £5000 2020-21 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £920 remaining of the £1370 2021-22 grant
- Covid grants: £4641.32, with £4079.20 to use by 31-Mar-22

## 4 Grants

- 4.1 Robertson Hall Social Group Insurance - £181.43 requested to cover social activities. Approved unanimously.  
Robertson Gardening Club - £485 for cost of bus trip to Scone Palace as part of wider programme of garden visits. Approved unanimously
- 4.2 As part of Robertson Hall discussion GW was asked to write to the Council regarding bookings for future meetings.

## 5 Planning Issues

- 5.1 No planning issues for discussion.

## 6 Wind Farm Update

### 6.1 Grayside

MM advised that the Planning application was due to be lodged any day and that the DCC will need to have a discussion about the proposal when it has the paperwork. MM will advise when it is available so others can read the document. GB advised he had difficulty accessing the project website. He had been in contact with the Project Manager after the Coulter Hall presentation with a list of questions. GB told he would not answer them but the information will be in the Planning document. GB was quoted £1500 for a copy of it. He was given no specific dates and was told that Community Fund discussions were ongoing with DCC. He was also told that the road access issue was commercially confidential. GB advised that the project intended to be a bench mark in public communication

but he has seen no evidence of this as yet. MM stated there has been no communication regarding the community benefit but he understood that hard copies of the report would be placed in Biggar Library and one in Coulter Community Library. AM wondered if contact should be made with the local MSP. MM advised that if the application comes out with the original road layout DCC would object as we should regarding the community benefit which appears only to be a chance for the community to invest in the project. We see no community benefit in the scheme. GB advised he would contact the SSE regarding the road. He advised that the post on the DCC website still has the original number of turbines. MM intended to correct this.

## **6.2 Bodinglee**

MM advised that Michael Newton (Banks Group) had asked for a meeting with DCC on 14 March to discuss formulating the Community Fund for the project. It was agreed this needed a pre-meeting and MM would circulate a time/date for the pre-meeting. AJ stated that with the Clyde Extension Fund the focus was on capital funding for projects, while it was recognised that revenue funding was required to maintain projects. The Bodinglee project gives us an opportunity to catch those in the community who have not benefitted before and proposed a payment to each household e.g. for insulation. IR agreed. MM advised we would need to know what funds could be approved. GW asked if this was a strategic meeting, separate to the Community Panel Banks proposed. MM envisaged it to be a strategic meeting to discuss how to allocate funds. EH advised that Bodinglee was the third largest wind farm in the UK and there needs to be a direct link between the project funds and local people. AJ made the comment that there are only so many areas that we can invest in and we need to be creative around personal benefit. EH agreed there is the potential to change the means of accessing funds and that they should be separate to from the Council. GB asked about the DCC neutrality on wind farms. EH stated that as they are likely to proceed, we should be getting as good a deal as we can. GW asked if it would be worthwhile liaising with the Council regarding the information it holds on the areas housing stock to see if we could fund works separate from the Council. MM reminded the meeting that community transport was a major issue within our strategic survey document. After some discussion it was agreed that the pre-meeting would be a zoom meeting.

GB advised that the document circulated from the last meeting has 60 turbines on it but this has been reduced to 40. KB said she had spoken to Robin Winstanley about the location of the turbines but he could not give her specific locations. Apparently, the email address for RW is incorrect. MM confirmed that the location plans only show blocks of land where the turbines are to be sited and that he would amend the master spreadsheet for wind farms on the website.

## **6.3 Andershaw West**

No update

6.4 **Kennoxhead**

No update.

6.5 **Little Gala**

No update.

7 **Community Development Report**

7.1 LS unable to speak to her re[port due to a poor internet connection, however the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

AJ advised that LS was looking to get spend on the Healthy Valley monies she had allocated to the villages e.g. a suggestion for a village get-together in Abington which The Crown could arrange.

The CD report is attached below:

**Community Development Worker DCC monthly report      February 2022**

Encouraging individuals and groups to make use of the additional £1k per village secured through 2 additional funding opportunities. Deadline for spend of the funds is 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Networking/community engagement**

**Funding Update:**

**Covid Response Funding:**

**REF Covid support £1,000.** Full amount has been paid to DCC. **Current balance £30.03.**

**SLC £900.** Full amount paid to DCC. **£450 remains.**

**Healthy Valleys/Rural Communities into Action: Communities Recovery Fund Phase 2: £5,000.** To be split £2,000 to cover CDW salary and £3,000 to divide equally for projects within our 6 villages. Invoice deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Inspiring Scotland: Rural Communities into Action Fund: £3,000** to divide equally for projects within our 6 villages. Invoice deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Covid Recovery projects**

**Healthy Valleys/Rural Communities into Action: Communities Recovery Fund Phase 2:**

Healthy Valleys and I have delivered the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 planned monthly craft/soup lunch sessions. As the weather was poor numbers were down on bookings but enjoyable just the same.

## **New Funding**

Getting villages/groups/individuals to create opportunities to spend the additional £6k Covid recovery funds. I am aware though that all invoices need to be in by the 31<sup>st</sup> March, so still work to do in the next week or so to get projects up and running.

## **SLC winter pavement clearing initiative.**

Irene is now the main contact.

## **Clyde Funded Stained Glass schools project**

Jill Kennedy now has permission from SLC education to site the completed panels at Coulter and Lamington primary schools so the project can move forward. I've offered to help with the funding application.

The school storytelling project is still a possibility if one of the schools will put in an application to Clyde to the benefit of all 4 Duneaton schools, or as many as want to be involved. I'll pick up the project again next week.

## **Clydesdale Community Coordination Group, CCGG**

Meetings less regular now Covid is potentially less of a threat.

## **Windfarm Community Benefit Funds**

Gregor Leishman kindly found me a contact to ask about the possibility of community benefit being paid through Council Tax accounts.

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

### **Abington**

#### **Abington Hall updates**

Pearl Jones has been into the hall and says it is in a very sad state of repair. Should the community be encouraged to work with Benny Martin to have the repairs made, or to let the hall go as I think is SLC's plan?

#### **Abington Hub update**

Katie tells me the building work on the Hub is now complete, but still a lot to do to fit out the interior. The group have now employed a new Centre Manager, starting in March to work on getting the Centre open.

#### **Abington Ladies**

16 ladies enjoyed a day out to Carlisle on a windy Wednesday last week. Many then came to the craft/soup lunch at Crawfordjohn Hall the following day, so were very pleased to activities to get them out of their houses to socialise.

## **Coulter**

**Coulter Library:** At the last meeting of the Coulter Community group Malcolm talked of having liaised with members of the Library Trust, with the aim of reinstating it with new members. The accounts need to be updated before any progress can be made. The aim of revitalizing the Trust is to then acquire funding to refurbish the building to make it more attractive for use.

**Coulter Defibrillator:** Clyde has accepted an enquiry to fund the defibrillator project for Coulter. The main application will be submitted soon.

**Coulter Village Group:** Encouraged a meeting with the group to discuss spend of the Covid Recovery grant, but no response to date. Funding has been allocated for 14 ladies to enjoy a lunch at the Elphinstone Hotel.

## **Crawfordjohn**

### **Crawfordjohn Picnic area**

No progress to date, so Val McCarren has once again chased up SLC for an update.

### **Crawfordjohn Forestry**

A new nuisance for the village. Trail motorbikes are using the forestry, which apart from being illegal is making a huge mess of the paths. The police need evidence of van number plates but as I advertised the fact on Crawfordjohn Fb, the vans are now hiding to avoid being seen.

### **Crawfordjohn Toddlers**

Crawfordjohn Toddler group are very pleased to be awarded their microgrant. They start their 1<sup>st</sup> session tomorrow, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### **Crawfordjohn Hall upgrade project**

Stage 2 for application to REF, Clyde and SSE Clyde extension for the solar project have been submitted. Clyde Extension panel have approved the application for 12.5% of the project costs. Still waiting to hear from Clyde and Ref.

**Crawfordjohn Museum Quiz night** has received Covid Recovery funding to support the event.

**Crawfordjohn Community Group:** I've tried to encourage a meeting with the group to discuss spend of the Covid Recovery grant, but no response to date.

## **Lamington**

I've been working with Irene on ideas to spend the Covid Recovery Funding.

## **Roberton**

**Covid Recovery Fund:** £1,000 has been paid so the organisers can start purchasing items for the village planting day.

### **Roberton Hall**

Glyn Booton has advised that work is well underway by SLC contractors for the Hall refurbishment project. Very well done to Glyn for all his time and effort to get to this stage.

### **Wiston**

I've had a meeting with Wiston to discuss ideas for spend of their Covid Recovery Funding.

Will also meet with Clare to discuss funding possibilities for tree planting.

## **8 Local News**

8.1 **Roberton** - GB advised that the grant for the hall work has been approved, the contractor is in place and works progressing. Completion end of April with an open day on 1 May. Progress is good with décor approved, windows on order and AV works to be carried out.

8.2 **Crawfordjohn** – GW advised he has contacted the Crawfordjohn Development Group members to arrange a further meeting. Some feedback but no date as yet.

8.3 **Lamington** – IR advised that a fence had been blown down at the cemetery. EH confirmed she should contact Parks and Cemeteries for assistance.

8.4 **Coulter** – Nothing to report

## **9 AOCB**

9.1 **Garden Refuse Collections** - AM asked EH if the Council was intending to start these again. EH advised he had contacted Environmental Health on a regular basis but was being told covid was still an issue. KB asked if the service was being withdrawn could we get garden refuse bins. EH advised this was a temporary suspension which may be lifted in the coming months.

9.2 **Road Repairs** - KB asked if the Council could carry out repair works to the Wiston to Rigside road. EH advised the Council carries out work based on a points scoring system and there are a number of other roads just as bad. AM advised it had been patched but the road needs done.

## **10 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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Actions

**March 2022**

GW to contact SLC regarding Robertson Hall.

MM to check with Energy Consent Unit at Scottish Government regarding MoD disturbance levels..

Tracking of Banks Group Scoping Report amendments.

**June 2021**

DCC to consider review of website. MM to speak to AJ

Cllr McA agreed to follow up on issue regarding Crawfordjohn picnic area; garden waste uplifts;

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