

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 1st May 2018

PRESENT: John McLatchie, Robin Craig, Malcolm Muir, Andrew McLarty, Anne Jefferies, Stuart Baillie.
Cllr. Ian McCallum, Cllr. Eric Holford.

Adoption of Minute from April 2018 proposed by JM, seconded by RC

- 1.0 Planning permission for Overburns aggregate quarry has been refused by SLC Planning Committee. It is likely that the applicant, Patterson's Quarries Ltd., will once more appeal the decision. The hope was expressed that the coming Planning Bill will cover the issue of "serial" planning applications.
- 2.0 SSE funding: AM requested authorization to issue the invitation to tender with a proposed return date of 1st June. This was agreed by all present.
- 3.0 **Treasurer's Statement** was read by AJ - year end accounts must now be prepared for SLC.

Grant applications received:

- Childrens' disco in Crawfordjohn – agreed
- Replacement noticeboard for Roberton (£400) – agreed
- End of school trip for Abington Primary School, submitted by Parent Council. In principle, it was agreed that £385 to cover transport would have been an eligible cost, however, only £26 remains in funding pot for the current period.

4.0 Local Issues:

- Cllr. IM had received a complaint about the number of road traffic accidents associated with the corner on the A702 to the east of Hartside Farm: he has passed this to the Trunk Roads contractor, Amey.
- SB and AM said that there were continuing issues with inconsistent bin collections for outlying properties from Abington through to Wandel. Fly tipping continues to be a problem on the back road between Abington Station and Crawford. Cllr. EH said there was also a problem with fly tipping on the road from Wiston to Rigside.
- RC reminded DCC and Cllrs about the lack of gritting on Howgate Road, Roberton
- AM Expressed concern about the poor state of the A702 to the east of Wandel
- JM said that SLC would need to provide up to four grit bins in Lamington if the Council is not going to grit the back roads. He will e-mail Cllr. EH a list of where they are required. Cllr. IM said that SLC had gritted some of these roads when requested.

There have also been issues with inconsistent bin collections in Lamington; mainly, it seems, on the Tuesday run.

Road reinstatement work around Lamington had not been done effectively

There had been further complaints from Lamington residents about an “unofficial” peat business. Planning Enforcement Officers have visited the property and will enforce if there is any repeat of the problem.

- MM had been notified by UCAPA (Upper Clyde Angling protection Association) of a large Japanese knotweed infestation in the garden of Glengonnar cottage south of Abington. SLC were concerned about this as it is the most upstream knotweed patch on the Clyde and could potentially infect many areas downstream.
- AM suggested that DCC should be meeting regularly with Crawford and Leadhills CCs to discuss shared objectives and strategic opportunities. This was agreed by all present.