

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 2 May 2023

Roberton Hall

with

Zoom Input

AGENDA

1 Present

1.1 Malcolm Muir, Liz Steele, Irene Riddell(Zoom), Alison Mitchell, Gordon Wilson(Zoom).

1.2 Apologies

Cllr MacAllan, Cllr Allison. Anne Jefferies, Clare Symonds

2 Minute of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

2.1 GW advised of amendments supplied by AJ and accepted regarding Item 4 – Grants and additional information regarding the Asset Transfer, Abington. GW to circulate amended minute.

With these changes the Minutes were proposed by IR, seconded by MM.

3 Treasurer's Report

3.1 MM asked if there were any queries regarding AJ's report previously circulated. There were none and her report was unanimously approved.

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £394.97 after bridging loan

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
29 April 2023	BAC	Anne Jefferies	£300.00	-	-
30 March 2023	INT	▼ 16MAR GRS 00121712	£0.21	-	£94.97

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
27 April 2023	CHQ	▼ 000364	-	£105.00	£17,130.84
21 April 2023	CHQ	▼ 000362	-	£250.00	£17,235.84
20 April 2023	CHQ	▼ 000367	-	£250.00	£17,485.84
19 April 2023	CHQ	▼ 000363	-	£182.84	£17,735.84
17 April 2023	BAC	▼ SOUTH LANARKSHIRE	£5,000.00	-	£17,918.68
6 April 2023	CHQ	▼ 000358	-	£2,175.37	£12,918.68
6 April 2023	CHQ	▼ 000357	-	£1,000.00	£15,094.05
30 March 2023	INT	▼ 16MAR GRS 00113132	£22.80	-	£16,094.05
29 March 2023	BAC	▼ JEFFERIES A	£500.00	-	£16,071.25

DCC General account balance: £16404.37, pending multiple cheques being cashed

Activity since April meeting

- Completed paperwork for 2 grants
- Closed out 3 grants after receipts received
- 2023-24 £5000 Clyde Microgrant pot has been released by SLC
- Treasurer gave SLC account a £300 bridging loan on 29-Apr-23
- Submitted EOY audit data to South Lanarkshire Council. Pushback on the requirement to share application forms for SSE/Foundation Scotland micro grants due to GDPR concerns.

With Others

- Pending SSE releasing funds for Community Development Worker role extension for 2023-5, has been approved
- SSE to release £3K of funding for the various Coronation projects
- South Lanarkshire Council to pay out 2023-4 admin grant once audit completed

Actions

- Identify initiatives for Priestgill wind farm community monies
- Issue cheque to reimburse Anne Jefferies from SLC pot for Robertson hall hire Mar 2023 expense of £29.05 (part of previously minuted Community Cafes)
- Issue cheque to RDT for Community Development Worker £2700 included in CWMHF Stage 2 grant monies
- Minuting £2500 cheque to reimburse Liz Steele for coronation event payouts, will be issued once receipts received
- Issue 2023-4 Secretary and Treasurer honorarium cheques of £50
- DCC approved a payment of £30 via email to Mary Clapperton for a map showing the location of wind farms around the Duneaton area, both actual and planned, which can be used in the Newsletter and online. Need to issue a cheque from the DCC's own funds

Grant Monies Remaining (excludes Actions amounts)

- CWFF: £5554.08 remaining of the 2023-4 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £597.32 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Clyde Extension: £1265 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Other grants: £7850
- Clyde Extension DCC-directed pot: £53,277.36 remaining of £143,000 allocation

4 Grants

4.1 No grant applications to consider.

5 Planning

- 5.1 GW advised the only Planning issue was the proposed extension of the Middle Muir wind farm from 25 to 40m years – no objections.

6 Wind Farm Updates

- 6.1 **Grayside** – no update.

Bodinglee – MM advised Banks had contacted him to set up a meeting with the Council. MM had contacted SLC on Banks behalf.

West Andershaw – no update

Kennoxhead – DCC to monitor this as Ph 2 submission in.

Little Gala – no update

Glentaggart – GW had attended the PH 3 public consultation in Glespin last Thursday. It will be the case that the Glentaggart turbines will be seen from Crawfordjohn. It was agreed that this wind farm should be added to the DCC spreadsheet.

GW also added that he had spoken to the former Secretary of the Douglas CC who advised that Douglas CC residents receive payments to help offset their electricity costs through the wind farm monies. GW had checked out the Douglas CC Facebook page and it stated that a company called RES has agreed a contract with Orsted, the owner of the Kennoxhead wind farm, to manage the distribution of wind farm monies to those DCC residents who signed up to receive such payments. GW had emailed a contact at RES, provided by the Douglas CC and was awaiting a response. It was thought this was definitely worth pursuing. GW agreed to forward on any information received.

7 Flooding at Coulter and Lamington

- 7.1 Findings still awaited from report consultant's report. IR has spoken to other residents and those attending MSP's earlier meeting but no action as yet. She is chasing up Transport Scotland as resurfacing of main road to commence from 15 May and she would hope that any drainage required has been discussed and will be incorporated in these road works. She hopes to hear this week.
- 7.2 MM advised that the missing links are SEPA and the landowners. IR is concerned regarding the levels of frustration in the village at no action. MM stated he is ordering gel bags for Coulter as a temporary solution, using wind farm monies. IR agreed it would be good to order some for Lamington as renovation work is due to start on the houses and there is concern of that starting before the matters are resolved.

- 7.3 It was agreed that the lack of landowner action is a problem. IR had a private consultant check any possible mitigation actions they could take but it was not affordable for individuals.
- 7.4 MM frustrated about the lack of power agencies and MSPs have over landowners. IR advised the landowners have done some clearing work but not as much as required. MM advised he had raised the flooding issue with the Council's Chief Executive as part of a wider discussion at a meeting he had with him. IR had contacted the Scottish Flood Forum who are to visit her but have not yet. It has no access to grant funding but can provide information.
- 7.5 MM to email Stuart Laird at SLC. IR to contact MSP again.

8 Community Development Worker report

- 8.1 As I thought things would quieten down over Easter I took some time off over a 2-week period.

I'm continually pleased that my role to support our Duneaton villages is being recognised throughout South Lanarkshire, with organisations now contacting me, often with the idea to deliver an aspect of their work in our area.

Funding Updates:

£3,000 SSE Clyde Extension Coronation funding:

My application through DCC to SSE Clyde extension to support Coronation events in our villages was successful. The original bid was for £4k to support all 6 villages to deliver a community event. Unfortunately, Lamington and Coulter pulled out due to lack of volunteer capacity to deliver on behalf of their communities. The 4 remaining villages are advertising community lunches with Robertson and Abington being awarded additional funding for community Coronation benches.

CMHWF stage 2: spend by end Sept 2024.

Awarded £5,850 to include £2,700 revenue, £1,800 venue hire and £1,350 consumables. The full amount has been paid to DCC.

Following a meeting with the main volunteers involved in the round 1 cafes, to include all villages except Lamington we have decided to run 5 cafes over an 8-week period, with 3 rounds planned from next week until the end of December.

2nd application of £2,000 awarded to Duneaton for shopping bus trips. Pearl Jones from Abington has taken ownership of organising the trips for 4 trips with a 33 seater to Livingston, Gretna, Carlisle and The Fort at an average cost of £500 per bus.

The 1st trip to Livingston was a great success.

Meetings:

Following a meeting with Lyndsey Devaney, Nicci Hill and myself, Francesca Lynch, a Development Manager from the **Scottish Community Development Centre** and her

research colleagues will deliver a workshop at The Old School House on Tues 9th March, related to research on Health disparities in South Lanarkshire. We were tasked to find at least 12 volunteers for the event and am pleased all villages in our area are represented from Wiston south to Elvanfoot and Leadhills.

Heathy Valley's Active Travel staff have invited me to meet with them on Tuesday 2nd May related to the possibility of establishing electric bicycle hubs in selected villages. Again I'm pleased Duneaton is now on the radar for organisations considering where to deliver their projects.

[CDW Village Project Updates: my actions and outcomes](#)

Duneaton village Coronation events: Using funding from SSE Clyde Extension, Abington, Crawfordjohn, Robertson and Wiston are organizing village lunches during the Coronation weekend. Robertson and Abington requested additional funding to each purchase a Coronation inscribed community bench.

Abington Abington Hall

I planned to work on this project next week.

Iain Mullholland from the SLC Community Empowerment Team has a role responsible for Asset Transfer. I met with him on the 13th March to discuss Abington Hall.

It is unlikely SLC will re-open the hall.

SLC will consider community asset transfer.

If no community interest in the property then the possibility SLC will demolish the building, but that would be at a cost with funds they don't have.

SLC? Hall regeneration fund for kept halls.

Community Ownership Fund 50%

Purchase of building or land through The Scottish Land Fund

Needs strategic thinking

Abington community has 12 months to consider whether they wish to take ownership or not.

Suggestion for me to lead a public meeting alongside Iain.

March community cafe through the CMHWF. Fantastic to see so many attend from many villages.

Coronation funding enquiry

Coulter

Although funding was secured, unfortunately Coulter didn't have the capacity to deliver a community Coronation event. I will work with them again to see if I can encourage new people to join the Coulter Village Group.

Crawfordjohn

I've been working with a volunteer on the process plus funding information to purchase a new defibrillator through the Community Heartbeat Trust.

Crawfordjohn are using their Coronation funding to support a community buffet lunch at the pub.

Lamington

Although funding was secured, unfortunately Lamington didn't have the capacity to deliver a community Coronation event. I will work with the village to see if I can encourage people to reinstate a village group.

Lamington Chapel:

I'm keen to arrange a meeting with Bob, followed by a meeting with Bob and the Biggar Museum Trust to see if there's a chance to open the Chapel to the public at regular times at least during the summer months.

Roberton

Roberton are using their Coronation funding to deliver a series of events over the Coronation weekend, plus to replace an existing but broken bench within the village.

Wiston

Wiston is using its Coronation funding to host a community barbeque.

- 8.2 LS advised that 4 of the 6 villages are planning Coronation events so £3,000 being spent. Next round of cafes staring due to Mental Health funding.

9 AOCB

- 9.1 **Pricing of Village Hall for Community Groups** – AM advised that there had been changes in the financial picture – there are discounts of 75% but the costs have increased by 110% meaning rises in charges. She has asked for a more detailed breakdown. LS advised that Coulter Hall was 15.50 per hr – more expensive than Roberton.
- 9.3 **Garden Waste Uplifts** – LS stated that there was nothing in place.
- 9.4 **Zoom Issues** – MM was concerned about the audio links in the Hall. AM agreed to speak to the Hall keeper.

10 Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 Next meeting will be at Roberton Hall on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 7.30pm. Zoom will be available for the meeting.
