

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 2 November 2021

(Zoom Meeting)

AGENDA

1 Present

- 1.1 Malcolm Muir, Gordon Wilson, Anne Jefferies, Cllr E Holford, Robin Craig, Irene Riddell, Liz Steele.

Public Attendees - Kay and Glyn Booton

1.2 Apologies

Cllr McAllan, Alison Mitchell

2 Previous Minute

- 2.1 GW advised he had received comments from KB regarding a typo which he was happy to correct. Otherwise, the note of the meeting was agreed.

3 Treasurer's Report

- 3.1 AJ read through the Treasurer's report. She advised that the Council had audited the accounts and they had been approved. In addition, bank administration is being progressed to remove John McLatchie from the list of cheque signatories to be replaced by GW.

3.2 DCC Bank Account Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £362.12.

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
25 October 2021	BAC	▼ SOUTH LANARKSHIRE	£303.00	-	£362.12
19 October 2021	CHQ	▼ 000107	-	£1,000.00	£59.12
15 October 2021	CHQ	▼ 000108	-	£7.92	£1,059.12

DCC General account balance: £30,939.32, pending multiple grant cheques being cashed.

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
26 October 2021	CHQ	▼ 000289	-	£8,074.11	£33,939.60
18 October 2021	C/R	▼ 831611	£1,000.00	-	£42,013.71

4 Grants

- 4.1 Three grants to be considered:

Wiston - Children's Christmas party - presents for village children - £250

Coulter WRI panto trip - agreed to cover transport costs only. AJ to advise the applicant.

Abington SWI - coach trip - £125

All these were agreed unanimously.

4.2 LS advised that she has used £250 of £450 of vouchers for Abington shop.

5 Endorsement of Alison Mitchell as Committee member

5.1 GW had contacted the Council regarding whether DCC could proceed to adopt Alison Mitchell as a full member of the Committee in the absence of John McLatchie. MM confirmed that JM had told the Council he had resigned. GW asked AJ if we had not already completed the form sent by the Council for AM's adoption. AJ to check.

6 Planning Issues

6.1 MM referred to the timber extraction access road in the recent Planning list. There are no issues with this application.

7 Forestry Consultations

7.1 Kingsbeck - MM responded to Scottish Forestry. Felling licences have been approved for shelterbelts but not yet for Cultershaw Hill woods, where public access is an issue. Gilkerscleugh Mains - LS area. LS is not challenging the application. Mix of tree planting being established.

8 Wind Farm Update

8.1 **Grayside** - MM, KB and GB attended public consultation on Thursday. MM advised no new information made available. No detail regarding some issues e.g. connectivity to grid. Didn't fill them with confidence but we await the environmental assessment report. Developers still proposing 20% community share in the project but how would the community raise the money required?

8.2 KB asked the developer why the hurry in pushing it through, but got no reply.

8.3 MM advised they are still negotiating with SSE regarding the access road. The level of communication has been appalling. GB confirmed they had not spoken to anyone in Robertson. MM thinks the DCC could provide a lengthy response to the Planning application. There was then general discussion regarding the options the developers have going forward e.g. selling on, with planning permission.

8.4 **Bodinglee** - no update.

8.5 **Andershaw West** - GW advised he had met with Statkraft and they had identified where the 11 new turbines are to be located. There will be 4 sited to the left of the current site with the others filling in behind existing turbines. These 7 new ones will be lower than the existing. GW has been left drawings similar to those on the website. The development will come on stream in 2028.

8.6 **Kennoxhead** - MM advised while this is in our boundary it is more an issue for the Douglas Community Council.

8.7 **Little Gala** - MM to check consultation on line.

8.8 **Glentagart** - LS asked for face-to-face consultation. KB stated she had been advised by the company that they were following covid guidelines. However, the guidelines have changed and face-to-face consultation is against their policy. Developers have not responded to LS. KB said that a 4 - 6pm 2-hour session was difficult for people to access. KB raised concern that while this may be the case this site could surround the area with wind farms. IR asked if there was anything to stop the developer selling on the site. EH advised there was nothing to stop this and the planning process included no financial assessment of the applicant.

9 Community Worker report

9.1 **Covid Response Funding:**

REF Covid support £1,000. Full amount has been paid to DCC. Current balance £150.03 to be used for hall hire and soup lunch project as below for Crawfordjohn.

SLC £900. Full amount paid to DCC. **Current balance £400.** £500 allocated to Abington Store voucher scheme. £250 has been paid with the remainder to pay once all the vouchers have been spent. There is only 1 recipient remaining still to cash the vouchers in. The deadline for spend is today, 30th September.

9.2 **New Funding**

Application to Healthy Valleys for Covid recovery funding for £5k to support £500 for each village to spend before March 2022 and £2k to support my hours. Malcolm and Anne have agreed to reduce my DCC hours to 10 and to work the remaining 6hrs for Healthy Valleys for the duration of the £2k spend. Meeting on 6 November to progress this and start date of my contract extension for one year.

9.4 **Connect2 Renewables - Middlemuir funded.**

Created and reposted a Facebook page to encourage students from Abington, Crawfordjohn and Robertson who are attending college or university for the first time to apply for a £500 grant. So far there are 7 applicants. The opportunity is ongoing with no deadlines.

9.5 **Promotion of microgrants and funding opportunities**

No new enquiries - to promote on Facebook.

9.6 **SLC winter pavement clearing initiative.**

LS presented IR findings to Roads Department and am waiting on a response.

9.7 **Clyde Funded Stained Glass schools project - community based projects**

Fiona Foley from Leadhills has managed a number of school stained-glass projects, working with pupils for up to 6 months on designing and making large stunning stained-glass pieces for display at the schools. Jill Kennedy interested in running project in Lamington and Coulter Primary Schools. LS to assist with grant application.

National Storytelling Year in 2022.

9.8 **CDW Village Project Updates:**

I have confirmation that a community group bank account can be set up in a couple of days using:

start up bank account/no monthly fee/Royal Bank of Scotland(rbs.co.uk)

Abington - Nothing new to report. Local hall closed for maintenance till Christmas. Fire Station cannot support the regular groups that use the hall. AJ advised DCC should be notified of closure.

Coulter - Nothing to report. It would be good to get the Coulter Development Group back on track to start meeting again.

Crawfordjohn - 14 people attended the microgrant funded Crawfordjohn Qijong 2nd taster session on the 18th September. Unfortunately, the instructor cannot commit to weekly sessions.

No news from the Crawfordjohn Development Group about restarting their group meetings. GW to follow up.

Crawfordjohn Picnic area - No new developments

Crawfordjohn Hall upgrade project - Feasibility study for solar panels concluded. Application made for panels and 4 TESLA batteries. To cut the electricity bill by 80%.

Lamington - No new initiatives in Lamington, except for Irene's work related to the grit bins.

Roberton - Nothing new to report for Roberton, except on the re-opening of the hall. KB and EH spoke about the delayed opening of the Roberton hall due to maintenance and the fact that Roberton had been offered Crawford as an alternative. EH to take up with Benny Martin. GB referred to the partnership agreement offered by the Council regarding the Roberton hall. It was very one sided in favour of the Council. Roberton Hall Refurbishment Grant application submitted today.

Wiston - Nothing new to report.

10 Local News

- 10.1 RC advised there was nothing to report.
- 10.2 AJ advised there had been a number of staff changes in the staff at Priestgill.
- 10.3 IR advised the road at Lamington has been resurfaced. Grit bin has been moved and refilled.
- 10.4 MM - nothing to report
- 10.5 GW advised he attended the 'Lawend' book launch in Crawfordjohn Hall on Saturday. Interesting presentation from the author and book is worth a read.

11 AOCB

- 11.1 GW to contact SLC regarding whether we now need to hold an AGM.

Actions

Clarification needed regarding the consideration of grant applications when the agenda has been finalised.

Grayside questionnaire results to be posted in summary

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

Defibrillator to be progressed.

Upload spreadsheet for tracking key windfarm dates onto website.

Tracking of Banks Group Scoping Report amendments.

June meeting

Promote consultation for second phase of Grayside wind farm.

Monitor access issue for Grayside wind farm

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

Monitor Bodinglee progress

Report back on West Andershaw and Kennoxhead sites

Cllr McA agreed to follow up on issue regarding Crawfordjohn picnic area; garden waste uplifts; non-slip area on A73;

September meeting

Wind farm spreadsheet to be circulated so DCC members can determine which ones they will take responsibility for monitoring.

GW to meet Statkraft regarding Andershaw West extension.

MM to check regarding Little Gala proposal.

MM agreed to draft response to Kingsbeck Estates.

EH to check regarding road repairs near B7055.

October meeting

GW to contact SLC regarding John McLatchie's membership

MM to forward Kinsbeck letter.

MM to write to Grayside developer regarding lack of consultation.

AM to contact Banks re Bodinglee status.

MM to access D&G letter to First Minister and circulate. GW/AM to get list of Community Council contact addresses.

November meeting

EH to contact Benny Martin regarding Robertson hall opening
