

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
INAUGURAL MEETING
TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2022

Roberton Hall + Zoom Input

AGENDA

1 Present

1.1 Liz Steele (Independent Interim Chair), Malcolm Muir, Clare Symonds Irene Riddell,

Zoom Attendees

1.2 Anne Jefferies, Gordon Wilson

Apologies

1.3 Alison Mitchell, Mark Sykes, Cllr McAllan, Robin Craig, Cllr R Barker, Cllr A Allison

Member of the Public

1.4 Nichola Hill

2 LS advised that she was taking on the role of the Independent Interim Chair for Duneaton Community Council following the recent Community Councillor election process recently managed by South Lanarkshire Council. She had emailed the Model Constitution she had received from the Council and there was requirement for the new Chair and two members to sign it thus establishing the 'new' Duneaton Community Council. As a result of the election MM, AJ, GW, CS, IR and AM were returned as Community Councillors representing areas within the Duneaton Community Council area.

LS asked for nominations for the post of Chair. IR proposed MM as Chair, seconded by CS. AJ advised that the Chair could stay in post for 4 years but could stand again after the election process was completed. MM agreed to accept the post but advised this year would be his last due to other commitments. MM then asked GW if he was prepared to continue as Secretary, which he was. CS proposed GW as Secretary, seconded by IR. AJ advised MM she was prepared to stay on as Treasurer and was proposed by MM, seconded by GW.

3 MM thanked LS for taking the meeting and advised that as Chair he wanted a proposer and seconder for the Model Constitution. Proposer AJ, seconder GW. He confirmed that DCC meetings would continue to be held on the first Tuesday of the month at Roberton Hall. GW advised that the Hall was booked through to June 2023.

4 At this point MM closed the 'Election' meeting and opened the November's DCC meeting.

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2 Co-option of New Member

2.1 MM advised that Nichola Hill (NH) had made application to become a member of the DCC representing Abington. MM welcomed NC and asked for a proposer and seconder. AJ proposed NH's membership. GW seconded.

2.2 GW advised that as the new DCC was established that the circulation list would need to be changed. He will email those who have left the DCC to advise that they will be removed from the circulation list before amending it.

3 Treasurer's Report

3.1 AJ spoke to her report as below:

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £172.04

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
29 September 2022	INT	▼ 15SEP GRS 00121712	£0.05	-	£172.04
14 September 2022	CHQ	▼ 000115	-	£20.00	£171.99

DCC General account balance: £40146.26, pending cheques being cashed.

Transaction date ▼	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
18 October 2022	BAC	▼ MS GILLIAN S BELL	£139.60	-	£41,031.26
18 October 2022	BAC	▼ MS GILLIAN S BELL	£500.00	-	£40,891.66
4 October 2022	CHQ	▼ 000331	-	£500.00	£40,391.66
29 September 2022	INT	▼ 15SEP GRS 00113132	£11.39	-	£40,891.66
23 September 2022	CHQ	▼ 000332	-	£250.00	£40,880.27
21 September 2022	CHQ	▼ 000333	-	£500.00	£41,130.27
20 September 2022	CHQ	▼ 000335	-	£500.00	£41,630.27
20 September 2022	CHQ	▼ 000334	-	£242.40	£42,130.27

Activity since September meeting

- Completed paperwork for 6 grants
- Closed out 2 cancelled Coulter Improvement Group grants, £639.60 overpayments returned
- Completed Glenkerie 2021-22 micro grant EOY paperwork, approved by Foundation Scotland

With Others

- Pending SLC confirmation of 2021-22 accounts and issuing 2022-23 admin grant
- Pending £1363 2022-23 Glenkerie grant being issued

Actions

- Grant applications:
 - o Crawfordjohn Hogmanay Hoolie (Clyde £500)
 - o Coulter/Lamington Primary Panto (Clyde £399)
 - o Crawfordjohn Sewing Group (Clyde £500)
- Cheques required to repay CDW outgoings previously approved by the DCC:
 - o £324.70 from the SLC admin pot for Q3 Newsletter and drop-in session hall hires (exc Crawfordjohn)
 - o £412.09 for community cafes, closing out the SLC Covid funding
 - o £498.57 for community cafes from Healthy Valleys/CCCG Grant

Grant Monies Remaining (excludes Actions amounts)

- CWFF: £2030.82 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £156.55 remaining of the 2021-22 grant
- Clyde Extension: £3000 remaining of the 2022-23 grant
- Covid grants: £2637.09
- Clyde Extension DCC-directed pot: £53,277.36 remaining of £143,000 allocation

3.2 AJ advised that she was awaiting approval of the last set of accounts submitted to SLC but did not expect any problem. SLC staff have been busy with the election process. She has also applied for Glenkerie funding and is awaiting receipt.

4 Grants

4.1 All 3 grant applications were approved unanimously.

5 Planning Issues

- 5.1 MM stated the only planning issue of concern was that for the Abington Hotel. NC advised that the submitted proposal intends to keep the building frontage and put flats and houses to the side and rear. AJ stated that there would need to be a screen at the front to protect the public during the works. There followed general discussion about the proposal. There was some doubt as to when the portal response deadline was – 2 or 10 November. GW stated that the application was only lodged last week. AJ advised that the decision was due mid-December. NC advised that there was some concern about the condition of the building as it had not been maintained for some time. CS proposed that there needed to be some form of affordability built into the project. MM summed up by stating that Abington residents could approach Planning with any objections through the Planning portal or ask the Community Council to raise them on their behalf.

6 Wind Farm Update

- 6.1 MM advised he had received no updates regarding any of the windfarm proposals, i.e. Grayside, Bodinglee, Andershaw West, Kennoxhead, and Little Gala. He did state that Muirhall Energy wanted to attend a DCC meeting to discuss the Priestgill site.

7 Community Development Worker DCC monthly report October 2022

- 7.1 LS spoke to her report which she had previously circulated as below;

October has been the busiest month for a while and am pleased the drop-in sessions generated interest for work on larger projects and the delivery of 4 out of the 12 planned community cafes have gone well.

Funding Update:

Covid Recovery Funding:

SLC £900. Full amount paid to DCC. **£450 remains** and will be used for print of the next newsletter and venue bookings for drop-in sessions in Oct for all 6 villages.

Scottish Government ‘Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund’: £4,725.

£2,500 salary and £2,225 project funding. The fund has been paid into the DCC account to be used to fund the community café project and volunteer mileage for the CCI ‘Handy Folk’ project. The community café’s start next week. I’ll have a better idea of costs for next month’s report.

Community café: Scottish Gov Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

The café numbers have grown each week with 5 at Coulter, 16 Crawfordjohn, 17 Wiston and 35 plus at Abington. I’m so very grateful to my hard-working team of volunteers who help make the events a success. From feedback, people seem to really enjoy the social side plus are happy with the food. There are already 3 people who plan to attend all sessions and hoping more will attend as word gets around.

CCI ‘Handy Folk’ initiative

I've neglected this project due to time restraints but plan to put leaflets out and talk about it at the cafes in the hope some may use the service.

Funding Meetings:

As a volunteer, having now completed the solar and boiler replacement project at Crawfordjohn Hall, I'm continuing to push Kenny Lean to make changes to the windfarm fund system. The project at Crawfordjohn is the 1st time I've managed REF and Clyde funding for a large project and have had a stressful time related to the slow pace of fund payments related to payment of invoices. I feel strongly about getting my points heard.

Clydesdale Community Partnership:

Gregor Leishman from SLC's Community Empowerment team who was leading this group has now left SLC. Lynn Shaw is taking his place and has decided to halt the monthly meetings until after the CC elections in the hope of getting new members to the group.

Drop-In sessions:

Abington: An enquiry for funding to upgrade the Masonic Lodge

Coulter: 2 enquiries: Possibility of refurbishing Coulter Hall; 2- to establish a sheltered information area at the beginning of the Chinese Walk. The school are keen to be involved in the outdoor project. Working towards a meeting with the landowner to gain permission.

Crawfordjohn: Advice given for microgrant funding for a Hogmanay party.

Lamington: Discussion for possible funding for work on the Chapel

Roberton: no enquiries

Wiston: 2 enquiries: long discussion on funding options for the Hall refurbishment following completion of a feasibility study. Initial follow up with a meeting at Crawfordjohn Hall to share information on the solar project. 2nd- possibility of funding a large tepee on private land at Wiston for not-for-profit use as a storytelling/performance venue.

CDW Village Project Updates: my actions and outcomes

Abington

Abington Hall

As I've been so busy I'm still to contact Joanne Forbes for an update on the Hall. As she's moved positions I will write to her with an invitation to follow up with a phone call or email.

Abington Primary School

I helped the head teacher complete the Clyde application yesterday, Thursday, with a plan for the project to start in the New Year term.

The school stained glass project Clyde fund enquiry has been accepted and a full application submitted to fund the project which is hoped to start before the end of the year. The head teacher now has quotes to apply for funding in Crawford. I know Jill Kennedy is also keen for the project to run at Coulter and Lamington, so good use of the community fund.

Warm space with addition of soup and hot drinks

David has decided to delay this project as they've had work done to the room they're planning to use but have been away so want to make sure the space is fit for use before the advertise.

I met with David and Grace Lyndsey who want to offer a room at the back of their house as a warm space during the winter. Based on a 3-month trial period, the aim is to help those who can't afford to heat their own living spaces. David and Grace will provide soup, hot drinks and wifi. David will submit a microgrant application next month to buy soup kettles and provisions. If the idea fails due to lack of response, I suggested he donate the funded equipment to the School House.

Coulter

Defibrillator

The Coulter Village Group have now purchased the defibrillator. I'm now waiting for a delivery date estimated at 4-6 weeks.

Crawfordjohn

Crawfordjohn Hall solar/boiler replacement project

The solar/tesla battery and ground source heat pump replacement is now complete. I'm immensely pleased with the project but frustrated with the effort needed for release of the final funding from SLC. All invoices are in but CJ committee are having to spend £28k of their own funds as still waiting on payment of the final funds.

Lamington

Sheena Edgar has asked about the possibility of renewing the idea to have a defibrillator installed at Lamington Primary School. She is going to seek out possible volunteers to undertake the weekly cabinet reading and if successful, I'll assist her to submit a Clyde application.

Roberton

Nothing to report for Roberton except it was a pleasure to run my drop-in sessions from the newly refurbished hall. Sets a good standard for negotiations for Coulter Hall.

Wiston

The start of helping 2 members of the hall committee with funding for a gold level refurbishment project. Once they decide which aspects of the feasibility study they wish to pursue, have suggested we all meet up with Kenny and Colin to discuss funding opportunities.

As part of the report there was discussion of the Newsletter which AM had suggested we should talk about at our last meeting. LS felt that it was a good way to advise of events and that they did reach everyone in the area thanks to the members delivering them. IR advised that not everyone has access to the internet. AJ confirmed that we have a duty as the Community Council to keep people up to date and informed and this is the only path to reach those who are not online. CS asked if we could encourage others to get involved so that their stories/experiences could be shared. One example was to raise the profile of Stand Up for Buses. NC said that in her experience people do read them as some are left that the public can access and she had seen others reading them.

It was agreed that we should retain the Newsletter but we could consider a different format/timing.

8 SLC Community Plan and Volunteering Strategy

- 8.1 MM apologised as he omitted to remove this item from the agenda, GW reiterated the point that Gregor Leishman had left his post and expressed concern as to whether SLC would drive the Clydesdale Planning Partnership as strongly as before. A view echoed by LS. Due to the elections there has not been a meeting for several weeks but GW suggested removing the item from the agenda and he will report progress as it happens to future meetings.

9 101/2 Bus – Community Survey

- 9.1 CS referred to the survey findings recently released by the Support Our Buses group. The consultants have proposed 4 options going forward. There then followed a general discussion about the situation. LS asked if the local bus provider could assist if the service was withdrawn. AJ advised that two buses had been funded to cover the school run and although they had applied for funding for other buses they were hiring out buses ad hoc.

10 Matters Arising

- 10.1 MM advised that the points raised by AM were noted regarding garden waste collections. MM to discuss sending a letter to SLC with AM.

As regards windfarms MM raised concern about the accumulative effect of so many sites in our area but that we as a Community Council could not condemn them in general as we have to take a balanced view to reflect the local area.

11 Local News

- 11.1 Wandel – AJ advised that Wandel has been surveyed for fibre to the home broadband.

12 Approval of Last Minute

- 12.1 AJ reminded the meeting that the last minute had not been approved. CS proposed acceptance and was seconded by MM.

13 Date of Next Meeting

- 13.1 Next meeting will be at Roberton Hall on 13 December 2022 at 7.30pm, which is also the AGM. MM was not available on 6 December.
