

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019
ROBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present

Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Cllr Eric Holford, Irene Riddell, John McLatchie,
Gordon Wilson, Liz Steele, Alison Mitchell, Kay Booton, Robin Craig.

Apologies

No apologies received

Adoption of previous meeting minutes

TBC – still to be circulated.

Muirhall Energy, Priestgill Wind Farm

Jason Morin from Muirhall Energy was present to inform DCC that they intended to apply to SLC for a section 42 variation to the original planning consent which had been granted for Priestgill Wind Farm. This is because turbine technology has progressed since the original planning consent was granted and the company could now install larger turbines with a potential generation capacity of 41 megawatts. Five turbines would have a tip height of 200m, and two turbines would have a tip height of 180m. Potential start date for construction would be 2022/2023. JM also explained that the total fund benefit available to the area would be £196,000/annuum split between Duneaton 50%, Crawford 33% and SLC 17%.

MM asked what Muirhall Enregy were doing to improve /reinstate habitat management on the Priestgill site. JM responded that the RSPB are involved in habitat management.

KB asked for a public meeting to discuss the variation in the planning consent. AJ asked JM to arrange said meeting.

JM informed that community shared ownership of Priestgill, 10%, was on offer should DCC be interested.

Roberton Hall

KB, AM, LS & Cllr EH met Linda Smy from SLC to discuss the repairs to the building that are needed in Roberton Hall. They asked for repairs to the roof and windows be done as a matter of urgency and any further repairs could possibly be funded by a Clyde Windfarm grant. EH will keep “applying” pressure on SLC for the repairs to be done.

Treasurers statement

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £538.66. 3p interest.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
27 Sep	15SEP GRS 00121712 Interest	£0.03	£538.66
03 Sep	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE Automated Pay In	£328.00	£538.63
27 Jun	13JUN GRS 00121712 Interest	£0.03	£210.63

DCC General account balance: £15,006.89. Hall hire and grant cheques cashed, £2.05 interest, £123.60 Tai Chi overpayment returned. £849.59 is unrestricted.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
27 Sep	831611 Credit	£123.60	£15,006.89
27 Sep	15SEP GRS 00113132 Interest	£2.05	£14,883.29
20 Sep	000225 Cheque	-£250.00	£14,881.24
09 Sep	000227 Cheque	-£50.00	£15,131.24
09 Sep	000224 Cheque	-£11.85	£15,181.24

Activity

- Grant cheque handover to 2 groups completed
- Overpayment of £123.60 returned by Tai Chi classes

Action points

- CWFF microgrants:
 - Abington Halloween £250
 - Coulter Bonfire Night £473
 - Crawfordjohn Hogmanay £500
 - Crawfordjohn dressmaking classes £500
 - Coulter Primary Heritage Centre trip (Glenkerie?) £80
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie microgrants:
 - Lamington/Coulter joint Primary School Halloween £220
 - Coulter Village Group public liability insurance £232
- Pensioner's dinner – bequest held up by SLC
- Honorariums 2019-2020 correction – £100 payment from admin account to general account
- CDW Robertson hall hire cheque £11.85 – approved for payment by DCC
- Newsletter printing cheque £59.99 – approved for payment by DCC
- Further CDW hall hires charges approved in advance for payment.
- Chasing overdue receipts for 2 grants

Grant Monies Remaining

- **CWFF: £789.93 remaining of the £5000 2018-19 grant**
- **Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £638 remaining of the £1000 2019-20 grant**

Micro Grant applications

Abington Halloween Trick or Treat - £250.00

Funding breakdown- £80 face painter, £32 hall hire, £25 printer ink, £20 sweets, £80 pumpkins, £13 flameless tealights

Maps will be produced of the houses in the village that residents were happy for Trick or Treaters to visit. Carved pumpkins with flameless tealights will be in the doorways of houses to visit. Approved

Coulter Bonfire Night. £500.00

Free community bonfire event to “kick start” more village events. Tea, coffee and soup will be served in the Mill Inn on the night

Costs: Fireworks - £249, Sparklers - £88, Tea, Coffee, Soup - £100.

Approved.

Crawfordjohn Hall Community Hogmanay Party £500.00

Costs: Band - 4 x £200 per musician = £800, Hall £150, Facilities £50, Children’s Workers 2 x £75 = £150, Food £300, Publicity £50, Ticket Sales £0 / admin cost to customer, Minibus £200, Total = £1,700

£500 applied for and approved

Crawfordjohn Dress Making Class £500.00

Costs: Tutor charges £80 per head for the two days 12 hours in total

Crawfordjohn back hall costs £7.00 per hour.

6 students Tutor costs are £480

Hall hire £84.00

Approved.

Abington Photography. £120.00

A four-hour photography workshop in Abington. Workshop would be delivered by Northaway Photography.

Approved

Coulter Primary School £80.00

Trip to Crawfordjohn Heritage Centre for pupils that are completing their John Muir Awards to learn about his connection to the area.

Costs: £50.00 transport, £30.00 heating the Heritage Centre.

Approved

Pensioners Annual Dinner £250.00

Approved

Community Development Worker DCC monthly report 8 October 2019 received from Liz Steele as below:

Newsletters are now available, and packs will be handed out at the DCC meeting for distribution to the villages. The 1st Drop-In session is Monday 21st October in Abington, so would appreciate if they could be out in advance of the event. Posters will be displayed throughout the villages.

Village Project Updates:

Abington

I met with the Rev Nikki Macdonald regarding opportunities for funding. She has many ideas, with her main vision being the refurbishment/repair of the Lych gate at the entrance to Church grounds behind the Abington Hotel. She has a quote from a specialist in Lanark for around £5k. Have suggested she creates a small questionnaire for Fb and publicity in Abington shop to get community backing. Will then give her support to make an application for the Clyde small grant.

Also had an email from an Abington resident asking for support for funding to deliver quarterly children's events in the village. We plan to meet once she has finalised dates and costs.

Coulter

Gillian Bell has done a great job to move things forward for Coulter. She has sourced a Public Liability insurance policy to cover unlimited community events for a 12-month period. I will encourage all villages considering holding events away from village halls to sign up for this, with the assumption the Halls/Chapel already have their own PL insurance.

Gillian has submitted Glenkarie and DCC micro grant applications to cover the Public Liability, Bonfire and Carol Service. I have advised she make a Clyde small grant application for the group's plans for a Burn's night ceilidh in Feb, a Summer Fair in May, Duneaton Flower Show, 15-16 August, a defibulator for the village and a 1st Aid Course. Have advised she delegate responsibility to others for at least some of these ideas.

Broadband community meeting: Have suggested Gillian contact Kenny Lean, BT and Jonathan McCosh to arrange a meeting for a Coulter Broadband initiative.

Coulter Play Park: Gillian has sought opinions from Coulter Primary and attendees at her recent activities meeting, on the need for an upgrade of the Play Park. Unanimous agreement for improvements to be made. Have advised on the process of engaging with SLC and funding related to my experience at Crawfordjohn.

To celebrate the rich history in Duneaton, Gillian also has plans for a feasibility study for a Heritage Centre for the area. I've given details for Clyde funding for the study.

Crawfordjohn

I attended a 2nd meeting with the Crawfordjohn Development Group. 11 attended. Linked to the existing but dormant CDG, they formed a new committee, are going to update signatories for the existing bank account and update the constitution. I have assisted with the application for a DCC micro grant to sign up to the 'Coulter' Public Liability policy and the remainder for fireworks for their annual bonfire. A 2nd application to start up a sewing group in the village. Further support for the Group to use a Clyde small grant for a number of ideas, including village signage.

The Clydesdale Community Initiative had offered 3 dates for Duneaton, for their volunteers to work with village volunteers on Greenspace projects. Crawfordjohn had shown interest for the 9th October, but have since withdrawn due to last minute lack of volunteer availability and shortage of time to apply for a grant for items required for the session. Wiston have accepted the November date. CCI have withdrawn their offered Dec date due to potential unsuitable weather.

Lamington

Nothing to report. Hoping I may get some interest at the Drop-Ins on the 28th October.

Roberton

Roberton Hall Refurbishment: Gregor Leishman, the SLC Community Participation & Empowerment Officer has been very helpful in creating a link with SLC Properties, arranging a meeting with myself, Kay and Alison on the 11th October. It seems Thankerton & Roberton Halls are listed as being in need of refurbishment, but not within this year's budget.

I have advised Kay and Alison to create a survey/support signature sheet to show there is community support for the hall, as recent bookings are small in number.

Have also had an enquiry from a Roberton resident asking if handrails can be installed in the Hall's ladies' toilets. Gregor has informed Properties, with the idea to install them in male and female cubicles. This will be discussed at the meeting on the 11th.

The last time I spoke with the 'Roberton Emergency Support Team' related to the village defibrillators etc, they were nearing completion of their Clyde small grant application. Assuming it may have been submitted.

Wiston

I attended Wiston's Hall committee meeting and was impressed by their enthusiasm to create opportunities for the village. They will work with the CCI volunteers on the 13th November, to plant bulbs and make a double compost bin at the Hall. They also discussed a number of forthcoming community events. Have advised they need bar license training/certificates if they are to include a 'bar' at events, rather than their usual BYO. The group are also planning to set up a fortnightly Youth Group in the Hall.

I shared Gillian Bell's Public Liability information, with the suggestion they consider the opportunity to cover all events in the village.

Have suggested they apply for a combination of Glenkarie and DCC micro grants for immediate events/initiatives and a Clyde small grant to cover future ideas.

Also gave information on the process and funding for a feasibility study for their planned refurbishment of the Hall.

Received an email enquiry asking about a defibrillator for the village. Have shared the paperwork from the installation of the defib at Crawfordjohn Hall. Advised to apply for a Clyde small grant.

Biggar

I will keep in touch with Janet Moxley re encouragement for the Biggar Science Festival committee to apply for a DCC micro grant for Science based events for Duneaton in the Spring.

Networking:

Rural Transport meeting

I attended a Rural Transport meeting at the CAL offices with Kenny Lean and CAL staff.

SLC are involved with an initiative for Clydesdale, linked to the Scottish Government Strategic Transport Appraisal Guidance, (STAG). It's now in the 2nd phase of consultation, aiming to be completed in March 2020. Coincidentally, the STAG report sent out on Friday by Robin gives a detailed report on the initiative.

Community Action Lanarkshire (CAL) are also working on a 'Sustainable Action Travel Plan' for Abington, Crawfordjohn & Lamington, including a feasibility study for the M74 corridor bus hub. The idea to create a walking/cycle path between Abington and the Services, with the inclusion of bike racks at both ends and possible negotiation for cheaper/free parking at the services. I will keep you informed of the CAL project.

Community Planning Conference

From Robin's email on Friday with an invitation to attend the Conference on 25th October, if required unfortunately I am unable to attend.

I welcome any comments you may have on this report, or any suggestions/improvements on the way I am conducting my role as CDW.

Local Issues

Lamington

JML reported that the Hall House is in an untidy state. The road leading to Langholm has now been swept but weeds are still present in the centre of the road and these may lead to

the deterioration of the road surface. Grit bins have been placed in the wrong locations on the road to Langholm.

Roberton

RC reported a broken spar in the cattle grid on Howgate Road to the North of the village.

Crawfordjohn

GW informed that a new development group is being initiated in the village.

Wandel.

New signs alerting motorists of the proximity of the Welcome Break services are now in place on the A702

AOCB

Planning permission for Harryburn Wind Farm has been refused.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th of November