

## DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

PRESENT – John McLatchie, Anne Jefferies, Ryan Cox, Stuart Baillie, Andy McLarty, Alison Mitchell, Robin Craig. Councillors Eric Holford, Ian McAllan and Alex Allison

Apologies: Jo Talbot, Katie Stuart-Cox, Malcolm Muir

#### HARRYBURN WINDFARM

A presentation by INNOGY (Harryburn Windfarm) was given by the following – Karen Fox and Callum Chomonczuk of Innogy and Fiona Chan and Jo Smee from Local Energy Scotland were also present.

The main purpose of the presentation was to give a basis for discussion on the benefits of Community Shared Ownership. The proposed wind farm will contain 17 turbines each 149.9m to the tip.

Community funding would be in the region of £5000pmw which would be worth approx £272 - £349K per annum for the 3 community councils in the area. There would be discussion with the Community Council nearer the time in the management of these funds. They would have a Community Benefit Officer to work on the setting up of the funds which may encourage such activities as Broadband and Rural Development.

Community Shared Ownership. Communities could invest up to 15%. An indicative investment of £3.5m capital (1 turbine, 5.8%) could equate to a rate of return of between 6-10%, assuming an interest rate of 5% on a loan, older energy prices and multiple other factors. Total capital expenditure would be in the region of £175K/year for 20 years. These figures are only working figures based on current availability and should be taken as such. Factors such as interest rates and changes in tariffs should be explored.

Jo Smee of Local Energy Scotland explained that this is an agency brought in by the government to help and advise people in shared ownership. The Government has set a target of 1000mv ownership and is looking to achieve a 50% take up of shared ownership within the next few years.

A grant of up to £20K is available for financial advice, legal fees and project management. They have a framework of contractors available who specialise in this work. There is also a further low interest bearing fund of up to £150k available to communities. They would also give support in accessing financial options. Also non-financial support is available in the form of online tool kits, case studies etc. They explained that Lesmahagow Development Trust had been set up with a 25% share of the Stewart Energy giving a community profit of £10k.

Fiona explained that Shared Ownership would require a separate independent development trust (or similar) to manage this option. The Community Benefit fund is separate.

Comments –

Eric made the comment that tariffs are not guaranteed.

RC – Both Crawford and Leadhills have rejected the idea of shared ownership. Little interest had been shown by the public at the open meeting held in Abington in January when only 5 people attended.

AMcL – Expressed concern over liability but agreed it was still early days.

AJ – Stated that there had been previous discussions about this by the DCC and there was no interest in becoming directly involved with local developers (later confirmed via a vote). Since another proposed windfarm had offered % share ownership to the community for free this could be an idea for Harryburn since it appears unlikely that anyone would be willing to put a huge amount of time and effort into setting something like this up if money needs to be borrowed and no personal profits can be made.

AJ to put this on Facebook as it is up to the community to decide whether they are interested in setting up an organisation to look into shared ownership.

JMcL thanked Innogy and Local Energy Scotland for coming along to the meeting and it was agreed that RC would keep in touch with developments.

MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING – these were proposed by Anne Jefferies and seconded by John McLatchie.

GOOD CITIZENS AWARD – AJ explained that she has prepared a grant application to the Clyde Wind Farm to cover trips, parties and the good citizens award over a three year period. After checks by other DCC members is being submitted to SLC. The aim is to remove village parties and coach trips from the CWFF micro grants 'pot' to increase the overall available amount of money for local residents. If GANDL Events Newsletter advertising space is available this month then AJ was authorised to spend £50 on advertising the GCA (AJ did not vote on this). Timing – nominations closing end Oct, voting on the winners at the Nov CC meeting and award ceremony in December.

#### LOCAL reports

RCox reported that Katie had contacted SLC regarding the state of the Car Park in Abington and Carlisle Road which are scheduled for tarring next year.

AM reported that Robertson have continuing problems with Openreach and RCraig said that Openreach were working on Fibre at the Wiston sub station which may offer a solution to the difficulties.

AMcL previously reported that for 3 weeks the bins had not been emptied. The council has since supplied a large mobile glass bin.

RCraig reported that a local had offered to pay for upgrading the Christmas tree decorations but that SLC had rejected this offer, resulting in the very poor decorations for the village. RC to advise Councillor EH of the details and he will take it up with SLC.

AMcL – reported that they had received a letter from Network Rail advising for further scheduled work around Wandel/Abington through Oct to Dec. AJ had already shared this out via the DCC FB page.

JMcL – reported that Anne Dobinson, Coulter had asked via the CC for the hedge at Tyree on the A702 to be cut as it is a danger due to poor visibility. Also the drain in the car park was blocked which can cause flooding. Unlikely the council/AMEY will cut the hedge as this is the responsibility of the house owner/tenant. Councillor EH to take up blocked drain with the Council.

JMcL – had asked for the minutes of the Clyde Wind Farm meetings multiple times and EH will request this.

EH – asked that the CC would not oppose the proposal that Pettinain and Blackmount receive the £5000 grant from Clyde Wind Farm as this area does not get any money to help the local community to run their activities.

## TREASURERS report.

### Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £27.01

Activity since August meeting: None

DCC General account balance: £1961.85

Activity since August meeting: Cashed micro grant cheques for Abington SWI and Holy Trinity Chapel (x2).

Your overdraft limit is £0.00			
Date	Description	Amount	Balance
24 Aug	000171 Cheque	-£430.00	£1,961.85
10 Aug	000173 Cheque	-£77.74	£2,391.85
10 Aug	000172 Cheque	-£422.26	£2,469.59

### Activity

- Answered minor SLC query on the 2016-17 accounts, waiting for new admin grant to be released.
- Completed CWFF microgrant paperwork and cheques for Holy Trinity Chapel's £500 grant.
- Sent required paperwork into South Lanarkshire Council to request an advance on the 2017-18 CWFF micro grant.

### Action points

1/ DCC CWFF multi-year grant application for multiple projects (Good Citizen Awards, coach trips and village parties).

### Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £0 remaining of the 2016-17 grant
- Infinis Glenkerie: £509.44 remaining of the £1000 2017-18 grant

JMcL thanked members for attending and reminded members that the next meeting is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.