

Duneaton Community Council

Minutes of Meeting – 4th September 2018

Present – John McLatchie, Anne Jefferies, Malcolm Muir, Katie Stewart-Cox, Robin Craig

Apologies –Jo Talbot, Ryan Cox, Andrew McLarty, Cllr Eric Holford, Cllr Ian McAllan

In attendance – Survey company representatives, no members of the public

1. DCC Administration

- Adoption of minutes from July 2018 proposed by AJ and seconded by MM.
- Nomination form for all existing members wishing to continue, and for any potential new DCC members, need to be with South Lanarkshire Council by 12-Sep-18 at the latest. Links to the form and encouragement for our community to participate has been shared multiple times via the DCC Facebook page. At the moment all current members are thought to be willing to continue but ‘new blood’, especially from Wiston and Crawfordjohn, would be very welcome.
- After 4 years in the role it is mandatory for current Chair JM to step down. MM will take this role with background support from JM. AJ will continue as Treasurer. JT will continue as Secretary with ad hoc minutes support from other DCC members if she is unable to attend a meeting.
- If places are contested then the interim Chair will be Rod McMillan.

2. Survey Tenders

- Following on from email submissions, (a) Community Links and (b) Eglintoun Consulting (in partnership with Taylor Nisbet) were shortlisted and invited to present their plans and proposed costings for the community survey to the DCC in person.
- Discussed potential areas where the DCC could assist in order to cut costs, and corrected some misapprehensions.
- Community Links confirmed that they would not be able to meet the DCC’s price point. Eglintoun Consulting were asked to revise their proposal to reduce the cost. **Action: AJ** to work with Eglintoun Consulting.
- **Action: AJ** to clarify with SSE if the amount earmarked for this survey includes VAT or not.
- Once the revised proposal is received it will be reviewed by the DCC and, if acceptable, AJ will be working with SSE regarding the contracting and payment.

3. Treasurer’s Report

- Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £473.46

£50 transferred out to DCC general account.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
03 Aug	000084 Cheque	-£50.00	£473.46
28 Jun	14JUN GRS 00121712 Interest	£0.07	£523.46

DCC General account balance: £1,869.10
£50 transferred in from SLC admin account.

Date ▼	Description	Amount	Balance
01 Aug	831611 Credit	£50.00	£1,869.10
28 Jun	000197 Cheque	-£330.00	£1,819.10
28 Jun	MISS AH JEFFERIES Automated Pay In	£93.77	£2,149.10
28 Jun	14JUN GRS 00113132 Interest	£0.39	£2,055.33
26 Jun	MISS AH JEFFERIES Automated Pay In	£24.94	£2,054.94
25 Jun	000198 Cheque	-£400.00	£2,030.00

- Activity
 - End of year DCC accounts submitted to SLC
 - End of year accounts completed for CWFF micro grants, pending new grant paperwork.
Action: AJ to chase John Archibald
 - Moved £50 from SLC account to DCC general account to correct 2017 error
 - Receipts processed for 1 grant
 - Overpayment refund received from the Friends of Crawfordjohn Heritage Association (£6)
- Action points
 - Honorariums from 2018-19 SLC budget – held until after the elections in case membership changes.
 - Unanimous approval for the Treasurer to buy 2 x multipacks of printer ink using SLC admin grant monies to cover grant paperwork and more. **Action: AJ** to purchase ink.
 - Biggar Science Festival grant of £142.41 from the CWFF micro grant pot had been approved by email in August. **Action: AJ** to complete paperwork with applicant.
 - Coulter WRI grant application for £250 from the Ventient Energy Glenkerie fund was unanimously approved. **Action: AJ** to complete paperwork with applicant.
- Grant Monies Remaining
 - CWFF: £2.30 remaining of the £5000 2017-18 grant (effectively all spent). 2 pending grant applications waiting for when the new monies are released.
 - Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £379.35 remaining of the £1000 2018-19 grant

4. AOB

- AJ contacted Amey to ask for erection of signage to inform motorists of the location of the motorway services at Abington. Redirected to SLC, contacted Head of Roads at SLC who has placed a request with Amey as per their process. Pending Amey response.
- Apologies were sent to Pettinain CC since their meeting re a crucial bridge closure clashed with this meeting (this is why all our councillors understandably missed the DCC meeting). **Action: JM** will send message of support.
- MM shared that SLC community development officers are starting to be appointed, 5-6 people are starting soon. Aim is 1 per ward. No-one assigned to our areas as yet.
- KSC shared that Abington Improvement Group have been very busy. Following a successful public consultation (39 at the meeting, 50 online responses) multiple activities have been started. The old school house purchase (local office space, community gym, polytunnels and more) may get Scottish Government funding. About to put in an application to the CWFF for the tennis court revitalisation. Planted trees to screen the pallet yard.
- KSC advised that the old RBS building in Abington has been sold for residential use.
- RC alerted that trees planted in Robertson with DCC grant money have been stolen.
- JM update: Paterson's have appealed yet again regarding the Overburns Quarry. CRAG continue to challenge this decision with the support of our Councillors. Local opposition is very high. AJ: There is considerable frustration that apparently there is no limit to the number of appeals that a company can make.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd October in Robertson Hall.

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