

DUNEASTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019

ROBERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Malcolm Muir, Anne Jefferies, Clare Symonds, Alison Mitchell, Gordon Wilson, Cllr Alex Allison, John McCosh

APOLOGIES: Cllr Eric Holford, Katie Stuart-Cox, John McLatchie, Irene Riddell, Robin Craig

ADOPTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

AJ Proposed with amendments to reflect the cheques issued for 2 hall hires for the Community Development Worker (Lamington £25 and Crawfordjohn £21). AJ to contact RC to amend. MM Seconded.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £538.63, 2019-20 admin grant received from SLC.

| Date ▼ | Description | Amount | Balance |
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| 03 Sep | SOUTH LANARKSHIRE | £328.00 | - |
| 27 Jun | 13JUN GRS 00121712 Interest | £0.03 | £210.63 |

DCC General account balance: £15,193.09. Hall hire and grant cheques cashed.

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| 22 Aug | 000222 Cheque | -£50.00 | £15,193.09 |
| 20 Aug | 000219 Cheque | -£21.00 | £15,243.09 |
| 19 Aug | 000223 Cheque | -£500.00 | £15,264.09 |
| 15 Aug | 000221 Cheque | -£185.60 | £15,764.09 |
| 12 Aug | 000220 Cheque | -£25.00 | £15,949.69 |
| 03 Jul | FOUNDATION SCOTLAN Automated Pay In | £1,000.00 | £15,974.69 |

Activity

- 2018-19 accounts approved by SLC, 2019-20 admin grant of £328 released.
- Cheque handover to 2 groups completed.

Action points

- Coulter SWI Centenary Dinner CWFF micro grant - Approved
- Coulter Coffee Morning Ladies Ventient Energy Glenkerie micro grant - Approved but prompted a discussion about the value to the community as a whole. If an increased volume of grants is received then applications benefiting the village directly would be prioritised.
- Honorariums 2019-2020 unanimously approved, issued £50 for treasurer and £50 for secretary

- CDW Robertson hall hire cheque issued £11.85.
- Chasing overdue receipts for 2 grants

Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £1289.93 remaining of the £5000 2018-19 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £764.40 remaining of the £1000 2019-20 grant

PLANNING – there were no planning applications affecting this area.

LOCAL NEWS:

COUTER – MM advised that Coulter now has a resident group which is becoming very active and are planning a number of events – Bonfire Night, Xmas Carols. They hope to re-invigorate the Flower Show and hope to include other villages in the Duneaton Area.

CRAWFORDJOHN – GW advised that the meeting on the 12 with Liz was well attended and a number of potential opportunities were discussed.

JOHN McCOSH – advised that a felling licence application will be coming through shortly for Coulter land.

ROBERTON – AM advised that the first phase of the planting in the Park had been completed and that the trees and shrubs would be planted in late Autumn. Village Hall – a meeting was held with CLLR Eric Holford, Linda Sym and 2 representative from Robertson to discuss the council's responsibility to maintain the hall with particular regard to the damp and the windows. Although originally brought to their attention back in late 2017 nothing has been done. We understand that this has again been referred to PIF and waiting further information. Alex Allison thought that this would come under Community Resources and would chase this up. Gregor Leishman had been contacted by Liz Steele who is also pursuing the matter. Tia Chi – the first class was very successful.

WANDEL – AJ advised that Priestgill wind farm was now applying for 2 x 180 metre and 5 x 200 metre turbines rather than the 7 x 145 metre as originally planned. The mega watt output would increase from 22 to 40 hence the change. The electricity substation used would be through Elvanfoot. This will not happen for ~4 years. Priestgill would be having a meeting with local residents and will no doubt be formally updating the DCC in due course.

LAMINGTON - IR sent in an update. Funding for Lamington chapel comes under Biggar Museum Trust and Bob Riddell has been working on this for some years with great progress. We are now entering a 3rd phase of funding and this is already in hand. One of the grant funders is Clyde Windfarm and this does not require any further input for facilities or other items as they are already on a list that is being worked. No further action required on this.

IR received a reply from Transport Scotland which was not particularly helpful and did not address many of the concerns about safety. IR will respond to the letter and try and find out if there is any further information about what the review of the A702 is likely to include. On a positive note Amey were out cleaning the gullies on the A702 and IR was able to speak to them. The contract for the A702 is due for renewal and both Bear and Amey will be tendering. It was suggested that very little if any further work will be completed until the contract is awarded. I suspect this may fall into the next financial year.

The hedge cutting at Lamington bowling green appears to have improved from the first attempt by the Council.

WISTON - CS updated that Greenleaf is the company planning to take over Drummond House and make it into a therapeutic care home for 5 children. A meeting was held at the village hall 29th August with the director and communications manager and they also brought along their head teacher and training. It was a difficult meeting with a few people in the village expressing serious reservations about the presence of a children's home in the village. Although some villagers have reservation many villagers wish to welcome the children and the home and see it as an opportunity rather than a threat. The home will open mid October and we are organising an open day with the new manager to meet her and her deputy and have a look around the home.

Village Hall: Stewart from Vaslan is coming to the village hall meeting tomorrow to discuss the constitution and SCIO's so that the committee can decide whether to change their charitable status. This is seen as the first step in the

refurbishment process. First Friday events have been successful and the village quiz night attracted people from Robertson and Symington too.

ABINGTON - KSC advised via message that the Schoolhouse design has been prepared and that the meeting within the next 2 weeks will take place to confirm the design.

SLC ACCESS FORUM Not felt that DCC needed to attend the meeting as there aren't any current access issues in the area.

CWFF AJ advised the 2018-19 report was now available from SSE and that this has been shared on the DCC's website/FB and the various village Facebook groups.

RC to email John Archibald that he is resigning from the grant committee and asking that AM be put on the list.

ALEX ALLISON advised that Biggar had not been successful in obtain a grant from the Town Centre Fund. Lanark, Carnwarth and Forth were receiving some funds.

GROUP TRANSPORT STAG report is being assessed. Hope to create a hub Park and Ride on the A74 corridor which would link up bus timetables. Delayed until April next year.

AJ asked if there was any data regarding the effectiveness on the new Tinto anti-speeding measures but none was available.

CDW NEWSLETTER AJ and LS are working on this and should be available shortly. It was agreed that it should be kept punchy and not go over 2 pages. The cost of Royal Mail would be £500 plus VAT and it was agreed to ask local people to post the newsletter in their village instead.

AOB

HARRYBURN Alex advised that nothing had come through to SLC.

Cllr AA advised that there had been complaints from locals that firework displays are taking place without advising the local community.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 1st October 2019