

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 7 September 2021

(Zoom Meeting)

AGENDA

1 Present

- 1.1 Malcolm Muir, Gordon Wilson, Cllr E Holford, Alison Mitchell, Clare Symonds, Robin Craig, Irene Riddell

2 Apologies

- 2.1 Anne Jefferies, Cllr McAllan, Katie Stuart-Cox; Liz Steele

3 Previous Minute

- 3.1 GW advised he had received a number of minor amendments from Statkraft that he was happy to accept and would incorporate in note of the last meeting.

4. Actions from Last Meeting

- 4.1 Clarification of deadline for grant applications on agenda.

MM to speak to AJ about this.

- 4.2 Grayside wind farm questionnaire to be posted on Facebook page.

MM advised he planned to put this on when the Grayside planning application is submitted. He does not want DCC to show its hand too early.

- 4.3 MM to check with Energy Consent Unit at Scottish Government regarding MoD disturbance levels.

Bodinglee – MM aware that Historic Environment Scotland and other obligatory Planning consultees are concerned about Bodinglee Scoping Report. To await banks response to these concerns.

- 4.4 Defibrillator

MM advised not progressed in Coulter.

- 4.5 Wind Farm spreadsheet

MM advised this has been updated but it is difficult to keep up with all the developments.

- 4.6 Tracking Banks Scoping Report amendments

Awaiting Banks updates.

5 Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 Treasurer's statement previously circulated and agreed.

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £1066.94, pending Secretary honorarium being cashed.

| Transaction date ▼ | Type | Description | Paid in | Paid out | Balance |
|--------------------|------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 27 July 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000105 | - | £50.00 | £1,116.94 |
| 19 July 2021 | BAC | ▼ SOUTH LANARKSHIRE | £1,000.00 | - | £1,166.94 |
| 29 June 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000104 | - | £69.00 | £166.94 |
| 29 June 2021 | INT | ▼ 15JUN GRS 00121712 | £0.03 | - | £235.94 |

DCC General account

| Transaction date ▼ | Type | Description | Paid in | Paid out | Balance |
|--------------------|------|-------------|------------|----------|------------|
| 24 August 2021 | BAC | ▼ CLYDE WF | £18,453.20 | - | £41,010.11 |
| 10 August 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000287 | - | £1.90 | £22,556.91 |
| 10 August 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000285 | - | £112.00 | £22,558.81 |
| 10 August 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000281 | - | £279.99 | £22,670.81 |
| 10 August 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000280 | - | £279.99 | £22,950.80 |
| 6 August 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000283 | - | £500.00 | £23,230.79 |

| Transaction date ▼ | Type | Description | Paid in | Paid out | Balance |
|--------------------|------|----------------------|---------|----------|------------|
| 23 July 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000282 | - | £768.00 | £23,980.79 |
| 16 July 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000275 | - | £40.00 | £24,748.79 |
| 5 July 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000278 | - | £500.00 | £24,788.79 |
| 5 July 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000277 | - | £250.00 | £25,288.79 |
| 5 July 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000276 | - | £248.00 | £25,538.79 |
| 29 June 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000279 | - | £500.00 | £25,786.79 |
| 29 June 2021 | CHQ | ▼ 000273 | - | £80.00 | £26,286.79 |
| 29 June 2021 | INT | ▼ 15JUN GRS 00113132 | £3.29 | - | £26,366.79 |

Activity since September meeting

- Prepped paperwork for 4 grants, associated cheques are pending countersignature
- Coulter SWI Christmas lunch (£250 Glenkerie Covid) and partial £211 Crawfordjohn sewing group CWFF application approved via email, formally minuted here.
- Processed receipts and issued refund for Lamington Covid gazebo
- Closed out 2 grants after receipts received, no overpayment refunds required

Actions

- Grant applications:
 - Coulter Ringcraft Dog Training Group £245.04 (Glenkerie)
 - Robertson Santa Stones £320 (CWFF)
 - Coulter WRI
- Issuing cheque of £8074.11 for last Year 2 CDW payment to RDT, closing out that grant

- Send in RBS form to change signatories once Sept minutes are updated and approved
- Chair to countersign SSE grant form for £17,976.37 CDW Year 3 grant

Pending With Others

- SLC approval of EOY accounts then 2021-22 SLC admin grant will be issued
- Abington School House group feedback on the draft agreement and, once that's signed off by DCC Chair/Treasurer, sending the first invoice to the DCC

Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £3033.65 remaining of the £5000 2020-21 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie: £131.31 remaining of the £1000 2020-21 grant
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- VASLAN Covid #2 £1000 2021 grant has all been spent
- SLC Covid: £650 remaining of the £900 2021 grant
- Ventient Energy Glenkerie Covid: £1085 remaining of the £2000 2020 grant
- REF Covid: £148.13 remaining of the £1000 2021 grant

£1883.13 total Covid funding available

5.2 GW referred to the wording in AJ's report regarding:

Formal minuting of Treasurer's expenditure of £7.92 for 2nd class stamps; Wiston Village Hall BBQ - £245.95 (Glenkerie) and Abington Concert - £500 (CWFF) and the wording for RBS signatories i.e. the removal of John McLatchie and his replacement by Gordon Wilson;

"This Resolution must be passed at a Meeting of the relevant members or management of the Business/Organisation. It was resolved that the Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3, be changed in accordance with section Authorised Signatories. And the current mandate will continue as amended."

All these items were proposed by GW and seconded by MM.

6 Grant Applications

6.1 Coulter SWI various activities £500 (CWFF)

The Coulter applicants should be asked to rephrase their application in terms of activities designed to "re-boot" the group post covid Redirecting them to the Glenkerie Covid fund seems like a good way forward.

6.2 Crawford John Sewing Group £500 (CWFF)

Again, with the Crawford John sewing application agreed we can offer funding towards recruitment and hall hire and then, once that is underway, advise on sources of funding for the sewing machine.

6.3 MM advised that he and Liz Steele had attended a Clyde Wind Farm Extension Funding Meeting. Presentation from Biggar Rugby Club regarding their planned ground and clubhouse improvements. Not possible for Fund to assist in meeting full cost of proposals. AM asked if the Fund allocated funds to each area. MM advised this is not the case.

7 Planning Applications

- 7.1 Two applications made for one property in Coulter. Further application for wind farm at Glespin which encroaches on DCC area but is a Douglas Community Council issue.
- 7.2 CS advised that changes in Planning legislation may mean that appeals against wind farms may be easier and that the proposal may go to an inquiry. AM expressed concern about trying to keep track of these farms. MM agreed to circulate the wind farm list. GW suggested that we could put initials against those that are of interest to each of us and can take responsibility for monitoring. CS asked if anyone is in discussion with SLC about the wind farms? MM advised he had spoken to some former colleagues but nothing officially on behalf of DCC. He suggested this was less of a concern as the wind farm applications are all going direct to the Scottish Government.

8 Wind Farm Updates

8.1 Grayside

Developers have agreed the use of the SSE access road to their site. MM felt that this has made the development less of an issue than it may have been. He was concerned about 'pocket-filling' developments but thought Grayside was well designed.

8.2 Bodinglee

Banks working on responses to Scoping Report.

8.3 Andershaw West

GW advised he has been in email discussions about the impact of the extension and hopes to meet Statkraft to discuss this on site. When the impact of the extension is clearer he will advise the village.

8.4 Kennoxhead

This is the amalgamation with another wind farm over the hill from Crawfordjohn.

8.5 Little Gala

CS advised that this was a proposal for 7 turbines. MM to double check.

9 Consultations – Felling application: Kingsbeck Estates

- 9.1 MM advised of the letter regarding proposed felling near Coulter. He thought there were likely to be few objections. IR agreed stating that previous works had been carried out in an acceptable way. MM agreed to draft response to Kingsbeck Estates.

10 Letter from Dumfries & Galloway Community Councils to make First Minister regarding wind farms.

- 10.1 Letter addresses concerns about gap filling applications. There is a strategic wider Planning issue. GW advised he can see 71 turbines from the rear of his property. It was agreed that there is an issue over the spending of current wind farm funds. MM advised Grayside was proposing 20% shareholding for local people but not

sure how that would work out. MM to circulate D&G CC letter.

11 Community Development Worker Report

- 11.1 MM suggested that as this had been circulated and Liz Steele was on holiday comments could be dealt with at the next meeting. This was agreed.

12 Local News

12.1 Roberton

RC raised concern regarding a council house – 54 Howgate Road - that has been empty 8 – 9 months. It is leased to a local farm but a new house has been built on farm land for the farm worker. RC asked what policy is for relets.

RC expressed thanks for remedial works done to main road recently.

12.2 Lamington

EH asked if resurfacing of road in Lamington progressed. IR advised she had been told that Roads were awaiting delivery and installation of black lampposts before works done. To be done this financial year.

12.3 Wiston

CS asked if the top of Howgate Road was to be resurfaced where it meets the B7055. EH to check. She advised part of the road had been done but not a bit nearby that was badly potholed. RC advised that water on Burnside Road was an issue. EH asked if someone could send him a screen shot of the area in question. RC advised he would do that.

12.4 Crawfordjohn

No update

13 AOCB

- 13.1 AM advised that the Roberton Hall group hoped to meet with SLC about the village hall.
- 13.2 AM asked EH if there was any progress regarding garden uplifts. EH advised he asked continuously but was told that Covid was still affecting staffing levels and therefore basic waste uplifts and there was no date to resume garden waste uplifts.
- 13.3 IR commented that her husband had travelled to Lanark to dispose of waste but had been turned away as there was not enough capacity on site. Is there enough skip provision on site? EH to check.
- 13.4 IR asked if the gardening squads were doing any landscaping work at present. EH stated that some of the basics are not getting done.
- 13.5 GW asked if we should st up a small group to look at how wind farm monies could be spent for local benefit. He referred to IR's comment previously about giving financial paymements to all households to offset electricity costs. EH said he would be interested in such discussions and something could be done but it may be complicated e.g. making payments for wind farm generated electricity. MM

stated that a bigger impact would be made getting people off coal and oil heating. EH stated that if Bodinglee goes ahead it would be the third largest wind farm in Britain.

Actions

Clarification needed regarding the consideration of grant applications when the agenda has been finalised.

Grayside questionnaire results to be posted

MM to check with Energy Consent Unit at Scottish Government regarding MoD disturbance levels.

Defibrillator to be progressed.

Upload spreadsheet for tracking key windfarm dates onto website.

Tracking of Banks Group Scoping Report amendments.

June meeting

Promote consultation for second phase of Grayside wind farm.

Monitor access issue for Grayside wind farm

DCC to consider review of website. MM to speak to AJ

Monitor Bodinglee progress

Report back on West Andershaw and Kennoxhead sites

Cllr McA agreed to follow up on issue regarding Crawfordjohn picnic area; garden waste uplifts; non-slip area on A73;

September meeting

Agenda deadline – grant applications

Wind farm spreadsheet to be circulated so DCC members can determine which ones they will take responsibility for monitoring.

GW to meet Statkraft regarding Andershaw West extension.

MM to check regarding Little Gala proposal.

MM agreed to draft response to Kingsbeck Estates.

MM to circulate D&G CC letter

EH to check regarding road repairs near B7055.
