

Duneaton Community Council

Minutes 2nd August 2016

Proposed Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Present/Sederunt
- Introduction to WATIF (Jemma from WATIF), (Jason and Alistair of Muirhall Energy).
- Main Meeting
- Adoption of Minute's
- Treasurers Report
- Micro grants
- New Members
- Good Citizen Award
- Round Table Issues
- AOCB

Meeting Minutes

- Welcome
 - JM welcomed everyone into the DCC August meeting and outlined this evenings agenda
- **a. Present**
 - i. Mr John McLatchie – Chairman
 - ii. Mrs Jo Talbot – Secretary
 - iii. Miss Anne Jefferies – Treasurer
 - iv. Mrs Heather Watt
 - v. Mrs Katie Stuart-Cox
 - vi. Mr Ryan Cox
 - vii. Mr Malcolm Muir
- **b. Apologies**
 - i. Cllr Hamish Stewart
- Introduction to WATIF (Jemma from WATIF), (Jason and Alistair of Muirhall Energy).
 - Jemma from WATIF who covers the original muirhall WF started in 2012
 - Trust started in response to extension to MH WF as there wasn't a group set up in the local area
 - A lot of local groups found it was too difficult to access the funds and so when the extension was proposed, a local community trust (2012-13) went out to 700-800 residents for consultation. We achieved a 35% response rate (better than average) and came up with community action plan
 - 5 Themes to the group

- Starting to evaluate the progress made so far
 - We're setup with 9 trustee's and 2 coopted trustees
 - Management team and a membership & volunteers
 - Jemma is the only employee (been in post 18m) and an active group of volunteers
 - Projects 1) community minibus as transport is an issue 2) Some older residents have to spend £50 on taxis as they don't qualify under NHS guidance 3) broadband project and awaiting BT to provide a quote
 - 3 community benefit funds (2 from muirhall)
 - Other things we do – heritage festival, installing floodlights at MUGA pitch, grant schemes
 - Total we have had £130k per year
 - Comment from local resident: Needs to be strong lines put down so that LA don't use this fund
- Chairman's Statement
 - a. JM has confirmed that he's been in touch with the community policing team and they are looking to come along to the local CC meeting which means that we can be used as a conduit to share comments/thoughts

Main Meeting

- Adoption of Minutes
 - a. Minutes confirmed & adopted (Anne Jefferies & Malcolm Muir)
- SLC outdoor access forum – Pathway between Abington & Coulter so we're waiting for SOLAF teams (a Clyde Walkway)
- **Action:** Jo T & Anne J – put out on Website & FB
- Treasurers Report
 - a. See below
- Grants Administration
 - a. Crawfordjohn Heritage trust – Voted against £500 spend however voted to provide up to £250 for local residents to attend (£10pp up to £250)
 - b. Crawfordjohn Heritage trust – voted for this one £370
 - c. Abington Flowers – KSC provided receipts
 - d. Robertson Flowers – All Approved
- New Members
 - a. 7 members at present
 - b. Allows us to have 2 more members
 - i. Jane Morrison Ross
 - ii. Malcolm Muir (Coopted at the moment)
 - c. JM requested if any local residents would like to come along as associate members
- Good Citizen Award
 - a. Anne explained the 'Good Citizen' award
 - b. Asked that people spread the word that nominations open 1st September

- Round Table Issues
 - a. Invite Hamish to respond to 'what is the Scottish Government doing regarding broadband'
 - b. Robertson Hall – Owned by SLC – is there any reason why we can't ask for SLC to handover ownership to the local community
 - c. **Action** – Charles (new associate member) to review whether we can create a DCC sub group
 - d. Muirhall Energy recapped last month's update
 - e. Local residents felt that DCC needed to communicate more & better
 - i. The DCC had issues with this in the past, but since November last year the website and Facebook page have been launched, surgeries have been run in every village this year in addition to the monthly meetings which are open to the public, and DCC/grant information has been sent to every household via a GANDL Events Newsletter advertisement. As information comes in, it's shared online. No additional communications (e.g. a custom Council update posted to each household) are practical due to the costs involved and the capacity of DCC members
- Reports to SLC – JT To report upon pictures and specifics
 - a. Road Surface next to Robertson Bend
 - b. 3 Houses in Robertson are in a sorry state – Parking? (causing an obstruction) – Send us in a picture
 - c. State of 2 houses never finished - Can we chase this?
- Howgate Road, Robertson – can this be re tarred etc
- AOB

Actions (Collated)

- **DONE:** Authorise Infinis Glenkerie ad in the next GANDL Newsletter (£50) to publicise the grant funding availability as per the Infinis conditions for receiving the grant. – *Approved by quorate meeting 2nd Aug 2016*
- **DONE:** Anne Jefferies to put the advert in the GANDL Events Newsletter. (*Done*)
- **ACTION:** Anne Jefferies to notify the Heritage Venture of their success. To be officially noted in the next minutes to meet CWFF micro grant conditions, cheque will be signed once this is complete.
- **ACTION:** Anne Jefferies to notify Robin Craig to complete the Glenkerie application.
- **ACTION:** Anne Jefferies to research this and add it to the DCC website's grants page, replacing the current DCC funding section.
- **ACTION:** Malcolm Muir to look into community asset transfer and report back at the September meeting
- **DONE & Ongoing:** Jo Talbot (or anyone covering for her) to include Hamish Stewart when minutes are issued.
- **Action:** Heather Watt – Wiston surgery – Wiston Hall is a private Hall, they have a community enhancement group...informed them of the micro grant. They did ask about the 20 mile limit

near the school could this be extended throughout the village? *(Done – SLC will look into this and let Heather know the outcome)*

- **Action: Anne Jefferies** - RC and AJ received complaints at the Crawfordjohn surgery regarding cars being unsightly and causing potential hazards. Also advised Crawfordjohn Hall/Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture board member about the micro grants. *(Done – Waiting for update)*
- **Action: Jo Talbot** – Openreach response as to what is happening for Duneaton CC area in terms of broadband *(DONE – Access to online checker to be publicised on FB and Website page. All areas in DCC barr Abington & Wandel are >12m away from getting fast broadband).. UPDATED: Jo T to write back to Openreach to review status and confirm again*
- **Action: Jo Talbot** – Biggar High School – Would any S5/6 pupils from within DCC area like to participate as Junior Associate Members of DCC *(Chased again)*
- **DONE: Jo Talbot** – Email SLC re street lights in Robertson on main road not working also report Abington Not Eco bulbs (as per EK example) *(DONE – Response confirming all is on a plan to replace bulbs with eco friendly ones and should be completed before winter)*
- **Action: Jo Talbot** – Send email to Abington, Wiston & Lamington PS letting them know about the Micro Grant scheme
- **DONE: Jo Talbot** – Email welcome break regarding littering issue *(DONE – Email sent)*
 - **Welcome Break claim they are unable to get their employees to clear surrounding fields due to lack of insurance (as it's not their land). DCC to write back once more**
- **Action: Heather Watt** – Get estimates from tradesman to fix the benches on Moor Road, Robertson
- **Action: Malcolm Muir** – Speak to John McCosh to discuss water level purchasing for Coulter as a warning for flooding
- **Action: Malcolm Muir** – speak to SLC regarding the Orange Fence which has been left next to Robertson Burn (next to play area)

1. Treasurer's Statement

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £280.18, +5p interest, pending the Secretary cashing the honorarium cheque.

DCC General account balance: £3187.82. +50p interest, +£1000 Infinis Glenkerie funding. Paid out £500 to DCC-CWF-006 Darren Hill (Abington Flowers).

Activity

CWFF cheque delivered to Darren Hill.

Emailed John Archibald who confirmed £2.5K additional funding will be coming to replenish the microgrant pot. Need to provide receipts for first grant recipients, all recipients have been contacted apart from Darren Hill (since he only just got his cheque). Pending details coming through.

Infinis Glenkerie grant funding paperwork completed, BACS transfer of £1000 has been completed.

Additional information required by SLC in order to sign off the annual accounts (now auditing all accounts, not just the SLC grant account). Provided by the Treasurer in June, pending confirmation that accounts are complete.

SLC have signed off both accounts

Action points

1/ Authorise Infinis Glenkeris ad in the next GANDL Newsletter (£50) to publicise the grant funding availability as per the Infinis conditions for receiving the grant.

2/ Robertson Flowers and Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture microgrant applications. Total CWFF spend to date is £2540 of the £3000 initial grant.

Additional CFJ information: "Cost break down for 2 x printed roller banners from TFH Gazebos is £200 including vat. This also includes most printing but there may be an extra cost for unusual graphics - until we get to that stage I don't know if our museum logo is "unusual" - I wouldn't have thought so. There is no delivery charge.

Cost from Sarah Peters - Douglas Print & Design (who did our original leaflet) for re-print of 2000 leaflets is £170 plus a delivery charge. I based the application costing on our 2014 printing cost (which included some design work and was £250). I have since had the above information back from Sarah. We could therefore reduce our application request to £370."

Fast Broadband Connection Checker - Openreach

http://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx?utm_source=superfast-furl&utm_medium=site&utm_campaign=superfast+furl