

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES 1st NOVEMBER 2017

Members Present

John McLatchie, Chairman. Anne Jefferies – Treasurer. Ryan Cox, Katie Stuart-Cox, Andy McLarty, Robin Craig

Apologies – Jo Talbot (Secretary), Malcolm Muir

Associate Members Present: Karin Norman-Lawson, Alison Mitchell,

Others: Stuart Baillie

Councillors: Hamish Stewart.

Adoption of Minutes Proposed Anne Jefferies, seconded John McLatchie

SECRETARY – John McLatchie advised that the secretary must be an elected member or co-opted member. Katie Stuart-Cox advised that Jo Talbot is happy to continue as Secretary but that at the moment due to work pressure she is unable to give full commitment. Katie suggested that in the interim she is happy to work with Jo. She suggested and it was approved that work would be passed out to committee members to help with the secretarial duties in the short term.

DCC MEMBER TO SIT ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON GROUP COMMITTEE. Anne Jefferies volunteered and Robin Craig agreed to be back up.

MUIRHALL ENERGY. Stuart Ballie advised that they are waiting for the planning application before starting on the objections. They have had a reply from Jason which gives the impression that they are in discussion with Traffic Scotland, Stuart is still waiting to hear from Traffic Scotland. At the residents meeting they have proposed a dual access road with wind farm traffic on the right and residents on the left, separating the roads completely after approx. 30 metres. They will potentially resurface the entire existing road. The number of turbines has been reduced to 7, 4 on this side of the hill the other 3 will be very visible to Wandel. Some concern about the water supply for the closest residents as they get their water from a spring. Muirhall are doing a survey and will report back. The control building initially was going to be a bothy size but fear is this will grow as it will house the batteries, be the main hub for site traffic etc. Muirhall have some concerns about linking into the national grid.

Andy McLarty advised that one house has the flood lights from the SSE development on one side and the Muirhall floodlights will be on the other side, so the companies should be approached to look at ways to reduce the impact.

HS confirmed that the public have 3 weeks legally to lodge objections, however with wind farm planning application these usually take a few months. However lodging one intention to object is recommended. AMcL stressed that it is vital for objections to be submitted individually.

HS advised that they are 8 appeals with Scottish Government as the moment.

There was some discussion over Scottish Government's decision to overrule local councils and AM advised that she had written to Aileen Campbell about the recent decision to grant a wind farm in Dumfries and Galloway which had been rejected by the Council.

MUIRHALL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED RE MOU. AJ gave a brief resume of the points raised by Muirhall in response to the questions posted to them. DCC area would receive a greater proportion of the funds 60/40, that we were not interested in taking out shares but that groups in the area should be advised that this option is available to them. That 5K/MW was the maximum available, and that the community benefit fund criteria for application was very much cut and pasted from other wind farm criteria. This would all be discussed nearer the time.

TO DO AJ to put on face book that groups can apply for share options. AJ to respond to Muirhall that the high level arrangements are acceptable.

HARRYBURN WIND FARM. RC advised CC Liaison group is meeting next week. Elvanfoot and Crawford are withdrawing from the process. It was agreed to try a day meeting and at the last meeting there was some discussion on the community benefit fund. Unfortunately there was strong objection to this being discussed and Elvanfoot and Crawford decided to come out of the group. They felt that the development issues must be a priority rather than benefit funds. KSC stressed that CC must be impartial and look at all aspects of the proposals and then put these forward to the community and represent their views to the appropriate body.

TO DO – Ryan to arrange for Harryburn to give a presentation to the committee in the New Year.

Ryan to try and load scoping report onto Facebook after next week's meeting.

ACCESS PROJECTS. MM advised that Simon Pilpel from SLC will come in December to talk about potential access projects.

GOOD CITIZEN'S AWARD. A list of those nominated was handed out and the following were selected:

Abington – Bill and Toni Bentley (4 votes – 4 total nominations for this village). Coulter – Ann Pigott (4 votes, 2 in total). Lamington – Bob Riddell won via public nominations, no DCC vote required. Roberton – Cathy Craig (4 votes, 3 in total). Wiston - Meg Beresford (5 votes, 2 in total). Crawfordjohn – Janet Telfer won via public nominations, no DCC vote required.

Unanimous approval of spending a small sum on thank you cards for those who were nominated and didn't win.

TO DO AJ will contact winners and those nominated, sharing on the DCC website and Facebook once all have been notified.

TREASURER'S REPORT AJ had already circulated her report. AJ advised that the windfarm money had come through rounding it up to the agreed £5000 per year for 2016-17. A number of new applications had been lodged mainly for Christmas events and she would circulate these asap to members of the committee. The money for the Roberton Bench upgrade had been approved and KNL was to organise this.

AJ read out the application for the Abington, Susan Barclay, Xmas Party and the grant of £500 was approved by members.

Full details of the accounts have already been sent out to committee members.

In short:

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £308.22

Activity since October meeting: None. Pending Secretary's honorarium being cashed.

DCC General account balance: £7363.19

Activity since October meeting: Paid in £4,880 2016-17 micro grant funding and the £15 Abington Flowers overspend refund. Abington Family Halloween Party cheque was cashed. Roberton flowers cheque has been cashed.

Activity

- Completed Abington Family Halloween Party CWFF micro grant cheque and documentation
- All 2015-16 grants have provided the required proof
- Added multiple funding sources to the DCC website

Grant Monies Remaining

- CWFF: £4634.97 remaining of the 2016-17 grant
- Infinis Glenkerie: £750 remaining of the £1000 2016-17 grant

AGM JMCL expressed concern at the number of issues and visitors pending. As JMCL was submitting questions regarding the SSE Clyde Wind Farm Grant to John Archibald and would hopefully have response in full at the Clyde Wind Farm AGM on the 11th November which JMCL would attend; this should negate the need for a meeting to be organised.

It was agreed that the Good Citizens Award would be handed out at the December meeting; Simon Pilpel would then give his presentations. This would be followed by the AGM. AJ is to supply refreshments which would come from the DCC SLC admin account. All other business would be dealt with in January.

TO DO JM will inform the other office bearers Anne and Jo about any reports or preparation required for the AGM.

AOB

Hamish Stewart advised that with the Council elections next May the last planning meeting is on 21st February and Council Meeting on 8th March 2017. The election is 4th May 2017.

Katie Stuart-Cox reported on the following: Abington – 2 plots had been sold and there was concern that the walkway along the river may be affected. HS suggested that they contact Simon Pilpel in his role of Council Access Officer for his advice.

The road leading to the Housing Association houses was in disrepair but the council have advised that they do not own the land and therefore cannot resurface the road. Also the light is not working and as it is covered in ivy the council will not come to repair it. HS suggested that they should try the Housing Department as it could be that they own the lane.

There are 12 Street Lights out in Abington which they are dealing with.

Leadhills, on the road out to Leadhills there are 6 wooden columns without street lights. Council have advised that Scottish Power have to update the columns and that they will not relamp until this has happened. RC advised that the new poles in Robertson were all wooden so the columns could be power lines.

Stuart Baillie will become an Associate Member.

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ACTION: Jo Openreach response as to what is happening for Duneaton CC area in terms of Broadband

ACTION: Jo Biggar High School, would any S/6 pupils within DCC area like to participate as Junior Associate Members of the DCC – this has been chased.

ACTION: Malcolm Speak to SLC regarding the Orange Fence which has been left next to Robertson Burn play area.

ACTION: Jo to continue working with Welcome Break to improve the situation.

Date of next meeting 6th December 2017.

