

DUNEATON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes – Tuesday 7th February 2017

Members Present

Attendees: John McLatchie, Andy McLarty, Robin Craig, Allison Mitchell, Karin Lawson, Katie Stuart-Cox, Anne Jefferies, Jo Talbot, Ryan Cox, Stuart Baillie, Hamish Stewart, Julie Scott (member of the public)

Apologies – None

Adoption of Minutes from November Proposed by Anne Jefferies & seconded by John McLatchie

Muirhall Energy/Priestgill WF

- Discussion on Priestgill WF
- AJ confirmed that she is getting compensation from Muirhall due to the proximity of her house so confirmed that she would not participate in any conversations to do with Priestgill (AJ has previously explained this)
- AM queried why as a CC we cannot object as Crawford CC have objected – It was explained that CC's can object when overwhelming evidence that the local community is against the WF however, we have some residents against and some in favour and no clear majority.
- SB & JS asked for support in objecting as they knew several people who were opposed to the WF proposals. It was also explained back in October and reiterated since that they needed to form a group to provide evidence of their objections and the number of local residents who are in agreement – suggestions have been made to create a petition with signatures for example
- Long discussion on WF's adjacency to M74 – feedback from the group to look at Clyde WF guiding principles
- Agreement: SB to lead and form an action group to gain feedback from local community and will share with DCC upon submitting to SLC planning
- Agreement: JM to send holding note to SLC confirming that DCC has been made aware of an opposition group against Priestgill WF however we're unaware of the size and objection rationale

MOU

- Page 4 – Company having final agreement – is that right. Yes, but as long as the DCC operates within the broad guidelines already agreed this will not arise.
- Who is the 'group – it's DCC
- Have we included the ability for the DCC funds to be used to support ongoing operations or 'recurring revenue' – we have already (see page 6) however lets add it for complete clarity
- Can we check our constitution to ensure we are covered if this goes ahead (in terms of our responsibilities – which we should be ok for as we already administer on behalf of other WFs)

Banks Renewable/Middlemuir –

- Ryan will attend

Any new Micro grant requests –

- Yes – Crawfordjohn Village Hall notice board – unanimous agreement £500

Local News

- Council budgets are up for discussion at the exec committee – extra £8m from Scottish Government meaning that various proposed funding cuts will now not happen (examples)
- Harryburn – Community Benefit drop in session now moved to 15th Feb 2017 3:30pm and 7:30pm in Abington Hotel
- Can all fill in monkey survey and add to facebook
- Robin: state of roads (4days) no gritters etc (road up to Wiston Lodge)... We can request confirmation it's on gritting route and why it's not been gritted (in time for school bus) Lamington Village and Langholm Farm (part of school route) (cc in Cllr Stewart)
- Several break in incidents (police meeting tomorrow evening) – May already have been posted (Gemma Forrester)

- Robin to pull together information on security concerns and share with John McLatchie
- Andy to confirm who said Police refused to go into the woods and John McLatchie will pick up
- More elderly residents – Moss growing across all the paths within the council houses – housing association (Malcolm to get onto housing)
- Highways and Byways – Might resurface village road in Robertson – good news
- John Archibald agreed to meeting with 3-4 people to answer questions
- Email from AD – playing fields in Coulter is infected by moles
 - o Anne Jefferies to confirm mole catcher to John

Simon Pilpel (work with Malcolm in Countryside and Green Space) – outdoor access at SLC

- Development of Clyde Walkway
- Lots of work over last 20+ years
- Land Reform Act 2005 – statutory right for public access to land and inland water
- We've had ideas and thoughts on potential new routes
- 27 existing and proposed routes identified
- Most recent is John Muir Way (runs across centre of Scotland, East to West)
- One gap – Clyde Walkway going south and an E-W gap between Tweed Valley and Glenbuck way
- Scottish Natural heritage commissioned consultants to look at joining this up
- 18m ago they carried out survey work – what could be achieved
- Brought a series of maps
- Strong guidance from the DCC members present that a 'Clyde Walkway' should follow along the Clyde and not be diverted off into nearby hills. The Abington-Crawford route is not currently a preferred route due to the split land ownership and lack of existing paths. Flagged to Simon that it's important for the area for the next 100+ years since if tourists are actively diverted away from DCC villages this will have a very negative effect on tourism and sustainability. Given the scale of the project, there is a lot of wind farm money potentially available to help create a new route by the river.

AOB

- JM updated on his new laptop
 - o £440.00 new laptop – John putting £200 towards it and add the MS packages

Treasurers Report

Balances

SLC Admin account balance: £248.26

Activity since January meeting: No change. £50 difference is uncashed Secretary honorarium (see actions).

DUNEATON COMM COUNCL		00121712	83-15-10	£298.26	£298.26
				Your overdraft limit is £0.00	
Date	Description			Amount	Balance
29 Dec	15DEC GRS 00121712 Interest			£0.04	£298.26
21 Nov	000080 Cheque			-£10.00	£298.22
29 Sep	15SEP GRS 00121712 Interest			£0.04	£308.22

DCC General account balance: £5533.16

Activity since January meeting: Robertson GCA cheque cashed.

Account name		Account number	Sort code	Today's balance	Available
DUNEATON COM COUNCIL		00113132	83-15-10	£5,533.16	£5,533.16
				Your overdraft limit is £0.00	
Date	Description			Amount	Balance
17 Jan	000158 Cheque			-£50.00	£5,533.16
29 Dec	15DEC GRS 00113132 Interest			£0.62	£5,583.16
22 Dec	000160 Cheque			-£210.00	£5,582.54
19 Dec	000159 Cheque			-£50.00	£5,792.54
16 Dec	000155 Cheque			-£50.00	£5,842.54
13 Dec	000157 Cheque			-£50.00	£5,892.54
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Activity

- Receipts received and processed for 3 grants
- Updated grant conditions online as per January meeting action

Action points

- 1/ Anne to submit £21.28 Good Citizen Award expenses for refund.
- 2/ Robin to submit Robertson Flowers receipts by 2-Feb-17 or needs to return the money according to the grant conditions.
- 3/ John to submit the receipt for his new PC to enable the refund from the SLC account.
- 4/ All re new Crawfordjohn noticeboard CWFF microgrant application.
- 5/ Anne to close out Infinis Glenkerie 2016-17 to release new tranche of money – need Robin's update.
- 6/ Anne to move Secretary honorarium from SLC admin account to general pot as per Jo's donation.

Grant Monies Remaining

CWFF: £3924.97 remaining of the 2016-17 grant

Infinis Glenkerie: £129.35 remaining of the £1000 2016-17 grant

Next Steps:

Next Step: Andy will create a drop box account and invite us all to access it. We can then add our constitution for all to review

Next Step: John to chase Ruth in Planning @ SLC

Next Step: Chase Transport Scotland (Stuart Baillie)

Next Step: Chase Scott Jones re A702 accidents & near misses (John to chase)

Next Step: AJ to share planning application link, Priestgill website and resident group's link via the DCC Facebook once link received from SB - DONE

Next Step: AJ to share the current Muirhall MOU with the DCC and feedback to Muirhall about the need to keep any overspend in the fund, the Abington share option and their need to ensure WATIF or similar can employ the support worker - DONE

Next Steps: DCC to formally respond to Muirhall planning application – AMcL & SB to confirm summary of objectives and we will formally write on behalf of DCC. JM to update Crawford CC so they are aware of Duneaton's response.

Next Steps: Robertson flowers receipts need to be in to Anne before 2nd February in order to meet conditions of the grant (Robin to share with Anne) - DONE

Next Step: AJ to add new grant conditions to documentation and website - DONE

Next Step: RC to share the Abington invitation with AJ to share on FB. – Meeting delayed, now N/A

Next Step: JM to send defib email to AJ for sending onto the person in Crawfordjohn who asked about a grant to cover a new defibrillator. May move the grant amount required from the main CWFF to the DCC micro grant eligibility levels. - DONE

Next Steps: Pull together feeling in community with evidence (names, addresses, numbers, objection reasons, templates etc) – Stuart

Email planning team and say we've been made aware that a significant number of local residents are expected to object (JT)

Constitution – circulate route to group to check that we are covered (all bases) in terms of being able to support the scheme (for the MOU)

N/S – Anne to update MOU and email for approval