

# DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020 at 7.30p.m. in Ford Village Hall

Present: Jim Malcolm, Helen Mackie, Di Roberts, Sue MacLean and Gordon Parker

In Attendance PS Keith Evans (Police Scotland), Joanna McGregor, Christine Balchin, Lorraine MacIntyre, Angus MacIntyre, Violet Brown, Derek Scott, Phil Bailey, Phil Hemmings, Ray Balchin, Pete Creech and Janet Jardine

1. Apologies: John McKellar

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- Microgrants: Payments yet to be made to Kilmartin Hotel for the Pensioners Christmas Lunch and the maintenance of equipment for the green. Treasurer provided cheques. A further request made by Euan McMurdo to help fund the introduction of shinty to Kilmartin & Ford primary school was approved by all present. The Convener will notify him of the award but will need to await the replenishing of microgrant funds.
- Speed measuring. Cllr Dougie Philand provided feedback from a police survey of speeds through Kilmartin over a 5 day period in December. They were not excessive. The highly visible car would itself act as a deterrent. The Convener reiterated his intention to invite someone from the roads department to attend the March meeting in Kilmartin and encouraged all to come with their concerns.

5. Reports

5.1 Police Report: PS Keith Evans introduced himself as our new representative from Police Scotland. There were no crimes to report in the Dunadd area but he was keen to hear our concerns. The question of speeding through the villages was raised and in particular the 'black box' that Police Scotland had installed to monitor traffic leaving Kilmartin in a northerly direction. He would find out its purpose although it was unlikely to be a number recognition camera. He went on to explain that he sought to train more officers in the use of speed cameras.

5.2 Treasurer's Report: The funds available at present were:

DCC funds - £2676; Innogy (Ford) £3679.40 – although further payments are due: Microgrants; £594 – further payments due on production of bank statement.

5.3 Planning Report. Nothing of significance to report. The convener reads the weekly list of applications and alerts the community via the web site of anything that may be of concern. He contacts all Community Council members of anything that requires a joint response.

6. Correspondence: The Convener advised of a consultation meeting re. Draft sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy to be held in Oban on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. at the Royal Hotel, Argyll Square. 13.0 – 17.30 for an open information session and 18,30 – 20.00 for a presentation and Q & A session.

7. Public questions:

The Convener restated his intention to stand down after 8 years at the AGM in May. This has been intimated for the past two years but rescinded at the prospect of the ‘wrapping up’ of the Community Council with the loss of influence and microgrants etc. We need people to ‘step up to the bar’ and be prepared to carry on the C.C. role – even if it is an agreed short tenure.

Sue Maclean, the C.C. representative on the A’ Cruach windfarm trust, intimated that applications for funding had diminished (only one application in this last cycle). She encouraged more to apply but also sought approval of a proposal the channel funds into a Community Endowment Fund that would support large long-term projects in the future. This was approved by all C.C. members present.

A request was made by the Ford Village Hall committee to book C.C. meetings in advance. Di Roberts to confirm. Payments also due for booking in recent years. Convener to action on receipt of date of last payment.

8. Date of Next Meeting: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 in Glassary, Kilmartin & Ford Parish Church.