

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Dunadd Community Council held on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 7.30p.m. via zoom conference.

Present- David Smart (chair), Jim Malcolm (JM), Di Roberts (DR), Sue MacLean (SM), Helen Mackie (HM), Joanna McGregor (JMcG), Hazel Fuller (HF).

In attendance: David Bracken (DCE), Dougie Philand (A&BC), Sandy Taylor (A&BC), Gordon Gray Stevens (GGS), Steve Carter (SC), John McKeller (JMck).

AGENDA

1. Apologies - Keith Evans (police Scotland)
2. Declarations of Interest –DR advised that when we come to agenda item 8.4 that she is a Dunadd Community Enterprise Director.
3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved and Signed off.
4. Matters arising from the minutes:

4.1 Traffic problems – Jim Smith has confirmed that once traffic returns to normal that the surveys will be carried out but there is no date for this at present.

Discussion took place around where the surveys would be carried out. **(Action for Hazel to send e-mail copying in Councillors asking that the surveys take place at the North Side of the village and not outside the hotel.)** ST advised that Jim Smith has made the commitment to conduct the surveys where requested.

5. Emergency and Disaster Planning –

David circulated a document detailing work he is doing with Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust on what to do if an incident occurred in or around the area. JM had sent detail over to DS from last meeting. DS confirmed he had received this and in addition to having an asset and volunteer list, is looking to do some risk planning in advance looking at topics such as flooding and weather. JM confirmed that risk assessments had been done previously and included items like trees blowing over in the road. DS is looking for volunteers to start the group. DB confirmed that the Dunadd Community Enterprise will put someone forward once discussed with directors. **(Action for David B to get name for group for David S.)** JM confirmed the hardest part is identifying people, getting the contact details and adding the detail is quite difficult. DS agreed and stated that in addition to this we have the economic shock following the Coronavirus Pandemic. DS asked for volunteers. Joanna volunteered. **(Action for Hazel to post on the Dunadd Facebook group explaining**

what we are looking to do and look for volunteers.) DS asked Councillors DP and ST if there was anyone in the council we could speak to regarding the project. ST confirmed there is an Emergency and Planning Officer and will get the contact details. **(Action for Sandy T to get number of Emergency and Planning Officer to David S.)**

6. Reports:

6.1 Police Report - There have been a number of incidents of a suspicious nature where people stating that they are lost have been found on works/farm property. It is believed that these people are conducting 'reconnaissance' to attempt to locate Plant, Fuel and Quad bikes to steal- any such incidents should be reported to Police as soon as possible. The incident in Caradale where three Quad bikes were stolen and recovered was resolved with three arrests because of an early call to Police. Other than the above there is nothing else of major concern. **(Action for Hazel to continue to share any incidents on Facebook.)**

6.2 Treasurer's Report -DR confirmed that on-line banking has now been set up. There is £3129 in the general account- £45 of this is for admin fees. In the Micro Account there is £1939 with an outstanding £250 for the Ford Picnic Bench which will be paid today as JMcG sent DR the detail. Innogy has £5217. DR confirmed from seeing the accounts, looks like an annual payment is made around June time for £1700 to the Innogy Account. JM confirmed to receive this payment this year we need to apply for it, and he will send the detail to DS when he receives it. The money can be used for an Educational or Environmental purpose. JMcG to confirm how the money will be spent once the meeting with the Ford residents take place.

6.3 Planning Report- Kilmartin Quarry extension – JM confirmed that they have installed baffles. One of the objections raised by DCC was the noise levels. SC confirmed that the baffles are essentially a wall, they will not stop the sound coming through- it would need cladded. ST confirmed that the planners have confirmed that until the Quarry Operator can prove that the current obligations placed on them by the present planning conditions are met, then they will not consider the new applications. Covid has also prevented visits to the site. ST confirmed he has contacted Environmental Health. Discussion took place around next steps. ST confirmed that it is likely the planning application will go to a Committee and if it does, then the DCC will have the opportunity to raise concerns/comments. Agreement that currently, if an individual would like to raise a concern/comment then they should contact Environmental Health.

7. Updates:

7.1 Kilmartin Museum – GGS confirmed that the current work is tree work. Due to nesting season an Environmental Consultant has been on-site. The site will be handed over to TSL on the 12th April where TSL will take responsibility for the management of the construction site. GGS had invited Iain Lumsden who is one of the directors of TSL to the meeting to discuss community relationship during the build but unfortunately could not make the meeting this month but potentially can make the May meeting. **(Action for Hazel F to invite Iain to May meeting.)** GGS confirmed he had received a plan from TSL detailing how they will address community concerns during the build programme. This includes a small Community Benefit Fund, discussions with DCE around potential for work experience and looking at engaging with local primaries around site safety. **(Action for Gordon to share the document with DCC.)**

7.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise – DB confirmed that the stretch tent and cover have been ordered and they are waiting for the poles due to arrive (supply issues due to popularity.) This is for the front green in Kilmartin so Community Groups can meet over the summer. DB confirmed that the on-going project to re-open the toilets in Kilmartin has stopped due to A&B Council advising that they will re-open the toilets in Kilmartin sometime in April. The Wildflower project is on-going and the first crocuses have appeared on Kilmartin green. Gary continues to work alongside some people in Ford and Slockavullin.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 Kilmichael residents' concerns re parking in passing places on C38 – DCC have received some correspondence from residents in Kilmichael concerned about Motorhomes and Campervans parking overnight in the passing places along the C38. DCC have submitted a request to Argyll and Bute Council for "No Parking" signs to be placed in the passing places. Argyll and Bute council have set up a steering group for Caravans and Motorhomes and various meetings/ discussions have taken place. DP confirmed that all the local communities have been asked to identify places where parking from Caravans and Motorhomes is happening. Money has been set aside from the budget to look at potentially providing facilities but unsure where at present. DP advised the council acknowledge there will be an increase in Motorhomes and Caravans in the area especially due to the international travel restrictions. Officers are currently building up a portfolio of where there are concentrations of vehicles parking, from that they will then look to set up sites and advertise these. DS advised that Carnassaire Castle is a hot spot area. GGS advised that the landowners forum met a few weeks ago and Kilmartin Glen was an area identified for action to be taken by the Council. ST advised that potentially looking at providing facilities in Council Car parks or near public conveniences. ST advises that the consultation with communities also looks at whether local communities want

people coming into the communities in what could be fairly large numbers and to take the opportunity now to submit any views to Economic Development. DS advised that some community groups have secured land and set up places for Caravans and Motorhomes to park. DS acknowledged that we know we are going to see an increase in Caravans and Motorhomes this year. ST stated that the current planning permissions permit ad-hoc use for one or two vehicles without the need for planning consent. DS asked ST about the waste concern. ST confirmed that Argyll and Bute council are hoping to provide somewhere where the waste can be disposed. There is also a potential for farmers to allow their land to be used. GGS advised that the museum is currently putting an application in for a car park which is next to the sewage plant and may explore if it is possible to link into the sewage system from the car park. ST stated that this could cause a traffic problem. Discussion took place around people's views on the subject and next steps. ST confirmed that A&B council are trying to create this network, look for potential areas and then advertise these so people passing through know the service points.

(Action for Hazel to send Sandy and Dougie reference number for job request for no parking signs. Dougie and Sandy to chase resolution. Hazel to post on Facebook that if people do see Caravans/Motorhomes parked inappropriately, then to let the local Economic Development unit at their local authority know.)

8.2 Planning applications – Three planning applications were discussed –

a) 21/00263/PP and 21/00631PTO – request for 2 temporary Kiosks and 11 trees to be felled at Kilmartin Museum. GGS confirmed the trees they are looking to be removed are at the South Side of the site (not in Museum Grounds.) A tree surgeon has advised that they are dangerous. No objections from DCC.

b) Third planning application 21/00093/PP- erection of temporary wind monitoring mast for two years. No objections from the DCC.

8.3 Cnoc na h-Eilde consultation – GGS confirmed that Kilmartin Museum have identified some concerns which have been submitted to Scottish Woodlands. GGS advised that they are aware there are some undiscovered archaeological sites on the hills around Kilmartin and Forestry in the past has damaged them. Discussion took place around people's views and opinions and agreed that HF will go back to Scottish Woodlands with the following comments from DCC. **(Action for Hazel to send below opinions over and agree next steps.)**

* Kilmartin Glen is one of the richest Agricultural areas in Mid Argyll. There used to be approximately 30 farms in the area, there are now about 10. Every hill that gets covered in conifer makes it more difficult to sustain agricultural activity in this Glen. DCC area already has more commercial afforestation than the Scottish Government's plans. There is a risk that we are becoming an area that is not viable for farming.

*Land use in and around the Glen and monoculture and the lack of diversification and restriction on the landscape with more commercial forestation.

*Concern over people not being able to walk over the area. The area also borders on to a chambered cairn. This would also suggest that there are lots of earthing's.

*There is a potential that there are rock art sites and archaeological sites on the hill that have never been documented.

8.4 Funding requests for A'Cruach Community Fund – David Bracken submitted a request for £119.90 to purchase a Zoom Licence for the next 12 months so that we can continue to have Community Meetings on-line due to the current Coronavirus restrictions. DS approved the request with JM seconding the request. SM and JMcG also nodded in agreement.

9. Public questions – None

10. AOCB –

10.1 SM advised that they are still looking for a panel member for the Ventient A'Chruach Community Fund. There are two meetings each year.

10.2 DS advised that the 19th Argyll Scouts are in negotiations with the forestry commission to buy part of the Uilian site. There is a barn requiring work and two derelicts on the site. The scouts are looking to acquire it and use it as a centre for non-vocational education. The wider vision is that it would be available to the community. DS asked SM for a meeting to see what the criteria is for requesting funding from the Ventient A'Chruach fund. DS advised that there needs to be an asset lock on the property. DB confirmed that the DCE would support this. DS asked for suggestions for how the site could potentially be used by community groups.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25th May 2021. This will include the AGM to be held in Kilmartin Church (or by Zoom!)

Action Tracker

| Action Owner | Detail | Date |
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| Joanne McG | Speak to Ford residents to ascertain how the money in the Innogy fund will be spent. | On – going |
| Hazel F | Send email to Jim Smith copying in Dougie and Sandy asking that the traffic surveys are completed at the North side of the village | 30/03/2021 |
| David B | Send David S the name of a person from DCE to be part of the Emergency Planning Group | 30/03/2021 |

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| Hazel F | Advertise on Facebook for volunteers to be part of Emergency Planning Group | 30/03/2021 |
| Sandy T | Send DS details of the Emergency Planning Officer from the council. | 30/03/2021 |
| Hazel F | Invite Iain Lumsden from TSL to May meeting. | 30/03/2021 |
| Gordon Grey Stevens | Share community plan from TSL to DCC. | 30/03/2021 |
| Hazel F | Send Sandy and Dougie the reference number for job request to Council to chase for resolution for no parking signs on the C38 and post on Facebook that if people do see Caravans/Motorhomes parked inappropriately, then to let the local Economic Development unit at their local authority know. | 30/03/2021 |
| Hazel F | Send Scottish Woodlands feedback from DCC regarding the consultation for Cnoc na H-Eilde | 30/03/2021 |