

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Dunadd Community Council held on Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7.30p.m. via zoom conference.

Present- David Smart (DS) (Chair), Sue MacLean (SM), Di Roberts (DR), Joanna McGregor (JMcG), Hazel Fuller (HF)

In attendance: David Bracken (DB) (DCE) Tim Forrester (TF), Robert Sweetman (RS), Richard Moody (RM), Gilbert Stevenson (GS), Pete Creech (PC)

AGENDA

1. Apologies - Sandy Taylor (A&BC), Ben Rusden (Police Scotland)
2. Declarations of Interest – None
3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved and signed off
4. Matters arising from the minutes:

4.1 Traffic problems – Members of the public and DCC met with Stuart Watson and James Ross on the 4th November in Kilmartin to look at what traffic calming measures can be put in place. It was agreed in principle, providing resource and budget allows that the following will be done – the installation of 30 MPH roundels (road marking “30” in an oval.) One on the southbound lane in line with the 30MPH speed restriction sign at the start of the 30. A pair of roundels will also be installed north of the garage in line with the 30MPH repeater sign. There will be fluorescent yellow backing board put on the signs at the start of the 30MPH. The team at the Council will also submit a traffic regulation order to extend the 30 MPH speed limit going towards Oban.

Dunadd Community Council have also been in contact with Ben Rusden and are in the process of organising an unofficial speed detection meeting in Kilmartin in January.

Since the last meeting we have priced 20s plenty stickers and a discussion took place on whether we purchase these or we can sign up for a 20s plenty campaign and get free stickers - <https://www.20splenty.org/> There are about 19 places in Scotland who are signed up to the Campaign. It was agreed that Dunadd CC will sign up for the 20s plenty campaign for side streets in the area.

DB has received data from the speed survey in August 2021 and September 2021. A discussion took place around the findings. It was agreed DB will send the data to DS.

Next steps – HF to keep everyone updated on progress.

5. Glasvaar Windfarm Presentation (Gilbert Stevenson) – Gilbert Stevenson project manager from E Power presented on the Glasvaar Wind Farm Proposal. The following points were noted. The business is a small independent developer with a staff of 2. The project is currently in the pre-application stage, the site is adjacent to the existing A'Chruach 1 and A'Chruach 2 projects. The closest settlement is Ford and sits within both Dunadd and Lochgilphead Community Council Areas. The consultation has been ongoing since 2018. There have been public exhibitions and the planning application will be submitted early 2022. The current proposal is for 11 turbines, 149.9m to blade tip, 46.2MW installed capacity, includes peatland restoration of 65 hectares and breeding wader area of 45 hectares. The Community Fund will be £5000/ MW per annum. The following questions/ responses were noted – Q. Which access roads will be used. A. The site will be accessed via Achnabreck forest. Q. How will the Community Fund be utilised? A. E Power can be flexible, can either pay into an existing fund or do something differently as long it complies with regulations. Q. Could the Community have their own turbine? A. DS will arrange meeting with Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust who have done this already.

Next steps JMcG will attend exhibition tomorrow and update at next DCC meeting.

6. Reintroduction to Lynx Discussion – Pete Creech (Heart of Argyll Wildlife) gave an update on the meeting held in Kilmartin on the 19th November and gave some detail into the reintroduction to lynx study. The following points were noted - Heart of Argyll Wildlife were approached by the Vincent Wildlife Trust who are currently hosting events assessing peoples' attitudes towards lynx. This is not part of a process that is looking at a licensing bid to reintroduce lynx. It is an attitude survey only. The Vincent Wildlife Trust have been employed by Trees for Life and Scotland the big Picture. There are four lynx species in total. A male lynx will weight up to 30kg, a female 19-25kg. They are ambush predators. They have on average 3/4 kittens a year. The last lynx was sighted approximately 400/500 years ago in Scotland. There have been some concerns mainly from the farming community on sheep.

Next steps – the surveys will continue from the Vincent Wildlife Trust. A report will then be prepared. PC will keep Dunadd Community Council updated.

7. Reports:

7.1 Police Report – During September there were 360 calls to the Police for the Mid Argyll, Kintrye and Islands area – 83 of these were for Mid Argyll. In October there were 353 calls with 84 for Mid Argyll. Awareness put on our Facebook page of a WhatsApp scam where people are being contacted by fraudsters who are pretending to be family members asking them to pay a food bill/ utility bill etc.

A reminder following a report of suspicious people about near Lochgilphead to keep sheds, buildings, outhouses locked at all times.

7.2 Treasurer's Report – A copy of accounts are sent to members with the agenda prior to each meeting. Balance of the accounts is as follows – General £3334, Microgrant £819 and Innogy £2567.85. Ford were given money this month from the Innogy account to purchase picnic benches, secretarial fees came from the General Account and a Microgrant was awarded from the Microgrant account. We received a £500 grant from the Argyll and Bute Council Covid 19 recovery grant. This will go towards social events in the Spring 2022. A request has been made for additional money to the Microgrant account.

7.3 Planning Report- Kilmartin Quarry extension- David and Hazel to have a meeting with Sandy Taylor and Macleods in the New Year to discuss next steps.

Planning Application - The following planning application appeared on the weekly report.

<https://publicaccess.argyll-bute.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QVKPAHCH0GD00>

This was discussed and no further action taken.

8. Updates:

8.1 Kilmartin Museum – Richard Moody gave an update for Kilmartin Museum. The construction onsite is still on plan. Lots of work mainly underground - foundations, concrete pouring, steelwork. A skirt is being added round the manse at the first-floor level and the concrete has all been poured for this. The building works are planned to be finished in June next year, then a fit-out period for the exhibition and hoping to be open Spring/ March 2023. Site visits are being run on Saturday morning for residents of Kilmartin Village. If there is a high demand additional visits can be organised. The Museum have submitted a funding application for help with the Glebe Field parking area. Currently awaiting formal decision. The car park has been designed with lockable bike racks and vehicle electric charging points. The pop-up Café is now on to winter hours – they are open Friday - Sunday up to 19th December – details of opening hours will be advertised on Lucy's Kilmartin Facebook page.

The output from the poll for the £2500 fund from TSL – new picnic benches for the green 28 votes, outside tap on the toilet block 11 votes, general share box/hut 6 votes, wildflower plugs and seeds – 2 votes, better playpark facilities 2 votes, tree planting – 1 vote. The detail has been sent to TSL for next steps. A discussion took place and it was suggested that TSL purchase the benches from a recycled plastic company Solway. 2 ordinary benches, 2 picnic benches and 1 disabled access picnic bench. Next steps - HF to contact TSL

8.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise - At the last meeting DCE were looking for new directors. An email went out to members and six people are interested. There is a meeting with them next week.

9. Correspondence

9.1 C38 update – A&B council have advised there will be no further update until the budget has been allocated. A discussion took place around next steps, and it was agreed that TF will look to get price quotes to fix the road. The C38 is also a relief road when the A816 is closed. HF will look at potential funding opportunities.

9.2 Kilmartin Playpark update - ACHA are currently reviewing the process currently in place for Kilmartin Playpark. There is an intention that a report will be going to their Senior Management Team and the Board of Management to Consider options. They believe that ACHA own 4 properties and 2 private owners have it in their title deeds. They will update us once the meeting has taken place but are happy if anyone has any individual concerns to contact them directly and Hazel can provide contact details.

10. Public questions

10.1 DS advised Sandy Taylor sent his apologies and read update email from ST. ST is speaking to Argyll and Bute Council regarding the location of the grit bin. Argyll and Bute Council now have the capacity to livestream meetings. The following meetings will be available – Policy and Resources Committee 9th December and Audit and Scrutiny Committee 14th December. From January all meetings will be streamed. The Council's Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee paper has agreed an Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and outline methodology. The Council will consult with communities on where they should site future charging points.

10.2 TF advised attended the wind turbine consultation. The number of turbines in the proposal has reduced and question asked about viability. JMcG advised would ask the question at meeting on 26th.

10.3 Awareness raised that it is thought, the car park opposite the hotel in Kilmartin is being used by people who are car sharing to Oban/Lochgilphead and cars are being left there all day.

11. AOCB

11.1 HF attending Investment in Communities meeting next week. HF to organise meeting start of next year to look at potential funding opportunities.

11.2 All Community Councils in the area will receive a copy of the Education Services Proposals on the 29th November with comments to be submitted by February 2023. HF will add an agenda item to January meeting to discuss. The Kilmartin Parent Council are aware.

12. Date of Next Meeting – 27th January 2022