

Convener's Report 2022

That time again! Cannot believe a whole year has passed and I have been convener for two years. Joanna McGregor was appointed vice-chair at our last AGM, Di Roberts as treasurer and Hazel Fuller as secretary. Our active members are Jim Malcolm and Sue MacLean. We are looking for new active members, if you are unable to join our AGM on the 26th please contact secretary@dunaddcc.org to find out how you can become a member.

A lot has happened in the last year including our Constitution and Standing Orders being updated to allow us to continue with online/ hybrid meetings.

We secured £500 funding from Argyll and Bute Council covid 19 recovery grant which we will use later this year to host open days.

We have had some really good wins in the last year including a generous grant of £2500 from TSL the contractors for Kilmartin Museum. We did a poll on Facebook in October to find out how people would like the money spent and the majority voted for new picnic benches on the green in Kilmartin, these are being installed now.

Microgrant requests, since our last AGM we have issued £1500 of Micro-grant money. In May 2021 a request for a new bench at the bus stop in Kilmartin was approved. Slockavullin Community Group asked us for £250 to get the group back up and running. We gave £250 to Kirsty Brady in September 2021. At our last meeting in April we issued £750 to the Lachlan Miller Memorial Trust to replace the notice boards in Bridge-end and Kilmichael and to purchase some sacks of wildflower seeds. If you would like to apply for a micro-grant (maximum value £250) please send an email to secretary@dunaddcc.org stating what you would like the money for and our members will look at your application at the next meeting.

Di Roberts keeps a great track of our accounts and spending. Our accounts have been audited and these can be found in our meetings section on our website along with a summary of our accounts for the last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Dougie Philand and Sandy Taylor in the support they have offered DCC. Since the AGM, the councillors split the responsibility areas and Sandy Taylor worked with DCC. Sandy did not go for re-election this year and I wish him all the best with whatever he decides to do next. I would like to congratulate the new Councillors for Mid Argyll – Douglas Philand, Jan Brown and Garret Corner. I look forward to meeting them at the DCC meetings and finding out their ideas and what they can support us with.

Our current open actions include – setting up a face to face meeting and inviting Macleods along with the view to starting up a Community Liaison Group – separate to DCC for the Kilmartin Quarry extension following the meeting in June last year. This meeting will take place in the coming weeks. The C38 - there has been much correspondence between Dunadd CC, local councillors and residents around requests to improve the C38 including the addition of passing places. The C38 is currently on Argyll and Bute Council's roadmap and we are awaiting confirmation of what work will take place and when. Kilmartin Playpark – DCC have contacted ACHA to get some further detail on the maintenance and responsibility of the playpark in Kilmartin. ACHA have confirmed that there are residents in Barmor view that have the responsibility of the playpark in their title deeds and ACHA are responsible for two thirds. ACHA are currently considering factoring for the residents that have it in their title deeds and will in be in touch with them directly. Dalriada Footpath – Dunadd

Community Council have formed a sub-group of people with the goal to upgrade a section of the footpath from Crinan through the Oakwood to Dunadd. ACT are currently responsible for this section and the sub-group will have a meeting with them shortly to decide next steps.

Following a speeding survey in September conducted by Argyll and Bute Council, DCC issued "30 MPH" wheelie bin stickers to residents along the A816. In November, DCC and members of the public met with members of the roads and infrastructure team in Kilmartin to talk about the speeding issue and explore what traffic calming measures could be put in place. A speed detection exercise took place in April with Police Scotland and another one will be arranged in the next few months. It has been agreed that the following will be done.

- Two 30 roundels will be placed on the road to highlight the speed limit
- Arrange for fluorescent yellow backing boards for the starting of the 30 limit
- Progress discussions with Police Scotland with regards to extending the 30MPH limit to the North.

Dates for the above are to be confirmed. We are awaiting confirmation of whether the roads team can change the speed limit to 20MPH near the entrance to Barrmor View, erect a mirror near the hotel that would allow people leaving Barrmor View to see round the corner, a caution sign to alert people there is right turn ahead and 5MPH speed signs in Barrmor View.

We have had various presentations at our meetings over the last year, this has included – Car Duibh Wind Farm from Statkraft in July and Glasvaar Windfarm in November. Reintroduction to lynx in November from Pete Creech following us organising an event in Kilmartin in November with The Vincent Wildlife Trust.

Planning applications are looked at each meeting, DCC have objected to a few this year – 5 houses in Kilmichael and 2 in Barrmor View.

Since the last AGM, the police report is now centralised. Police Scotland are not currently able to attend Zoom meetings. We are hoping that this changes as DCC found it beneficial when we had Police Scotland in attendance.

Each meeting we get an update on the progress of Kilmartin Museum and from Dunadd Community Enterprise. The latest update from Kilmartin Museum is they are still on track for opening March 2023. Textures and artifacts have all been chosen and the building work should finish in July. The Museum walks have commenced and there are monthly zoom talks. The pop-up café Lucy's of Ardfern has opened back up. DCE had their AGM earlier this year and they have 177 members – they are currently looking at their Community plan and deciding next steps.

The investing in Communities fund is launching in May 2022 and DCC and DCE are planning to put a joint application in.

A'Chruach Windfarm Community Fund are now having three meetings a year. Funding is available and the next date for this year is the 9th September. The poster is on our website and Facebook pages.

The 19th Argyll Scout Group are in the process of securing the Uilien building in Kilmichael. The project is currently at the legal stages and if successful, will run over the next 5 years with the objective to have a non-curriculum space that can be used by the community groups and run by the Scouts.

All our meeting minutes can be found on our website and we meet on the last Thursday of every 2nd month. I look forward to the year ahead, especially now things feel a bit more “back to normal” and hopefully can meet some of you at our face to face meeting.

For now, take care and thank you for reading

Yours aye,

David Smart

Chair