

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Thursday 28th July at 7.30p.m. via zoom conference.

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

In attendance: David Bracken (DB (DCE), Richard Moody (RM) (representing Kilmartin Museum), Tony Hill (TH) (representing Kilmartin Museum), Sue Creech

AGENDA

1. Apologies – David Smart, Ben Rusden, Jan Smith (A&B)
2. Declarations of Interest – None, JMcG confirmed in David Smart’s absence she would be chairing the meeting.
3. Minutes of previous meeting – JmcG proposed and seconded by SM

Updates from actions from previous meeting –

* Fence at museum – JS received update from Council as follows - *This request has been included as part of our Future Works Programme. We can confirm that we will repair this fence at various locations to make safe. Barrier tape has been put along line of fence to show and highlight the hazard to members of the public. Our inspectors have advised that the repair is seen as low priority and a target completion date of 09.12.22 has been set.*

* Advertising for open days – HF got a banner produced to be used at events and made some posters for the Slockavullin day.

DB advised the tape at the fence has been removed, HF will report to JB.

4. Matters arising from the minutes: 7.35-7.45

4.1 Traffic problems - since the last meeting JB and HF have had several conversations regarding the traffic problems. JB has had various meetings with Jim Smith and James Ross. The markings on the road have been done. JB has been assured that the other works (e.g. the roundels, sign for Barrmor etc) are on the programme of works and will be completed but has not been given timescales.

Barrmor – JB is in talks with James Ross at the council re this. It has been built into the planning legislation for the new houses in Barrmor that signs have to be erected. Someone mentioned legislation is changing that will mean all places like Barrmor are 20 MPH – JB is looking into this. The council have been out at Barrmor View and did not witness any speeding during their visit. DR advised that there is something in the Missives on Barrmor View that they are not allowed to put anything in the front of their property - e.g. fence, bushes as it’s a step-off place for people who are walking.

HF has emailed Alistair Morrison regarding doing another speed survey and has copied Jan into this. HF and JB will continue to contact A&B for updates.

5. £500 Community Fund – Kilmartin meeting 4th August to decide when fun day will be. Ford and Kilmichael TBC. HF advised the funding has to be spent by October 2022. HF advised that there have been some inflatable hire companies opened up in area – two in Oban and one in Dunoon.

6. Reports:

6.1 Police Report - Ben sent his apologies for the meeting but can now attend face to face and can make next meeting if we are face to face. Report has been condensed again where there is no area breakdown and just an overall number of crimes. HF has made JB aware of this and she has a meeting with the police on Tuesday and will bring this up. May 326 calls with 108 in Mid Argyll and June 308 calls with 82 Mid Argyll – local paper mentioned some offences at Dunadd Fort. There was also some graffiti on one of the Cairns at Kilmartin Museum. It was noted that the police presence at Dunadd has been very poor. HF and JB will try and get police presence at next meeting.

6.2 Treasurer's Report – DB gave updates. Balance of general fund is £3412, outgoing payments include £50 secretarial and £75 for the banner. If there has been no account activity, we are charged £6.50 on each account. This is a mistake. In addition, for the accounts that have had transactions we have had further charges. This is also a mistake and DR is in the process of organising refunds. Microgrant account £3312 – only activity has been the bank charges and the same with the Innogy account – current balance is - £4243.

6.3 Planning Report – Since the last meeting, any planning applications that have appeared on the report where appropriate, have been shared online and with members. DCC objected to planning for 4 houses near Ford and had confirmation from the planning department that the applications for 5 houses near Ford from September last year which DCC objected too, have been withdrawn.

Discussion took place around the current planning applications – Kilmartin Castle, Woodland Creation adjacent to Kirnan House Kilmichael Glen, Old Glennan Ford and erection of dwellinghouse and installation of sewage treatment plant in Kilmartin.

HF to contact council regarding Kilmartin - there is a cycle track/ footpath currently that goes through the middle of the property. Will the path be re-routed?

Planning application for Ford, there is a document from Historic Environment Scotland. HF will ensure the planning applications are on Facebook and if receives any comments, will submit these to the Council.

6.4 Kilmartin Quarry extension – DS to provide update before next meeting. The quarry haven't done anything with the extension yet and the activity within the quarry has been quiet.

7. Updates:

7.1 Kilmartin Museum – Tony Hill joined the call as the new Chief Executive Officer of Kilmartin Museum. TH is moving to the area with his wife to run the Museum and thanked DCC for inviting him along to the meeting. TH will oversee the commercial side and the running of the museum.

RM gave an update. RM advised that since the last meeting, they have slipped behind timescales. A lot of activity ongoing currently, tail end of June there were issues getting the museum wind and water tight. Looking at getting access to main galleries end of August to prepare for fit out, building won't be handed over until the middle of September. As a consequence of the number of people on site this has caused an issue with parking. A discussion took place regarding the parking, members of the call advised the situation was dangerous and provided examples of vans parking inappropriately meaning pedestrians were having to go on to the road, children who have had to go on to the road with their bikes to get on to the cycle track and of people who have looked for spaces attending events/ café and been unable to get parked and have driven away.

It was highlighted that the contractors are not using the parking at Carnassarie Castle as previously agreed and people are annoyed. RM apologised for the disruption that is currently being caused – there is push for the building works to be finished and confirmed that TSL do have temporary parking at Carnassarie castle. RM advised earlier this week there was a meeting with TSL and one of the actions from the meeting was the site manager will re-enforce to the sub-contractors the need to use the temporary car parking facility. It was noted that occasionally a TSL van will be seen but it is mainly the contractor vans causing the issue with the parking. RM advised will speak to TSL again following the meeting. TH apologised and confirmed they are trying hard to get TSL's subcontractors to apply with the parking rules. A question was asked about parking on site. RM advised that by the end of the year, TSL and the subcontractors will be a lot less visible and this should free up some capacity on the main site. RM will see if this can be brought forward.

It was agreed that the Museum will engage with TSL and report back to DCC. If there is no difference by W/C 8th August then residents in Kilmartin will contact the police directly when they see vehicles parking inappropriately/ dangerously.

A question was asked about the soil currently being removed from the museum. TH advised the soil is being removed and contained and will be returned to site. TH advised they are aware of the New Zealand flatworm issue which is why the soil is being contained to protect the environment.

RM thanked everyone for their patience today whilst SSEN connected the new substation on site. It allows for a significantly higher power through to the site. The Glebe Field parking has not progressed due to the work on the main building. It is still the intention to approach planning so it is available next year – the car park may not be ready on day one, but as more visitors arrive it will – the parking on the main site is also being increased.

There is a proposal around moving the three crosses that are in Kilmartin Church – currently under the care of Historic Environment Scotland. Feedback on the proposals is open until the 11th August.

7.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise - DB advised DCE and DCC have drafted the questions for the Community Plan. There is another meeting at the end of August. HF will send the questions out with the DCC minutes for feedback. DCE are also applying for funding for a development worker.

7.3 Kilmartin Playpark - JB received the following response *"It was agreed by the ACHA Board of Management on the 9th December 2021 was that Factoring should be considered. We are now in a position to start to move this forward. A standalone common insurance policy will require to be put in place as part of the Factoring arrangement. Currently ACHA's public liability insurance offers ACHA as an owner of properties within the Development a degree of protection if a claim was forthcoming towards ACHA. AFHA Ground Maintenance Team have current arrangements in place to cut the grass within and around the play area."*

7.4 Windfarm Proposal – Since the last meeting, HF has received the following updates – Eredine Windfarm Proposal (comments were to be in by 19th July) and there will be a proposal for Blarghour Wind Farm coming out shortly. An Carr Dubh will be submitting another application later in the year and will keep in touch. HF will chase for an update for Glasvaar Windfarm.

7.5 National Park – HF in talks with Niall Macleod around the next 6 energy projects around Loch Awe – HF will keep people updated. A discussion took place and it was noted that there must be discussions with residents and an agreement that this is something the residents would like.

8. Correspondence 8.25-8.40

8.1 C38 update - Incident reported to police on 20th June regarding a motorhome and horse riders. Police were involved. Resident contacted DCC and JB. JB has spoken to the Council and raised a complaint. Council have been out and looked at the area as has JB. There are no passing place signs in any of the passing places and Jim Smith is aware of this and committed to putting a black and white pole in each one. They are also looking at putting horse aware signage near the Loch. They have resurfaced some of the road since our last meeting and widened some passing places. JB has the details of the staycation officer and it was agreed HF will invite him to our next meeting. JB will keep HF posted with the complaint outcome and the ongoing incident with the passing places/ road. The local residents of Tayviallach crowd funded for passing place signs to be bought for Tayviallach.

8.2 Funding Opportunities – This was covered as part of the DCE update.

8.3 Dalriada Footpath – Carried forward from previous meeting, HF to arrange a meeting with the sub group for next steps. Potential opportunity to add this to the role of the development worker.

8.4 Funding requests- DCC had awarded £500 towards two notice boards to the Lachlan Miller Trust earlier this year for Kilmichael. The money has not been sent as DCC were waiting on quotes. The trust have obtained one quote so far for £1200. It was agreed that DCC will ask the trust to apply for a windfarm grant – DB offered to help with the

application. The other £250 towards the wild flower seeds that was awarded will be paid now and can be used within the next 12 months.

Sue Creech asked for a microgrant for the Ford Village Hall Committee to maintain their defibrillator by updating batteries and electrode pads. This would include pads for children and some community training on how to use the defibrillator. The grant would be made up of £250 from DCC and the additional £123.30 from the Innogy Wind Farm funds held for Ford. A vote took place and members agreed the grant would be given and from both funds. SC will liaise with DR for payment.

DB advised Kilmartin Hotel hold an event every Christmas for the elderly. A discussion took place and it was agreed that this was something DCC would support with should the hotel submit an application.

9. Public questions 8.40-8.50

Question received regarding the defibrillator in Kilmichael – HF to ask DS for an update regarding the DCC application to the windfarm for the defibrillator.

Question received regarding the cup and ring mark sign in Kilmichael – the wood holding the sign is rotting and who it should be reported to. HF to contact ACT to see if they are aware who has responsibility of this.

10. AOCB 8.50-9.00

JB (Councillor) will be holding surgeries for the public - details can be found online.

Argyll and Bute Community Council Elections will be held in October this year, further details to follow.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 29th September 2022. HF will contact members 3 weeks before the meeting to decide whether to do face to face or zoom. Details will be published on Facebook and the website prior to the meeting.