

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7.30p.m. via zoom conference.

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

In attendance: David Bracken (DB (DCE), Bob Sweetman (BS), Garret Corner (GC) (A&B Councillor) Dialed in: Elaine Ross (Police Scotland).

1. Apologies – Sue MacLean, Jim Malcolm, Garret Corner left meeting at 8pm.
2. Declarations of Interest – None.
3. Minutes of previous meeting – DS thanked HF for getting the CC re-constituted.
4. Inaugural Meeting updates -

HF has received the minutes of the meeting and Approved Standing Orders, Co-option Form, Declaration of Interest Protocol, Model Complaints process. HF has asked for the process for registering with the data protection manager – these will be uploaded to the website once signed.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

5.1 Traffic problems – Since the last meeting Jan Brown sent the following update - Barrmor View – council officers have over the past few months dropped in to monitor the situation and have observed no adverse speeding issues. Jan stopped in on the way back from Oban and saw one other vehicle which wasn't speeding. This coupled with no complaints being received from members of the public means that it is difficult to justify further speed calming measures and speed reduction in this area. A watching brief will be kept. Also before any reduction in speed would be allowed there would have to be a consultation with Police which they would have to agree with as they would be enforcing it. In regard to housing areas having the speed reduced to 20mph this is a Scottish Government initiative and still sits there.

The 30mph road signs will be installed on A816 as soon as possible and certainly sooner rather than later. JB has asked about a sign on main road signalling the turn into Barrmor Rd – still waiting to hear back.

HF will ask Garret Corner (new DCC Council representative) to continue to chase updates and resolution on the above.

HF will put something on Facebook around how to log speeding issues.

6. Reports:

6.1 Police Report –

Elaine Ross dialled in to the meeting. HF spoke through the outstanding actions with Argyll and Bute Council around the speeding and traffic calming measures on the A816 and Barmor View in Kilmartin and the C38. **Elaine Ross will ask the Road Policing Sergeant to get in touch with HF regarding the 20MPH limit in Barmor View.**

HF advised a member of the public had contacted the Council following a road traffic accident in Ford in December where the C38 was used as the diversion route. This caused traffic to become gridlocked. **ER advised will send a communications out asking that patrols do not use the C38 as a diversion for heavy goods vehicles.**

HF advised that the Police report is still sent monthly and Dunadd are still included in the Mid Argyll update – there were no specifics for the Dunadd area in the last report and there was 132 calls for Mid Argyll in December. ER advised will try and look to get more specific figures for Dunadd area. It was noted that there were two serious road traffic accidents in the area over the last few months. **ER advised will see if this is something that can be brought up at the meetings between the Council and Police around road safety strategies.**

A conversation took place around the Kilmartin Museum and potential issues with parking once the museum opens and current issues around contractor parking. A question was asked what a member of the public should do if a vehicle is parking and causing an obstruction. ER advised that if a vehicle is parking on the pavement or causing an obstruction to driveway, road etc or is a danger to other road users then that is an offence and the police can ask for the vehicle to be moved. There have been instances again over the last few weeks with vans parking causing obstruction to the school buses. It was also noted that vehicle drivers have been swearing and using negative language when approached. **ER advised she will send a note out to the shifts to pass through Kilmartin around 3.15pm. ER also advised if there is abusive language being used, if the resident phones in at the time then this can be dealt with.**

ER advised to call 999 if the vehicle is causing a danger and has the potential to cause a road traffic accident and 101 at any other time.

HF to put message out onto DCC Facebook.

6.2 Treasurer's Report -

Since the September meeting, all micro-grant requests were paid and DCC received funding from A'Chruach Windfarm to install a defibrillator in Kilmichael. DCC explored the options of installing the defibrillator in the hotel and the school – a decision was made to install it on David Smart's garage which will have 24/7 access and training will be provided. **HF will manage the installation and training. DB will advise HF re signage.**

Other than the grant funding from Foundation Scotland there has been no activity since the Community Council was suspended. Current balances are:

General: £3,219.23 plus £2,750 grant funding from Foundation Scotland for a defib in Kilmichael. This grant is held in the general bank account but is ring fenced project funding so will be reported separately. Micro Grant: £1,610.18. DCC are arranging for Mid-Argyll Arts Assoc to return £250 which was overpaid due to banking issue. Therefore available funds are £1,860.18. Innogy: £4,101.49.

DR advised received a letter yesterday from RWE who have put £1896 into the Innogy fund for Ford. This is from the Brave Alec hydro-scheme from 2023. DR will send a report advising what has been spent in the last 18 months. JMcG advised has a meeting with Ford so will discuss this.

6.3 Planning Report –

Since the last meeting HF has not been checking the planning applications as DCC were unable to comment. HF will start to check these weekly. The two houses in Kilmartin 21/02460/PP and the one in Kilmartin 22/01243/PP have been approved. HF has asked the council for clarification on the process for Councils.

6.4 Kilmartin Quarry extension - carried forward to next meeting.

7. Updates:

7.1 Kilmartin Museum (including 6 monthly engagement meetings) -

There was no representation from Kilmartin Museum on the call. DS stated he was keen to get an update on the Glebe Field parking application and a potential open date for the Museum. Concern was raised that if the museum is planning to open in April as planned, then this will cause additional traffic into Kilmartin and there is no additional parking. GC advised will speak to planning to get an update.

There have been issues again with contractors parking in the Kilmartin Hotel and Church Hall carparks. Discussed in 6.1

Next steps – HF will contact Kilmartin Museum and ask for a call W/C 30th January.

Update 31st January from the call with Kilmartin Museum (31st January at 11.30am)

Local residents will probably have seen the tarmacking taking place at the Museum at the end of last week around the 26th and 27th January, also the stacking of materials ready for uplift. This is part of readying the site for

handover. Although there is more internal and external work still to be done (and this will be ongoing for the next few months) a lot of the site work is now complete. Snagging / testing of the tarmac is taking place this Thursday, 2nd January, and from the 3rd January TSL have been asked to ensure that contractor vans visiting site are parked within the Museum parking area and not elsewhere within Kilmartin. It is hoped that this will significantly improve parking arrangements in the village. The Museum would like to thank local residents for their forbearance on the subject of parking which has been problematic during the construction phase.

7.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise - DB advised the AGM is tomorrow and there will be a haggis supper provided. DB applied for funding from Foundation Scotland for a development worker for the next 3 or 4 years.

DCC and DCE will continue to work together to update the Community Plan and then look to put a further funding application in for a development worker.

HF advised that a director of DCE has collated the responses from the survey and put together a three page document which **HF will send to members**. HF advised the survey was advertised on Facebook, the websites, copies left in local pubs/ hotels and at the open day in Kilmartin in September. HF advised there were a lot of similar themes and trends including transport links and community shops.

Next steps will be to look at updating the plan, sending the survey and updated plan out and then submitting an application for the development worker.

7.3 Windfarm Proposal -

A conversation took place around DCC's view on Windfarm applications. HF had a call with Foundation Scotland earlier in the month to look at options if Community Funding was to become an option.

HF advised that Foundation Scotland can manage the applications and DCC could provide members for the panel (this may need to be other CCs as well depending on area covered.)

This is a large piece of work to organise and it was suggested that is something the development worker could do alongside the Community Plan.

It has to be a constituted community group that applies for funding – this is why DCE was set up as it could support other groups.

It was noted that having this sort of set up would be vital for the community to ensure that there is legacy process in the event that DCC or DCE finish.

It was agreed that **DCC would try and do the next meeting face to face** and advertise that we will be having a discussion about Windfarms. Members will vote on whether DCC remain neutral with Windfarms proposals going forward.

HF will speak to DTAS and see if there are other organisations who offer this service so that we have a couple of proposals ahead of the next meeting.

HF will look to advertise the next meeting via social media and the local paper.

There will be a vote by members at the next meeting on the next steps.

8. Correspondence

8.1 C38 update –

DCC received the following update from JB after the September meeting – As you know there have been issues along the Kilmichael Glen road. The Council advised they could install Horse rider signs but there is now no budget for this.

A suggestion has been made that DCC pay for these. It would be approximately £800 + VAT.

DCC also received an email from a resident regarding the accident before Christmas where traffic was diverted along the C38 – discussed in 6.1.

A request for grit bins/ salt piles along the C38 as this is not a main gritting route has been made to DCC.

A conversation took place around funding, previously when DCC have asked Foundation Scotland advised no as it's a Council responsibility. Discussion took place around using some of funding from Ford and applying for a micro-grant and asking the Council to order and install the signs.

Next steps – **HF will speak to James Ross at the roads team regarding the signs and put a form through for the grit bins. HF will also contact Garret Corner asking for support with these actions.**

8.2 Funding Opportunities (development worker) – discussed during 7.2 and 7.3.

8.3 Dalriada Footpath - carried forward, opportunity to add to development worker workstream.

8.4 Funding requests – none for this month.

9. Public questions

HF advised she is in the process of completing the Covid 19 Recovery grant form.

10. AOCB

Concern raised over cows escaping from fields and onto the green in Kilmartin. They have managed to get onto the road, green and have gone through residents' gardens. **HF to speak to Garret Corner to ascertain who's responsibility it is.**

The issue JB raised about the unsafe fence at the museum. This was meant to be fixed on the 9th December and has not – **HF will ask for an update.**

11. Date of Next Meeting – **30th March 2023**