

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 19.30 in the Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church, Barrmor View – Kilmartin.

Present- David Smart (DS) (Chair), Hazel Fuller (HF), Di Roberts (DR), Sue Maclean (SM), Jim Malcolm (JM).

In attendance: David Bracken (DB) (DCE), Garret Corner (GC) (representing A&B Council), Richard Moody (RM) (representing Kilmartin Museum), PC Norton (representing Police Scotland), Louise MacPhail Sarah Lavender, David Edworthy, Willie Beattie, William Beattie, George John Stewart

1. Apologies –

Joanna McGregor

2. Declarations of Interest –

Di Roberts advised has an interest in agenda point 7.2, funding request and will not be able to vote.

3. Minutes of previous meeting –

DR approved the minutes from the 25th January, DS seconded the approval

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

4.1 Traffic problems

DS advised that since he has been Chair of DCC (3 years), there have been issues around the speed of traffic in Kilmartin and Barrmor View. DS stated that Barrmor view is a pedestrian right of way. Since the last meeting, HF has had a conversation with roads traffic sergeant regarding the 20MPH in Barrmor View. He advised that the speed limit is put in place via the local authority and the police enforce it. Previously when the roads team have visited Barrmor View, they have not observed any speeding issues.

Residents in Ford have been in touch regarding the speed of traffic going through Ford and asked if it could become at 20MPH area, there is no pavement in Ford. A question was asked around whether the main road in Kilmartin could also be a 20MPH area. DS advised that during previous conversations with the roads team they have advised the main road in Kilmartin cannot be 20MPH but we can ask the question again and for both Kilmartin and Ford.

DS advised the area needs further restriction and proposed that DCC look to start a petition with the view to have the speed limit reduced to 20MPH in Barrmor View, Kilmartin and Ford. This could be done via a paper survey, online or both.

DS advised that he is stepping down at the AGM and May and hoped that whoever took over would continue with this and the other traffic calming measures DCC have been asking for.

HF advised she has asked for dates for the traffic calming measures to be put in on the A816 (we have been advised previously that this is on their programme of works) and filled in a traffic data survey request form for Barrmor View – we will not be advised when this will take place.

Concern raised around the large groups of motorcycles during the summer months

HF to contact the roads team and ask if Barrmor View can have a sign which says pedestrians have priority.

5. Reports:

5.1 Police Report –

PC Norton attended, **action for him to ask if the police report can be published on the website.** DS read through the report advising that police are currently working on an action campaign against fraud. **HF will add the link to the Facebook page and social media.** DS also noted there was section in the report talking about livestock attacks and how these can be prevented. **HF will share the link.**

5.2 Treasurer's Report -

DR advised that the current accounts are as follows. Total £6043.19. The general account has £3,293.19 of which £2,750 is from A'Chruach Grant for defib for Kilmichael. DS advised the de-fib has arrived, **HF will organise the invoice to be sent and arrange installation of the device.**

The Microgrant account has £1,860.18. This includes repayment of £250 from MAAA paid in error. The Innogy account is £5,998.26, this includes £1,896.77 paid in by RWE on 19.1.23.

DR advised that any person/ community group can apply for up to £250 micro-grant. The money has to be used for community benefit. Information is on the website and requests should be sent to secretary@dunaddcc.org

DR advised that currently HF is paid £50 for 2/3 hours work including the meeting. DR stated that HF is prepping the meetings, minuting them, updating social media and the website, dealing with all correspondence and attending meetings on behalf of DCC. DR proposed that HF is paid £60 per meeting and £20 per hour for any meeting attended on behalf of DCC as this will include prep work. DR also asked if HF could be paid £20 for the meetings she attended over the last week with Local Energy Scotland. DS seconded DR's proposal.

HF thanked DR. It was agreed that HF would present a time sheet to the Treasurer on a regular basis (to be agreed) and paid accordingly at £20 per hour

5.3 Planning Report -

HF talked through the 3 active planning applications – no comments were made.

- 1) 23/00453/TELNOT | Proposed upgrade works at existing telecommunications mast | Land South Of Somerled Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute (argyll-bute.gov.uk)
- 2) 22/02218/PNAGRI | Erection of agricultural polytunnel | Land North East Of Barmolloch Kilmichael Glen Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute (argyll-bute.gov.uk)
- 3) 23/00408/NMA | Non material amendment to planning permission 22/01785/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and agricultural shed, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of vehicular access) House reduced from two storeys to one storey. | Balliemore Farm Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QA (argyll-bute.gov.uk)

5.4 Kilmartin Quarry extension -

DS acknowledged that there had been a delay organising a meeting around the quarry. **DS advised he will speak to Macleods.** A concern was raised about HGV's making a 3 or 4 point turn to get access to the entrance. A discussion took place and a question was asked what was in the original planning about access and turning left.

Action for GC to see if the original planning application can be accessed.

DS to speak to Macleods for an update and look to arrange a public meeting.

HF to write to Macleods, the fish farm and the forestry commission asking them to speak to drivers around accessing the road.

Photo to be sent to HF

6. Updates:

6.1 Kilmartin Museum (including 6 monthly engagement meetings)

RM advised that the museum site is still in control of TSL. There is going to be a practical completion to get building handed over early next week to get the museum back and for the museum to take control. There is a minimum three month lead in time to being able to open, possibly more.. There is still work to do in the kitchen, gallery and shop. For some of the artifacts, the museum need

to show data that the environment meets required standards i.e humidity and temperature. This is ongoing in the form of data collation and once Environment Scotland are happy then the artifacts will be delivered.

RM advised that the planning application for the parking at the Glebe Field was sent to the Council on 9th March. A&B have asked for 5 additional pieces of information. Once this is submitted, the planning application will be on the website. There was an open day last Thursday. RM advised that the Museum are working through all the comments including - Bellmouth cost building that up, pedestrian routes down to the water works, usage of the car park all year or just seasonal and whether it would be locked at night. RM advised there were lots of comments at the meeting last week and this has given the museum some areas to consider.

DS noted that there were people at the meeting who wanted to make comment about the proposals. DS stated that DCC in the past, have remained neutral for big planning applications and as the planning was not on the website, DCC could not make a decision or vote around the DCC's position on the application. HF stated that the usual process is that any planning applications that appear on the list are sent to Community Councillors and some are also published on Facebook and the website. HF advised that when the planning application appears, she will post this on social media and the website so that people get the opportunity to comment. GC confirmed that the planning meetings at the Council are open to the public.

The following points were captured from members of the public around the proposals -

A request for the layout of the footpath down to the museum from the Glebe field to be changed.

There were some strong objections to the application.

Concern over the road opening position, location both from an elevation point of view – it was felt this would be visible once the planning application comes in. The road is already dangerous and cars speed down it. The road opening is dangerous and hazardous to vehicles and pedestrians. There has been a speed survey done by a member of the public that shows vehicles are speeding.

If approved, the carpark could have a serious impact on the garage. This is a family business with four employees. They frequently have to assist customers getting out of the garage at the moment.

A question was raised around the siting of the car park and it was pointed out that this has always been an issue. This was at a time when the museum was operational – when a planning application was put in just for the museum restoration and did not show an over flow car park – the drawings were then

amended and the parking put at the back. This could cause congestion on the road.

Some felt that there was no requirement for an additional car park. The planning application for the museum was passed without the requirement for additional parking. The parking problem will resolve itself as the car park at the museum is open. A concern was noted that if the car park was left open at night – this could be used by motorhomes and campervans overnight.

The safety issue is paramount.

In addition, there were strong objections to the use of a historic site that tourists come to absorb – an additional car park could take away the charm. The junction and the environmental impact, both from a footprint and an aesthetics point of view.

Aesthetic – changing the character of village in one of the most attractive areas of the village. Concern raised that Kilmartin Glen is Kilmartin Glen and doesn't need changed – feeling that it would be ruined.

A concern was raised around access. When the original museum plans were approved, there was assurance there would be no congestion and no plant or vans using the road at the museum but that was not the case. A question was asked around the operational construction. The field only has access for maintenance and is currently used for agricultural purposes. There was an objection to HGVs accessing the quarry road. A resident asked if DCC would visit the site as it's a community issue. **DS advised he is happy to go and view the field.**

A question was asked how the museum would build the access road in and create the Bellmouth. RM advised if the planning application goes ahead then further discussions would take place with the people that own properties. A member of the public stated that they would not be allowing vehicles to access the field via their land and felt that other properties who live on the road/ have access to the field felt the same.

There was an objection around the additional junction. It was stated that if you are coming out of the garage and up to the museum, adding another junction there, due to the height – could mean you do not see other vehicles. This would have significant implications on safety and heavily impact on the garage business and has the potential to lose five car parking spaces.

Given the original application for the car park was withdrawn, a question was raised to ask how they can be requesting more car parking space. RM advised that the Museum has been speaking with stakeholders including Historic Environment Scotland who objected to the first planning application and have made changes to the design to take account of their concerns.

RM advised there will be an archaeological survey across the site – this is likely to be a planning requirement. The project has run for 10 years – the consultations have been running since 2015. Previous concerns have been raised about the parking and the onsite spaces have been raised from 23 to 32 and now 39 on site in total. The polytunnel area has been removed.

It was noted that members of the public wished the museum all the success for the re-opening and that the open day last week had very good drawings and information. A question was asked if the planning application that will appear on the Council's website could have visual representation in it on what the car park could look like as this currently does not exist.

DS thanked everyone for their input and RM advised he would take the questions away.

Agreement that once the planning application is live on A&B DCC Community Councillors will have a discussion regarding DCC's next steps and HF will share the application.

Next steps – DCC will advertise once the planning application is published and advise people how to comment – DCC will also advise how people can submit their own views.

6.2 DCC stance on windfarm proposals, setting up a community funding scheme and development worker.

DS advised that there are a number of potential windfarm developers in the area and we don't currently have a mechanism or communication process for developers to talk to communities. DCC are aware there are some discussions with residents in Ford. DS advised that HF was in a workshop run by Local Energy Scotland talking about how to set up a funding scheme. DS proposed that DCE become the community body that manages this process.

HF stated that whilst it may be a few years away before any funding comes through, the advice is to start discussions and plans now to ensure that a transparent process is in place.

DS advised that DS and HF produce a note regarding this and hold a public meeting to be set up to discuss next steps.

6.3 DCE update –

DB advised that at the last meeting he is now vice- chair and David Smart has taken over as chair. DCE continue to look for funding for a development worker

6.4 Roles ahead of AGM –

DS stressed that if we do not get anyone ahead of meeting in May to become chair DCC will not continue.

HF stated for that for anyone looking to join DCC, a co-option form needs to be filled in and proposed by a current DCC member. Once complete the form is sent to the members and then at the next meeting a vote takes place to co-opt the person in. There needs to be 14 days notice. Therefore any co-opt forms must be received to secretary@dunaddcc.org by the 10th May ahead of the meeting at the end of May. DCC are currently constituted to 10 Community Councillors and cannot have more than a third co-opted. This means DCC can take 3 new Community Councillors.

7. Correspondence

7.1 C38 update –

Following the last meeting, the roads team leader has advised that the installation of the horse signs on the C38 would cost £649.77 plus vat. All maintenance and replacement costs would remain with DCC. The signage would be removed if the condition falls below an acceptable level and would not be replaced by the council.

With regards to the grit bin, there would be no grit bin installed along this rural route however when the route is assessed for its annual inspection the team will look to see if a grit heap would be beneficial.

DS stated that DCC could purchase the signs. HF to work with DR to get this done.

7.2 Funding requests –

Kilmartin Community Initiative would like to request a micro grant for a new lockable notice board for Kilmartin (by the bus stop). The door has broken off the current notice board. The cost would be £164. David Bracken has offered to install it. **DS proposed the grant request and SM seconded.**

8. Public questions

None

9. AOCB

9.1 HF advised that she is continuing to liaise with the council regarding the fence at Kilmartin – DB advised this has been fixed but the mesh still needs to be attached. HF advised will keep the action open.

9.2 HF advised that the update from ACHA regarding the playpark is that they are looking into setting up a factoring arrangement. This is ongoing and ACHA are liaising with their lawyer.

DS finished the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and stressed that these meetings are really important and a good vehicle to discuss community concerns and matters. DS stressed again that at the next meeting if no one becomes chair then the council will fold.

GC – advised that the council do listen to the views and opinions of community councils.

Meeting concluded 9pm

10. Date of Next Meeting – **25th May including AGM**