

## Convener's Report 2023

This is my last report as convener of Dunadd Community Council. For the last three years, I have really enjoyed my time as Chair and feel proud of the work that Dunadd Community Council has done.

I stated last year that I would be stepping down, and whilst I will remain as an active Community Councillor, I want to wish whoever becomes Chair at the AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, every success and good wishes for their post.

We didn't run from September to January due to a delay with some of the electoral forms being submitted, so there are no meeting minutes for these months. Following our inaugural meeting in January, we continue to be set up for hybrid meetings however held the last meeting and this AGM meeting, face to face. We have been able to have police presence at our meetings since last year which has been great.

In the last year, we continue our request to have traffic calming measures introduced in Kilmartin (including Barrmor View) and Ford. The advertiser ran an article on this during April. The Council have completed the 30 MPH roundels on the A816 and we await confirmation dates for the other traffic calming measures and what can be done in Barrmor View. The next steps for this include looking at doing a petition. DCC have requested another traffic survey to be completed in Barrmor View, we will not be notified when this will take place but will be advised of the findings.

We applied to A'Chruach Windfarm for funds for a defibrillator in Kilmichael. This was successful and we are in the process of purchasing this and this will go on my house (David Smart) as it has 24/7 access. As part of the funding, there will be a 3 hour training session where locals can come along and find out how to use it – dates to follow.

We had a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> May in the Ford Village Hall to discuss the options for shared ownership schemes/ community benefits with local windfarm developers. Watch this space.

We have been working closely with DCE and devised a Community Questionnaire which we had at the Kilmartin open day in September, we have the results of this survey and are using it to feed into the Community plan with the view that DCE will apply for funding for a development worker to bring the plan to fruition.

We have representation from Kilmartin Museum at all of our meetings. This last year has seen some challenging conversations around parking issues and most recently the application for the new parking in the Glebe field. I would like to thank Richard for turning up to every meeting and providing the updates. At our last meeting (end of March) the update was that the museum site is still in control of TSL. My understanding is that this has now been handed back to the Museum. There is a minimum three month lead in time to being able to open, possibly more. The planning application for the Glebe Field was published by planning on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, this will be discussed at our AGM – details of the application can be found on the Dunadd Community Councils Facebook page or the Kilmartin Museum page.

There was a total of £2123 of microgrant money paid out in the last year. These include requests for new pads for defibrillators around the villages, bookswap, a new notice board in Kilmartin, and some money for some wild flowers seeds for Kilmichael primary. If you would like to request a microgrant (max £250) the details for this can be found on the website.

I would like to thank Jan Brown and Garret Corner for their ongoing support they have offered DCC. Jan Brown was our Councillor from July to December. Garret will support DCC until July 2023.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Community Councillors who have been excellent support to me over the past 3 years, to Di for her fantastic treasurer skills and Jo for being a great co-chair.

Hazel our secretary has been with DCC since January 2021 and I would like to thank Hazel for her ongoing support.

I have recently taken over as Chair for DCE and look forward to the work that DCC and DCE will do together going forward.

Wishing everyone the best for the future,

Yours aye,

David Smart