

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Wednesday 27th March 2023 at 19.30 in the Ford Village Hall.

Present- George Stewart (GS) (Chair), Hazel Fuller (HF), David Smart (DS), Jo Cole (JC), Di Roberts (DR)

In attendance: Jan Brown (JB) (representing A&B Council), Grace MacLeod (representing Kilmartin Museum) (GM), David Bracken (DB.)

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Jim Malcolm, Sue MacLean, Sue Creech and Willie Beattie.

2. Declarations of Interest

DR declared an interest in the micro grant application for the Kilmartin Community Initiative. DS declared an interest in the micro grant for DCE.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

JC proposed minutes of meeting on the 31st January 2024 as accurate and GS seconded

GS asked if anyone had any further questions re the response from Jim Smith following the questions HF submitted from the last meeting – there were none.

HF asked that the flooding and next steps remains on the action tracker especially as JB is doing some work with the community resilience team for Kilmichael. JB advised they are in the process of getting the school in Kilmichael as a safe place should this sort of thing happen again. They are hopeful they will have beds, food and a satellite phone available.

4. Role of secretary going forward

HF was thanked for all her work to date.

A discussion took place around next steps as HF leaves at the end of March. The following decisions/actions were made -

DS to approach other CC's to see if we could do a joint application to A'Chruach Windfarm for money for someone to do a joint secretary role across CC's.

GS happy to look the planning applications going forward.

DR happy to take minutes at the meetings going forward.

DS to look at the development worker role (DCE) – and see if there is anything they can do that would take on board the secretarial actions.

HF will monitor the mailbox and manage the website and social media until a new secretary is found.

5. Community Council Elections

GS confirmed that George Stewart, Willie Beattie, Sue Creech and David MacInnes will become Community Councillors from the 2nd May 2024 – no meeting will need to take place, so the next meeting is the AGM

6. Matters arising from the minutes:

6.1 Traffic problems

A discussion took place re the traffic incidents that DCC have been raising for several years. The guidance that we have been given is that in order for change there needs to be incidents raised. **HF will share the link for reporting incidents on the Council website and traffic Scotland.**

It was agreed that we will no longer chase updates on Barrmor View unless we get new requests from the public however will continue to chase the traffic calming measures and line painting on the main road through Kilmartin.

JB going to ask about signs for driving on the left side of the road

7. Reports:

7.1 Police Report

LB42 had 274 calls for service over the month of December, January and February. Of the calls that we received, this translated to 78 crimes being recorded.

JB advised there is a new chief superintendent.

7.2 Treasurer's Report

DR advised the account balances are as follows - general £3315, microgrant £1862 and Ford Village Hall account is £5643

DR will do an annual report on the money that comes through for Ford.

7.3 Planning Report

GS asked if there was any feedback from the FLS responses. **JB is going to look to see if this will go to planning.**

Windfarm – it was agreed that we will continue to maintain the position of remaining neutral for windfarm applications however can feedback comments we receive from public – no responses received – decision that no further action was taken on the planning application.

DS advised that there has been a planning application put through for Uilean for 2 waterless toilets.

7.4 Kilmartin Quarry extension

Update from MacLeod's - In line with our planning approval, we do not intend to increase movements from quarry workings. We will also be continuing to extract materials in line with our quarry extension planning approval.

No date for starting the work on the 2nd quarry.

HF to ask what is happening with the Oak Tree.

8. Updates:

8.1 Kilmartin Museum (including 6 monthly engagement meetings)

Please see flier at end of minutes.

GM advised that the museum will re-open 25th April and the café is currently open and has received some excellent feedback. The artifacts are coming back middle of April and there will be a St Columbas exhibition.

The museum want the site secure – so there will be no car parking at night.

A question was asked about the use of a community room – **GM will look into this.**

It was noted that there is no car park sign for the museum, last year there was a board on the road– **GM will look into this.**

The museum has appointed an operations manager and they are due to start in April.

8.2 DCE update

DS thanked the Bookswap for continuing to do good work

Key point of focus for DCE now is completing the community plan and then taking that forward to get a development worker.

DS advised there was good feedback received from the consultations.

9. Correspondence

9.1 C38 update

HF has sent feedback to the Timber group that are meeting in April.

9.2 Funding requests

Kilmartin Community Initiative asked for £250 to go towards the running of a Youth Club in Kilmartin on a Saturday between April and June, this will be run as a trial in conjunction with MAYDS – application was approved.

DCE asked for £143.88 towards an annual zoom licence so their meetings can continue online. DCC also use this – application was approved.

DR will make payments.

10. Public questions

HF advised a member of the public had been in contact regarding a sign in the North End of the village that was blown over in the last storm and not been removed. HF has contacted the roads team who have advised that as the sign is on private land they are unable to remove it. The roads team advised – *“Once we have checked whether any safety signage is required across mid-Argyll, we will assess whether sufficient funds remain in the signage budget for village signage.”*

Action for HF to add this to action register to check once budget has been done.

11. AOCB

GS asked re trees up the hill from museum – **GM will check who owns these and JB will take some pictures and speak to the council.**

JB advised she is doing a sponsored walk.

12. Date of Next Meeting – 29th May including AGM – DR to check if Kilmartin is free.

Kilmartin Museum Update



News from Kilmartin Museum

Reopening 2024!

We are delighted to announce that the Museum will reopen for the 2024 season on Thursday 25th April.

We are sorry not to be able to re-open the Museum sooner after the planned winter closure. Like many major capital projects, the new Museum building is experiencing some teething problems: the heating system which is of crucial importance to keeping our fragile artefacts safe is undergoing an overhaul. This means we had to take some of the artefacts in our care off site.

We are working closely with our contractors and making good progress. We are committed to providing the very best experience to all our visitors and so we are delighted to be able to re-open the Museum on 25 April with all our world-class artefacts back on site. You'll have seen that we have been advertising for new staff and we are pleased to announce that we have a new front of house team on board, ready to welcome visitors.

In the meantime, make sure to visit our Learning Centre to experience the touring St Columba exhibition (open daily 1st – 23rd April, 11am – 3pm), take part in our in-person and digital talks – and of course visit the newly opened Glen Bistro to refuel after a walk exploring the stunning Kilmartin Glen!



Café

The brand-new Glen Bistro has already opened its doors, serving delicious homemade food, fresh cream cakes, warm scones and fabulous coffees. We are delighted to welcome Chef Sarah to Kilmartin Glen and wish her every success with her new business.

Currently the Bistro is open Wednesday – Sunday, check with Chef Sarah for her opening times. Please pop in and sample her amazing food!



Site Works

Externally we will be making some essential changes to the site in the next few months. SSE will shortly be trimming some trees at the rear of the site to keep power lines clear. Following

advice from our tree report we will be removing some trees from the front of the site. The wall has already been damaged by excessive movement at the church end of the site, and we are keen to avoid further damage from dead or dying trees by removing those identified in the survey. We will notify the community when we have a date for this work.

Now that we are housing precious artefacts loaned from National Museums Scotland and the British Museum, we need to ensure that our site security meets the requirements of the National Museums Security Advisor. This means that we need to install a security gate and bollard on site, which will be fitted over the next month or so. The gate will remain unlocked during opening hours.

Additional Parking

Following feedback on our planning application for additional parking last year, we have withdrawn the current proposal while we re-evaluate and revise it. Realistically, this means that any additional parking provision will not be in place until 2025 at the earliest. We are concerned that this delay will mean busy summer months ahead for the village, but we will do what we can to help visitors travelling to the Museum to plan accordingly.

Residents Pass

We are delighted to announce that your 2023 Residents Pass is valid for the whole of the 2024 season!



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