

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Tuesday 24th November, 2020 at 7.30p.m. via zoom conference.

Present: Jim Malcolm, Di Roberts (in chair), Sue MacLean, Helen Mackie, Joanna McGregor.

In attendance: David Bracken (DCE) Sandy Taylor (A&BC), Dougie Philand (A&BC), Hazel Fuller, Gordon Gray Stevens (KM) Sharon Webb (KM) Jim Smith (A&BC), Bob Sweetman, Joanna Coleman, Gary Linstead.

1. Apologies: David Smart (Convener), Keith Evans (Police Scotland)

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved and signed

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

4.1 Traffic problems. Jim Smith, Head of Roads for Argyll & Bute Council stated that speed measurements of 822 vehicles at Kilmartin garage had recorded an average speed of 32mph. During lockdown the volume of traffic was down to one third of normal. There are no records of injuries as a result of speeding traffic. It is planned to install speed detection equipment between the hotel and the museum early in the new year. There followed a discussion which reiterated that the main issue was on the north end of the village with traffic speeding up towards the garage, rounding the tight bend and confronting turning lorries, cyclists and pedestrians (no footpath). Kilmartin is the only village between Lochgilphead and Oban that doesn't have countdown markers. A request was also made for 30mph reminder signs within the village. The chair thanked Jim Smith for attending the meeting.

5. Reports

5.1 Police Report. Received by email. No local issues. Most police time focused on enforcing Covid-19 regulations. If anyone has issues to raise, Keith is happy to be contacted

5.2 Treasurer's Report: £3654 in Ford Innogy Fund; £1939 in Microgrant fund and £3424 in General Administration Fund. The latter has accumulated having had fewer expenses during lockdown. £30 is owed to Kilmartin Church for last year's hire (JM will forward bank details to DR) and it was agreed to pay Ford village hall £100 for arrears (JMcG to liaise with DR).

5.3 Planning Report. Kilmartin Quarry extension. JM submitted a comment on behalf of Community Council (draft circulated in advance) and although neutral it raised the problem of lorries turning (still a problem!) and noise. It was requested that suppression of noise be made a suspensive condition. A note was distributed through the village explaining how people could comment on the plan and it is understood that 50+ comments have been received.

6. Updates:

6.1 Kilmartin Museum: Packing is ongoing ready for the move to Cairnbaan. Café will remain open until December. Contractors will move in March 2021. It is part of the contract that they will respond to local concerns.

6.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise. (Covid-19 emergency funding) £500 was received from Foundation Scotland and £350 went out immediately. Topped up with a £250 microgrant and £420 given out to date. Information re. Hardship Fund lodged with Citizens Advice Bureau and Primary Schools. It is intended to wrap up the Fund in December.

Lots of questions raised over reopening toilets including lack of sole use and need for £5m liability insurance. A grant from Princes Trust (Princes Countryside Fund) may help the project. Some consideration of providing a covering of an outdoor space on Kilmartin Green for community meetings.

6.3 Microgrant fund. Gary Linstead gave an update on the wilding project on the green. A small area was chosen with maximum impact potential. Now complete and seeded with yellow rattle. Wildflower seeding will occur in the spring. Exploring other sites in Ford and Kilmichael.

On behalf of Ford village, JMcG had requested a microgrant for a village picnic table
Approved.

7. Correspondence. Telephone call today from A&BC to inform that BT intends to remove the phone boxes from Ford and Kilmichael. However, the villages can purchase the boxes for £1. and use them as a mini hub for notices or for book swaps etc. I need to inform A&BC of decisions ASAP.

8. Public questions: None

9. AOCB: JM welcomed Hazel Fuller who is considering the post of secretary.

9. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th January 2021 in Kilmartin Church (or by Zoom!)