

# DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Dunadd Community Council AGM held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30p.m. via zoom conference.

Present- David Smart (chair), Jim Malcolm (JM), Di Roberts (DR), Sue MacLean (SM), Helen Mackie (HM), Joanna McGregor (JMcG), Hazel Fuller (HF)

In attendance: David Bracken (DCE), Dougie Philand (A&BC), Gordon Gray Stevens (GGS), Ann Blackburn (AB), Sheila MacCallum (SM), Gary Linstead (GL), Iain Lumsden (IL).

1. Apologies – Keith Evans Police Scotland

2. Declaration of Interest – Di Roberts and Sue MacLean noted interest in the micro grant requests. David Smart acknowledged this and advised would discuss when we get to that agenda item.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM – Approved and signed off. DR proposed and HM seconded the minutes sign off.

4. Convenor's Annual Report- DS advised that this had been circulated in advance and was an amalgamation of everything that had happened in the last year. DS acknowledged that despite the pandemic, we have been able to continue the meetings via zoom. DS then thanked HF, DR and JM for the support over the last year and thanked DB for the support him and the DCE have provided especially with the funding they secured during the Coronavirus Pandemic. DS then summarised the last year including the Council's involvement with consultations particularly the current involvement with Kilmartin Quarry. DS advised that there will be a public meeting in June and if asked, will speak. DS then asked everyone to give themselves a round of applause for the last year. DS expressed a challenge "bring a buddy night" to expand the number of people on the Council calls.

5. Annual Statement of Accounts and Report – DR advised the accounts have been posted on the website. The accounts have been verified independently. Due to previous issues, no accounts were submitted to Argyll and Bute Council last year. Sue Creech has verified this year's and last year's accounts. DR advised that with approval at this AGM, then both sets of accounts will be submitted. This year's accounts have had little change due to having no expenditure for hall hire. £474 is given to us each year by Argyll and Bute Council. DR advised that the annual payment has been received for the Innogy Account. The micro fund that comes in from Foundation Scotland for the A'Chruich windfarm which is £2500 per year has also been received. The current balances are as follows- general fund £3130, Ford

Innogy £5218 and Microgrant has £1940. JM advised that last year the Council would not accept the accounts as they did not view Zoom meeting as public meetings and advised this may have changed. JM also advised Innogy ask for a report of how the money is spent but this has not been received yet. JM advised that when the microgrant is running low, then a new request needs to be submitted. JM will send this over to DR once received. DS asked if we had a reserves policy. DR advised there is no requirement for a reserves policy as there are no on-going financial commitments. Discussion took place around whether to have a reserves policy, DR confirmed that DCC do not have a constitution as such but have a set of articles/ statements that are agreed by Argyll and Bute Council that all Community Councils sign up to. An agreement was made that we do not require a reserves policy. DR asked if we are accepting the accounts. JM proposed signing off the accounts and sending them to Argyll and Bute Council. This was seconded by Joanne McGregor.

6. Election of Office Bearers – DS advised that at this point he will step down and asked DB to conduct an election for Convenor. DB asked for nominations for convenor. JM proposed DS as convenor and seconded by DR. This was favoured by several others on call raising hands. DS advised he could now take the meeting back over. DS asked for nominations for vice-convenor. Joanna McGregor – proposed by SM and seconded by DR. DS asked for nominations for treasurer, DR advised will stand for another year JM proposed this and seconded by SM. HF advised would remain as secretary this was proposed by JM and seconded by DR.

7. Dates of Future Meetings -

27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 – AGM

Discussion took place around whether to remain having meetings via Zoom or meet face to face. Decision made that once restrictions have headed towards green (no masks) then we will meet face to face and continue with Zoom in the interim.

8. Emergency and Disaster Planning -DS confirmed that there had been no uptake from the Facebook post. DS advised that he has made contact with A&B council and the local fire and rescue and they are both interested in working with Community Groups to devise a disaster plan. Agreement that we will build on the work that JM did previously with the community asset register. **Action for HF/ DB to put post on Facebook asking if anyone does have**

**equipment that could be used in an emergency or disaster, they get in touch so we can track it on the register and the Emergency Services can get access to this.** Once restrictions ease, we will look to have open mornings where we conduct risk assessments.

## 9. Reports:

9.1 Police Report – DS read report from Keith Evans. The report advised that we should continue to report any suspicious activity and they are aware of an increase in the seasonal visit from groups of Motorcyclists. Officers who are speed enforcement trained will be conducting checks where appropriate.

Discussion then took place around instances in the area where people/ animals have been injured getting caught in fishing line/ tackle that have been left by people fishing. **DP advised will speak to the Council and find out if they have any information on it and ask if it can be added to the website to ensure visitors to the area fish appropriately. Action for Hazel to contact Ben (wildlife crime officer) to ask if he is aware of issue and if there are any educational activities or anything DCC can do to raise awareness of the issue? Action for Hazel to post awareness of issue on to Facebook page.**

9.2 Planning Report- Kilmartin Quarry extension – DS confirmed that he had written to David Love. DS advised he acknowledged the economic expansion that the quarry will have but there are concerns around the quality of life regarding noise and the volume of traffic going through Kilmartin. There is a discretionary hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> June which DS will be attending and if able to, will re-iterate the comments/concerns from the DCC.

## 10. Updates:

10.1 Kilmartin Museum – GGS advised the pop up café will be open by the end of the week, this has been delayed due to an issue with electricity supply. There will be another public consultation. **Action for GGS to send HF details of consultation dates to put on website.** Iain Lumsden joined from TSL to give an update on the project. IL gave a bit of background on TSL and as part of the tender process for the project, detailed what they would do for the community. IL advised that there is £2500 set aside to be spent by the Community. IL asked for ideas on what we can use the money for and if there are any concerns from the public around the current works at Kilmartin. DS asked if there were any comments from DCC. Feedback to IL was positive with people advising that they did not have any complaints or heard any complaints and think what is happening is great. Question was asked about parking at the hotel- IL advised that a planning application has been put in to utilise the ground on the Quarry Road as a temporary car park to ensure the workers are not using the hotel as the car park. IL advised that a monthly newsletter will be

distributed about the project. DB asked IL to ensure that all residents receive this. Discussion then took place around funding. **Action for Hazel to post on Facebook asking residents for ideas on what the money could be spent on/Community Projects.** IL confirmed he will be speaking to Kilmartin school with a view to giving pupils a tour round the site and talk to them about potential careers in construction.

10.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise – DB advised that the Wildflower Project is ongoing, GL gave an update advising that over 500 plants have been planted on Kilmartin Green and 300 plants around the picnic bench in Ford. GL has liaised with Chris and Garry in Slockavullin and arranged dates for plantation there. GL advised that they are exploring options for ground in Kilmichael and Bridge-end but may need to be verge projects if they do not secure any land.

DB advised that he has asked the local blacksmiths to make the stretch tent pegs. Should be able to put the tent up over the next few weeks, it measures 10m by 10m and will put up in Kilmartin Green with the potential to run an event for market stalls and can be used by the community for events.

## 11. Correspondence:

11.1 A Kilmichael resident has asked following on from outcome of signs on C38 that a councillor/ DCC member attend the area so they can see what the residents are facing each year with the Motorhomes/Caravans parking. Discussion took place and it was decided that whilst a DCC member could attend, as they are not familiar with legislation then it would be better that a member of the roads department attended. **Action for HF to go back to the officers and advise that there are continued concerns and ask if an officer could visit the C38.** DR advised as a last resort, if we get permission from landowners then we could do a micro-grant to get signs made up to display on their land. DB advised the DCE could apply for funding for signs if we can put them up. **Action for HF to speak with council to find out if our own signs can be put up and if so DCE will apply for funding to get some made.**

11.2 Car Duibh- new Wind Farm Proposal. HF has spoken to the project manager who has offered to attend July's meeting to do a small presentation and take any questions. DCC will ask project manager in July if any money will be given to DCC and if DCC can purchase a turbine.

11.3 Funding Requests – Two micro grant requests were discussed. 1<sup>st</sup> request from DB at DCE to purchase a new bench at the bus stop £250. Funding request approved. 2<sup>nd</sup> request from Slockavullin Community Group to restart the non-for-profit organisation and maintain the village green in Slockavullin. Request for £250 to get the Group back up and running and be able to host Community Events again on the Green which is owned by the group. Funding request approved.

12. Public questions – None

13. AOCB

DS advised that the group that is looking to purchase Uilian is having an AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> May to change their constitution to make an approach to purchase Uilian.

HF advised the notice board for DCC in Kilmichael did not have up to date correspondence in it and asked where other notice boards were. 2 in Ford, 1 in Kilmartin, 1 in Slockavullin, 1 in Bridge-End and 1 in Kilmichael. HF confirmed will put correspondence in Kilmichael, JMG offered for Ford and SM already does in Slockavullin. AB advised the notice board in Bridge-end needs repaired/replaced. DS advised AB to put application in for micro-grant if needs replaced.

DS ended meeting thanking everyone for attending and to remember “bring a buddy” for the next meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 27<sup>TH</sup> July 2021 via Zoom

Action Register –

OWNER	DETAIL	DATE RAISED
Dougie P	Speak to AB council regarding the instances with people/animals getting stuck in fishing tackle/line and if they can put it on website if detail not already published.	25/05/2021
Gordon S	Send Hazel details of consultation dates so Hazel can put them on the website	25/05/2021
Hazel F	Action for HF/ DB to put post on Facebook asking if anyone does have equipment that could be used in an emergency or disaster, they get in touch so we can track it on the register and the Emergency Services can get access to this	25/05/2021
Hazel F	Speak to Ben to ascertain if they have any information/ education pieces on the fishing instances and ask what the council can do to raise awareness.	25/05/2021
Hazel F	Post on Facebook to ask for ideas on what people would like the Kilmartin Museum money spent on	25/05/2021
Hazel F	Invite project manager to July meeting to discuss Car Duibh windfarm	25/05/2021