

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Dunadd Community Council held on Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.30p.m. via zoom conference.

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

In attendance: David Bracken (DB) (DCE), Robert Sweetman (RS), Richard Moody (RM), Ann Blackburn (AB)

AGENDA

1. Apologies – Joanna McGregor

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved and signed off with the following updates –

DS stated action from previous meeting to speak with Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust has been completed. DS will set up a meeting with the Trust and HF.

HF will contact ACHA for an update on the status of the Kilmartin Playpark before the next meeting in March.

HF stated the date in the previous minutes for the Empowering Educator feedback was incorrect and should be 2022. The date has since changed for submissions for feedback to 4th March 2022.

4. Matters arising from the minutes-

4.1 Traffic problems – since the last meeting, the results of the speeding survey have been sent to Jim Smith and Ben Rusden. During the three days the survey ran for, 61% of vehicles were speeding. Emails have been sent to the council requesting updates on the traffic calming measures agreed at the onsite meeting in November. To date there have been no updates – action for DS to contact roads and infrastructure team.

The speeding survey with the local police officers has been agreed for 23rd February at 10.15 in Kilmartin – HF will give update at next meeting.

20s plenty campaign – unable to sign up to campaign discussed at last meeting. Action for HF to purchase 20s plenty stickers for distribution in Kilmichael and Kilmartin.

5. Constitution Amendments – Community Councils – Discussion took place following the amended paperwork distributed to members prior to call. For DCC to continue with online or hybrid meetings a new constitution and set of standing orders need to be adopted which have been drawn up by the Community Councils team at Argyll and Bute Council. A vote took place and the results were everyone present at the meeting voted to follow the new constitution with DS approving, DR seconding and Jim Malcolm voting 3rd. Next steps – HF to collate signatures and send these to the Council.

6. £500 Community Fund – Discussion took place regarding the £500 Covid 19 Recovery Grant that DCC successfully applied for last year. It was agreed that during the summer there will be a joint day with Dunadd Community Enterprise. Also discussed doing the same dates as the Kilmartin, Slockavullin and Ford summer days. HF and DS will get together to arrange next steps and DS and AB will get together to discuss a potential date for a Kilmichael day.

6. Reports:

6.1 Police Report – November 337 calls with 92 for Mid Argyll and 331 calls in December with 87 for Mid Argyll. Nothing specific for the Dunadd area.

6.2 Treasurer’s Report – Accounts sent to members prior to each meeting. Since the last meeting the only change was £50 secretarial fees from the general account. Balances as follows – General £3284, Microgrant £819.18 and Innogy £2567.85. DR advised will be in touch with Foundation Scotland regarding the next round of Microgrant money.

6.3 Planning Report-

Kilmartin Quarry extension – current open action for DS and HF to have meeting with ST and then arranging a meeting with Macleods to decide next steps. DS expressed some concerns that following the planning meeting the elected reps would be taking discussions forward, but DCC are now involved. DS expressed further concern with his availability and to get involved in an area he does not have expertise in. DS advised happy to have a meeting however would like Sandy Taylor to also attend the meeting. Next steps – HF to contact ST to ask for dates for a meeting with DS.

Kilmartin Castle - Alcohol licence applied for; discussion took place regarding application. It was agreed in principle that DCC have no objections however concern was raised over noise levels especially from weddings which may be taking place in the garden as the application has no limit on outdoor sales and as guests may be staying in other properties, there could be more than 15 people in the garden. A question was also asked if the appropriate licence for weddings has been obtained. Next steps – HF will respond stating DCC have no objections in principle however are

concerned regarding potential noise levels later in the evening and would like this considered. HF will also check licence.

Kilmichael – Hutchisons are proposing to install a mobile mast in Kilmichael Forest near Loch Leathan. Location of mast was shown during meeting – no concerns were raised.

7. Updates:

7.1 Kilmartin Museum – RM gave update – TSL continue works on site. Currently running 4/5 weeks behind for the building. Completion date looking at end of July/ August. Issues around concrete and scaffolding has had to be erected as some additional roof work has been identified on the steading and the manse. Around April /May the huts will be moved to create the car parking space. Discussions are taking place around what is going into the museum. The contents and artifacts have been decided and selected. Once the building has been completed, the work will be handed over to the fit-out specialists and the museum is still on track to open middle of March next year. The hedges around the museum have been trimmed and the museum are looking at funding for the glebe field car park. The planning application for the car park will be going in over the next few months. Building costs are increasing and the museum are attending the Landowners forum to talk about access around the Glen and signage.

Following the last meeting, HF sent Iain Lumsden at TSL details of the benches to be ordered as part of the £2500 Community Grant. RM will speak to Iain Lumsden to identify what benches have been ordered and next steps.

7.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise – The AGM was held last night, 177 members with 12 people at AGM. Next steps – the agreed directors from the meeting will meet and agree how to take things forward.

8. Correspondence

8.1 C38 update – HF will continue to chase A&B for an update once the budget has been agreed.

8.2 Funding Opportunities – Investing in Communities. HF attended a call in December looking at the next round of funding. This will be available from 1st April 2023 until March 2026. Funding will open at the end of March/ start of April for 4-6 weeks. A discussion took place, and it was agreed that DCC will apply for a development worker for a 3 year period. HF will keep members updated once applications open.

8.3 Dalriada Footpath – DS asked if DCC or DCE would like to get involved in a project to potentially upgrade a section of the Dalriada Footpath (part of Pilgrim Way.) A discussion took place looking at the section from Crinan through the Oakwood to the Dunadd. When the path was installed, there was 10-year maintenance guarantee but that has now lapsed.

The path potentially would be an attraction for tourists and could be used by local organisations. The path would not be accessible for all. A conversation took place regarding suggestions for next steps and boundaries. A survey was done previously. Next steps – HF and DS to meet and look at – what the legacy arrangements are from the project, look at potential people to network with, speak with Pete, Jonathan and Jolian and Heather (tourism infrastructure.) RM will speak to Pete. Update will be provided at next meeting.

9. Public questions

None

10. AOCB

10.1 Kilmartin Green – the people who cut the grass are retiring, it has not been decided yet who will take over.

10.2 Empowering Educators – HF advised the date for feedback has moved to 4th March and a website has been set up by Argyll and Bute Council with details of the proposal. A website has also been set up by some Parent Councils with concerns to the proposal.

10.3 SM advised they have reported to both the roads team at the Council and the Waterboard that the burn as you enter Slockavullin is going under the road.

10.4 A'Chruach Windfarm Community Fund are now having three meetings a year. Funding is available and the deadline dates for this year are - 11th February 13th May and 9th September. The poster is on the DCC Facebook and website.

10.5 Oulion – 19th Argyll Scout are now at the legal stage to try and secure the Oulion building and hoping to have the site by easter time. The project will run over the next 5 years with the objective being to have a non-curriculum space that can be used by the community groups and run by the Scouts.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 31st March 2022