

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Dunadd Community Council held on Thursday 7th April 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), Joanna McGregor (JMcG)

In attendance: David Bracken (DB) (DCE), Richard Moody (RM), Helen Ferguson (HF2), Elaine Turner (ER), Rowena Ranger (RR)

AGENDA

1. Apologies - None
2. Declarations of Interest – None
3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved and signed off
4. Matters arising from the minutes:

4.1 4.1 Traffic problems – Since the last meeting, there have been various emails and social media posts regarding the speeding issues in Kilmartin and Barrmor View. DS advised Morag Goodfellow has written to Jim Smith in addition to the emails that we are sending. Jim Smith has replied to our emails acknowledging the length of time this has taken and has confirmed that we have now been added to the programme of works for the following –

- Two 30 roundels will be placed on the road to highlight the speed limit
- Arrange for fluorescent yellow backing boards for the starting of the 30 limit
- Progress discussions with Police Scotland with regards to extending the 30mph limit to the North.

The installation of road marking is subject to weather conditions and the markings are expected to be installed during the next area visit by the sub-contractors.

The speeding survey due for February was postponed and has now been agreed for Tuesday 12th April.

Barrmor View - a discussion took place around next steps for Barrmor view with input from Helen and Elaine (residents.) HF will email Jim Smith asking if – the speed limit on the A816 can be changed to 20MPH near the entrance to Barrmor View. If a mirror could be erected near the hotel that would allow people leaving Barrmor View to see round the corner, a caution sign (triangle) to alert people there is a right turn ahead and 5MPH speed signs in Barrmor View at the end where the park is. DCC will be happy to contribute towards costs. JM advised he wrote to Jim Smith last year to ask if Barrmor could be changed to a 20 and was advised no. The pedestrians have right of way in Barrmor but there is nothing highlighting this. It was

agreed depending on the response from Jim Smith that residents in Barrmor View could apply for a microgrant to help with costs of the 5MPH signs. Elaine and Helen will feed back to residents in Barrmor View.

5. £500 Community Fund – HF has contacted the Chair of the Kilmartin Community Initiative to ask when the next event is taking place and if DCC and DCE could be part of this. DR advised this is usually held the first week after the schools have gone back. HF asked if anyone is doing anything for the Jubilee. The Women’s Institute are doing an afternoon tea for their members but there are currently no public events planned in the area.

6. Reports:

6.1 Police Report - Police numbers as follows - January 358 calls with 92 Mid Argyll, Feb 316 with 95 calls Mid Argyll and March 319 with 100 for Mid Argyll nothing mentioned for Dunadd in breakdown, but report doesn’t give full breakdown. Sheep worrying laws have changed HF has shared this to Facebook. Police Scotland currently cannot attend face to face meetings due to covid numbers and cannot join zoom due to their IT systems but could attend a Teams call. A discussion took place around the presence of Police at meetings and the report, and it was agreed that HF would contact the other Community Councils in the area to get some feedback and then speak to Police Scotland.

6.2 Treasurer’s Report – The report is sent each month to members. The current balances are – General Account £3119. Secretarial and website fees come from this. A payment has been received from Argyll and Bute Council for £474 which will be on the report for the next meeting. In the microgrant account there is £819 but a payment is due from A’Chruach Community Windfarm for £2600. Innogy Account is £4249.69 as received a payment for £1681.64 last month. JMcG advised there is a meeting with Ford next week which will discuss how the money can be spent including potentially looking at purchasing items that could be used by the Community.

6.3 Planning Report- mobile phone mast (22/00487/TELNOT) – Changes to existing mobile phone mast. Link provided not working during meeting. Action for HF and DS will look offline and contact members if any further questions.

6.4 Kilmartin Quarry extension – A discussion took place around next steps for the Kilmartin Quarry extension. DS advised happy to have a public meeting but would like support. ST advised Community Council is the starting point. In ST experience, a Community Quarry Liaison Group is not done with the Community Council but a good place to start and then can be set up as a regular meeting where Community and Quarry Workers can go along. Gives the community opportunity to ask questions and the operator to respond. It was agreed DCC will aim to meet next

month before the AGM and have a face-to-face meeting in Kilmartin and invite MacLeods along. At the meeting, the idea of starting a Community Liaison Group can be discussed. DS will contact MacLeods to look at potential dates and HF will work with JM to book the hall and advertise one dates confirmed.

7. Updates:

7.1 Kilmartin Museum (including 6 monthly engagement meetings) – RM advised the building work is progressing but is slightly behind but still on track for main dates. Building work should finish in July. The roof will be started on the ground floor next week. Roof work for the main building has been completed. The exhibition material will start to be fitted Aug/Sep and still on track for opening March 2023. Textures and artifacts have all been chosen, a lot of work is taking place around getting the mounds and lighting right. The text that will be written around the artifacts is currently underway and they are working with a Gaelic specialist. There will be some tree work W/C 11/4 near the pop-up café. Two trees will be coming down and two being trimmed. Focus is on the ones that need work as they are in a poor condition and in danger of coming down. The pop-up Café Lucy's of Ardfern has opened back up and the Museum has re-started their walks along with monthly Zoom talks.

A question was asked about the car park and the availability of current car parking spaces (especially at the Church and opposite the hotel) which is likely to get worse with the tourist season starting and the Museum walks. RM advised they have been focusing on the funding for the main site but the project manager is looking at car parking. DS advised we have this as a separate agenda point but happy to combine the two. There is an opinion people who are car sharing are leaving their cars parked in Kilmartin for the day. Forestry Commission, Argyll and Bute Council, Rescue services and health authority. It was thought TSL would have their own parking area and that the Glebe Parking alternative would have been in place by now. RM advised that there is alternative parking for TSL (Carnassarie) that is being used. RM stated TSL are aware of the issues and RM will feed back the concerns raised from DCC. There is a risk with the number of cars parking in Barrmor View that emergency services may not be able to get through if needed. A discussion took place around next steps. It was agreed that HF will work with RM and DB to try and work out who is potentially using the spaces for car sharing and then write to the Chief Executives to ask if Carnassarie could be used instead given the ongoing safety problem with traffic and it is being exacerbated with Kilmartin being used as the location for car swaps.

The new benches bought by TSL are now being installed on Kilmartin Green – DB thanked RM for this as it will be great for the Community.

7.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise – DB advised they are currently working towards Community Consultation and are re-looking at the plan that was set up a few years ago. They are potentially looking for funding for an employee.

7.3 Kilmartin Playpark - HF advised ACHA have advised that they are currently considering factoring for the private owners who have the playpark in their title deeds – and will be in touch with them directly once fully investigated and proposals put in place. A question was asked about insurance – HF advised will ask ACHA. ET advised that some residents of Barrmor View have been cleaning the playpark and ACHA have been cutting the grass.

8. Correspondence

8.1 C38 update – The C38 is on the roadmap for Argyll and Bute Council’s Road upgrades but does not go into details of what will be done. HF advised will speak to the Council for further detail.

8.2 Funding Opportunities – Investing in Communities Fund, not open yet. Once live DCC and DCE will get together to submit an application.

8.3 Dalriada Footpath - Since the January meeting HF has spoken with Jolyon Gritten, Pete Creech and ACT. The maintenance of certain sections of the path currently sits with ACT. ACT are going to be applying for funding but need a report on the current state of the paths and need permission from any landowners. DS, RR and SM will form a “path sub-group” and HF will organise a meeting with the sub-group and ACT to decide next steps.

8.4 Funding requests – RR joined the call to discuss the three micro-grant requests sent in from the Lachlan Miller Memorial Trust. The applications were to replace the notice boards in Kilmichael and Bridgend and for some sacks of wildflower seeds. A suggestion was made to use recycled plastic. RR advised will investigate this. The micro-grants were approved. RR will use the £750 to purchase the seeds and two notice boards and will make DCC aware if there are any additional costs.

8.5 Car parking in Kilmartin – discussed as part of 7.1

9. Public questions – DS advised there is no defibrillator in Kilmichael or Bridegend. DR advised to apply to A’Chruach for a full grant to cover to costs of defibrillator, case, installation, and signage. DS to speak to DR re next steps.

10. AOCB

None

11. Date of Next Meeting – 26th May 2022 including AGM