

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Thursday 29th September 2022 at 7.30p.m. via Zoom conference.

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

In attendance: David Bracken (DB (DCE), Richard Moody (RM) (representing Kilmartin Museum), Jan Brown (JB) (A&B Councillor) Dialled in: Jeni West (JW) & Rhod Watt (RW) Forestry and Land Scotland, Ben Rusden (Police Scotland).

1. Apologies – None
2. Declarations of Interest – DR, SM and JM advised for point 8.4 funding requests they would not be able to vote for certain applications as they are involved.
3. Minutes of previous meeting – marked as accurate.
4. Community Elections – DS and JMcG apologised for missing the deadline to return electoral papers. HF advised that DCC did not get enough votes to continue as CC so the existing council will stop on the 19th October. Elections will open back up between the 21st October to 3rd November. There will then be a postal ballot which will run to approximately December, after this a meeting will be held with the Council to appoint the new Council.

Action for HF to update social media and website with actions and next steps and do a post encouraging new members as would really like to get to 10.

Action for DS and JMcG to get their election papers in between 21st October – 3rd November.

Action for all to encourage new members.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - 5.1 Traffic problems - DS advised since the last meeting there have been several communications between the Community Council, Police Scotland, Argyll and Bute Council and the Museum regarding the parking issues at the Kilmartin Museum. DS advised that the situation has improved. DR advised that it had improved but has started again this week with 2 vans on Tuesday and 3 vans on Wednesday. RM advised that the parking improved as they opened up the polytunnel area which held 10-12 vans – this is still being used. RM advised will speak to the contractors 30th September.

Action for RM to contact DS next week to understand if situation has improved.

Traffic in Kilmartin - since the last meeting HF has contacted the Council a few times for an update – update received 29.09 -

The yellow backed signs are on hold until the TRO to extend the 30 mph restriction has gone through the statutory consultation period. The consultation has not yet started. The delay has been partly caused by the relevant Council Officer leaving Argyll & Bute Council and the post lying empty. The new Officer is currently working their way through a backlog of work. It is hoped the consultation period can commence within this calendar year. Officers are still assessing the area to understand if a right turn triangle can be erected on the A816 for Barrmor View.

JB advised that as part of the planning for the new houses in Barrmor, they have to put up signs.

DS advised that there are numerous villages he drives through that have 20 MPH signage on major roads and cannot understand why we are unable to get that for Barrmor View. JB advised that she has spoken to the Council regarding this and they advised that majority of places with 20 MPH are on a walking route to a school and that representatives from the Council have visited Barrmor View and do not feel that speeding is an issue. It was suggested that Barrmor is a school route and people have to walk on the road as it was designed like this. The road is classed as a pedestrian way with vehicle access to local traffic. There is no signage to this effect. HF advised that ACHA have been in touch as they have had reports from residents in Barrmor concerned about the speed of traffic. A discussion took place re next steps.

**Action for JB to ask the Council for the reason Barrmor is not 20 MPH.
Action for HF to ask BR/ Alistair Morrison to do the speeding check in Barrmor as well as A816.**

Action for HF and DR to work together to look at doing a petition from the residents in Barrmor View.

Action for JB to speak to ACHA board to see if there is anything we can do together to get a resolution.

6. Reports:

6.1 Police Report - July 318 calls and 96 for Mid Argyll and August 361 calls with 109 in Mid Argyll, - Possession of Drugs: about 5.30pm on Sunday 7th August at the A83, Kilmartin, Police stopped a vehicle and searched the driver. The driver, a man (33) was allegedly found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. He was issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

Ben Rusden dialled in with an update. DS advised BR that the current issues DCC have are to do with public safety areas with speeding on the A816 and Barrmor View not being a 20MPH. BR advised that the Police are aware the A816 is being used as a racetrack from Lochgilphead to Carnassarie Castle and back. BR advised that as they know that area of the road is now being used for racing, then an ASBO can be forced – first strike being a warning and the 2nd strike the car is taken. BR advised that in order to progress with any allegation

then there needs to be two witnesses or a witness corroborated with something i.e dashcam footage and the incident needs to be reported and dealt with by Police Scotland in 14 days.

BR advised he has been doing some spot checks in Kilmartin at the junction near the shop and has spoken to the Council re signage in the area who advised will not put signage there as road is too narrow so would be dangerous.

BR advised that the Community can do some initiatives i.e. going out on to the A816 with high viz jackets, doing a speed check exercise with the Police, using the children at the school/ scout group to stand at side of road and encourage good driving. Doing something to get into the mindset of people, media campaign. For Barmor View- BR advised it is designed to be traffic calming but is aware that there are people who speed on the road.

Action - DS to meet BR to talk about next steps.

6.2 Treasurer's Report - accounts sent prior to the meeting. Current figures are General account - £3821 this includes £474 left from the A&B Council Covid-19 recovery grant. DS proposed that the funds are distributed 25% to the Ford Village Hall (to be spent by 31st October) and 75% to the Kilmartin Initiative for the fund day that DCC were at in Kilmartin on the 11th September. A vote took place and with a majority agreeing. The balance of the microgrant account is £3069.18 and the Innogy fund account £4249.69.

6.2 Planning Report - HF has sent feedback on the applications from last month. Since the last meeting there has been – boundary wall at Kilmartin, feed barge at fish farm, Ormaig Woodland track, telegraph pole at Kimichael. DCC has received advance notice of tree felling near Ford, **HF will send tree felling to Jo.**

6.3 Kilmartin Quarry extension - **DS will have a meeting with MacLeods** and advise next steps.

7. Updates:

7.1 Kilmartin Museum (including 6 monthly engagement meetings) - RM advised that the fit-out for the galleries will start on Monday – this is great progress. This will run until the 18th November and involves cases and information boards being installed and getting the museum set up with the lighting etc. The pop up café will run until the end of October and will be removed early in November and the stretch tent taken down. Working to a completion date with TSL for early November. They will still be doing some landscaping outside. Plan is to move office function back into the museum in December if building is signed off by local authority. Question asked re Glebe Field parking, RM advised the PM is hoping to get the planning permission submitted in October.

7.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise – DB advised that the application has been submitted to the windfarm for the development worker.

DCC and DCE have updated the Community survey and this is available on the websites and Facebook groups. HF has also left copies in the Horseshoe, Kilmartin Hotel and Lucy's.

Discussion took place around next steps and how to advertise the form.

Action for HF to distribute the forms to members to send out as appropriate.

Action for HF to contact the local paper to see if the survey can be printed with the QR code.

7.3 Windfarm Proposal - Eredine have more public consultations – HF has put on Facebook. The planning application for Glasvaar received today, 11 turbines – discussion took place and it was agreed that DCC would remain neutral for any windfarm applications. JMcG advised they have been in talks with the company re money for Ford. A question was asked re the Community Benefit and where the funds would go. DS proposed that a meeting is set up to discuss the windfarm and monies, our next steps and what advice we potentially require. Agreement that we will use the next date 24th November to discuss this topic as the existing DCC will have ceased by this date while we wait for the elections.

Action for HF to contact windfarm to find out process for Community Benefit prior to the meeting.

7.4 Jeni West and Rhod Watt (Forestry and Land Scotland) dialled in to talk through the Torran Proposals - FLS discussed proposals for the former Torran Farm land in between Salachry forest block and Inverliever forest block. Jeni West, Planning Forester, and Rhod Watt, FM & Stewardship Forester (West Loch Awe beat) discussed proposals and options. The total area is 575Ha, and FLS are proposing approx. 66% forest and 34% open (mix of open hill, and open spaces in between trees). New road access will be created as well as ATV tracks for establishment and management. FLS will hold a drop-in event in Ford Village Hall in October 2022 to provide an opportunity for the local community and stakeholders to view and discuss proposals. FLS are willing to facilitate community groups etc proposing recreational trails as they can then access the funding required for construction and maintenance. FLS are willing to meet local community members on-site to discuss options/concerns.

8. Correspondence 8.30-8.45

8.1 C38 update – JB advised the current update from the Council is there are currently no funds to put up the passing place signs however they will put up two horse rider signs at either end of the Loch – this will be done in January. JB has also spoken to the staycation officer and is trying to find out if they will put

signs at either end. JB advised that Tayviallach have passing place signs but these were done by locals through funding. JB advised will send any updates through as and when these are received.

8.2 Funding Opportunities – covered in DCE update.

8.3 Dalriada Footpath – DS advised that he has had a conversation with Jonathan Sheldrick. HF advised that ACT have advised whilst they are keen to support improvements to the path infrastructure, they only have responsibility and capacity for vegetation management - strimming etc - and employ a contractor to do this in the summer months. ACT have suggested collating reports on the condition of the paths and infrastructure and to identify a lead organisation to take it forward and look for possible funding opportunities – ACT have advised they are going to speak to A&B Council re next steps.

Action for DS to update all once spoken to Jonathan.

8.4 Funding requests – 7 micro grant requests were submitted for the meeting. Please see next page for detail. Question raised during the book swap grant around what support can we offer over the winter months with regards to heating/ saving money. **HF to look into options.**

9. Public questions – None

10. AOCB – HF has submitted an application to A'Chruach Windfarm for a defib in Kilmichael.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 24th November 2022 (to discuss windfarm as DCC will have ceased temporarily)

Microgrant Requests

Number 1

Who – Kilmartin Community Initiative

Cost - £192

Why – Defib at Kilmartin school batteries require replacing as the current batteries are faulty. They do not anticipate the expense being repeated.

APPROVED 29/09 (DS, SM, JMcG, JM)

Number 2

Who – Mid Argyll Arts Association

Cost - £250

Why - Scottish Dance Theatre are putting on a performance and running a workshop – everyone welcome – on 14th and 15th October in Ardrishaig. There will be at least 11 people – dancers and technicians – and they are staying for 2 nights. We have agreed that Scottish Dance Theatre will pay for one night and MAAA the other. We have booked the Bothy in Kilmartin, Richard at the Hotel is happy to make breakfast at £10 per head, we hope Lucy's will be able to do a packed lunch at approx. £12 per head. MAAA are therefore asking for a grant of £250 towards the cost of these meals. There are approx 30 people from the Dunadd Community Council area on the MAAA mailing list, many members of our audiences come from the DCC area.

APPROVED 29/09 (DR, DS and JMcG)

Number 3

Who – Kilmichael Glassary PTA

Cost - £250

Why – I write on behalf of Glassary primary school PTA, we are looking to improve the children's garden. We would like to plant willow fencing or hedging. Tidy up the path and steps and plant fruit and vegetables for the children to grow and learn about. We would also like to introduce some wild flower to encourage bees which the children have been doing a project about. We would very much appreciate your consideration in awarding us one of your community grants to fund the garden project.

APPROVED BY ALL

Number 4

Who – David B on behalf of the Kilmartin Hotel

Cost - £250

Why - I am writing on behalf of Richard Pate at the Kilmartin Hotel, regarding the annual old folks Christmas party. The hotel would like to reinstate the event, which has not happened for two years due to the pandemic. In past years the party has been funded by a donations bottle, which is in the hotel, and topped up by the hotel. However the amount in the bottle is a lot less than normal as COVID and the recession are affecting us all. For this

reason I would like to ask for a windfarm grant of £250 payable to Kilmartin Hotel, to help towards the cost of the annual Christmas dinner.

APPROVED by all on the basis that the hotel advertise for the lunch on the village Facebook sites and invite everyone from the Dunadd area and do a booking system to ensure no oversubscription.

Number 5

Who - Bookswap Kilmartin

Cost - £200

Why - We are applying for £200 to enable us to extend the time that Bookswap runs to offer people a 'warm space'. Bookswap currently runs from 2pm to 4pm offering company and tea/coffee and home baking. The intention is to run from 12 noon offering soup and a roll and to run Bookswap as normal from 2pm. The grant would cover the additional hire costs of the Parish Church and to purchase soup from the Kilmartin Hotel. The additional hours would cover the meetings in Nov, Dec, Feb and March.

APPROVED (DS, JM, JMcG, SM)

Number 6

Who – Kilmartin Community Initiative

Cost - £125

Why - The pads for the Parish Church and Kilmartin Primary School defibrillators need to be replaced as they have expired. The cost is £125. The pads are usually valid for 3 years.

APPROVED (DS, SM, JMcG, JM)

Number 7

Who - Kilmartin Community Initiative

Cost - £192

Why - The battery in the Parish Church defibrillator is faulty and requires replacement. The cost is £204. We do not anticipate this expense being repeated.

APPROVED 29/09 (DS, SM, JMcG, JM)