

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 19.30 in Ford Village Hall

Present- George Stewart (GS) (Chair), Hazel Fuller (HF), Di Roberts (DR), Jim Malcolm (JM), Willie Beattie (WB), Sue Creech (SC)

In attendance: David Bracken (DB) (DCE), Dougie Philand (DP) (representing A&B Council), Richard Moody (RM) (representing Kilmartin Museum), Louise MacPhail (LM), Donald Gillies (DG), Allen Gillies (AG).

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Jo Cole, Sue MacLean, David Smart

2. Declarations of Interest

DR and SC declared an interest in the micro grants applications. DR for grant application 1-4 and SC for grant application 5.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

A request was made for the following amendments to be made to the meeting in July -

9.3

A Cruach Windfarm. There are now three types of grant

Small grants up to £5K – a new grant, the form is very easy to complete

Large grants up to £25K

Three year grants up to £10K per year.

9.5

Slockavullin - Timber lorries are driving over the newly repaired verge between the road and the burn.

HF and DP went through the actions and provided updates from the last meeting –

- 1. HF to update and do some comms on microgrants** – HF completed this.
- 2. Lorries at Slockavullin** are turning and going over some of the track that was just re-done. **HF to contact Forestry Commission** - HF completed this.
- 3. HF and DP to ask A&B Council/ water board to cut the hedge down.** – DP read through update that the water board are unable to touch the line of trees that runs between the treatment works and the garage. DP is waiting for an update from the roads team at the Council regarding the hedge that looks onto the footpath.

4. A request was made for a strategic view about parking from the Council. Argyll and Bute Strategic planning to get involved – how to solve the parking issue overall in Kilmartin. **DP and HF to ask the question.** DP advised that the following response had been received – “In terms of the Adopted Local Development Plan there is Supplementary Guidance policy against which planning applications require to be assessed , including a specific policy (SG LDP TRAN 6) that sets out parking requirements for new development with minimum and maximum standards for certain types of development, including dwellings.

The Proposed Local Development Plan 2 (as modified by the Examination Report) also contains parking requirements for new development (Policy 40 Vehicle Parking Provision).

In addition to parking policy the Local Development Plan contains proposals such as the Areas for Action (AFA) which seek to promote improvement in our towns and villages and Traffic Management Areas (TMA). The Schedules in the Plan note the location and nature of the key issues (including parking and traffic management) within these proposals. The Action Programme sets out how these should be addressed. Kilmartin does not contain any identified AFA or TMA in either the Adopted Plan or the Proposed Local Development Plan 2. A longer term solution to any issues may be to examine this during the preparation of LDP3.”

A discussion took place, there were concerns raised around how long the LDP3 will take to implement. It was noted that this week there have been coaches blocking the road accessing the museum and also parking in the bus stop. **HF to speak to police** and DP to check what the legal stance is on parking in bus stops and also who owns that land.

It was agreed that we need to find a way forward. The feeling in the village is the Glebe Field wont work so what is the alternative. The position of the museum is that the buses should go to Carnassarie Castle. Question asked if their could be double yellow on the roads.

It was noted that there is no signage to direct people to the Kilmartin museum car park.

It was suggested that DCC speak to the landowner of the car park to see next steps – **HF to organise**

DP to find out the legalities of the bus stop – what signs can the council assist with and what signs can be parking

HF to find out when the next landowners meeting will be

RM to find out if there is anything on the website re parking for coaches

5. HF advised since the last meeting we have been speaking to West Loch Fyne CC about doing a survey to ascertain peoples' views on the availability of shops in the area. **HF to send email to DP.**

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

- 3.1 Traffic problems

Since the last meeting, HF has contacted the roads team a couple of times to ask about the pedestrian right of way sign but has not received a reply.

The response from the Ford speeding survey was that there has not been one carried out recently.

Speeding initiative – HF has received an update advising resource is an issue but officers have been asked to carry out checks in Kilmartin. **HF to check that the checks are being done on the straight near the B&B.**

A discussion took place regarding next steps. **HF will look at when the next Mid Argyll meeting is. DP will speak to roads team to chase responses.**

4. Reports:

- 4.1 Police Report

No police presence unfortunately – HF has advised that there has been no attendance at the last 3 meetings.

For August (data for July) there were 114 calls for LB42 which includes Dunadd.

Police Scotland are looking for feedback on how to deal with diverse communities
[Your Police 2023-2024 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space](#)

There was an increase in doorstep selling in July and police were involved.

- 4.2 Treasurer's Report -

DR advised the current balances are as follows -

General account: Balance - £3,940.67. This is made up of £2,723.05 DCC general funds and £1,217.62 Kilmichael defib fund. The defib fund has projected outstanding costs of £670.

We have paid A&BC for the horse signs.

Micro-grant account: Balance - £1,302.30.

DR has applied for a further tranche of funds, which is usually £2,500 from Foundation Scotland.

Innogy account: Balance remains unchanged £5,998.26

A question was asked about the defibrillator in Kilmichael and its location, there was a previous discussion about it being installed in the phone box. It was confirmed that the defib is in Bridgend and there are no current plans to put one in Kilmichael Glassary. HF advised that there needs to be a certain voltage of electricity and it needs to be checked weekly. DCC are happy to support a further application for a defibrillator in the area as long as the conditions of use can be met.

HF to check with DS that the signs are up and organise the training.

4.3 Planning Report

[23/01367/PP | Change of use of former church to form dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and driveway, erection of garage/carport, formation of opening in boundary wall to provide pedestrian access and associated works | Kilmichael Glassary Parish Church Kilmichael Glassary Argyll And Bute \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

A discussion took place regarding the above planning application following members of the public contacting HF and attending the meeting. The following points were captured -

How will they do the work and how will they access the property, drainage – water supply.

Dig up footpath and put a sewage pipe.

Stone found, medieval bell found, maps from 1750 show area cornered off – this is where they want to build the car park – graves have been lost – so many laws about building on a graveyard

Do the council still own the graveyard – if they want to put a sewage pipe across the grave yard

Historic Scotland recommend keeping the pews but the plans are different and the front window is to be altered.

A vote took place and it was agreed that DCC would object to the planning application. **HF will submit the response tomorrow.**

5. Updates:

5.1 Kilmartin Museum (including 6 monthly engagement meetings)

RM advised that Museum has opened – 3rd September. It is open to visitors and open for schools and events. There is a programme of walks and an archaeological dig currently taking place. There were 4000 visitors in September to the museum –

compared to 12000 visitors for the whole of 2019. Car park has been holding up but still a concern for holiday periods. Glebe field is still being looked at to be developed – looking at a new entrance to the field.

There has been some interest in the café.

Question asked about the community room – this can only be used when the museum is open due to having to have staff available – **RM will take the question away and also find out what this would cost**

RM will check if the website advises what coaches should do.

5.2 DCE update including website changes

DB advised that Community plan is being worked on – **DS will be presenting this at the next meeting**

Review of email and internet agreement that DCE have. Product has gone up in price – **DB will share this shortly**

6. Correspondence

6.1 C38 update

HF has found that there are meetings around timber routes [Argyll Timber Transport Group Contact Details | Argyll and Bute Council \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

HF will make contact with the representative for Mid Argyll.

6.2 Funding requests

Please see requests and decisions at the end of minutes.

7. Public questions

No public questions

8. AOCB 8.50-9.00

HF asked if she could claim expenses for printing paper – it was agreed that yes. **HF will send this to DR.**

9. Date of Next Meeting – **29th November venue TBC potential for Kilmartin Museum RM will explore.**

Microgrant Requests

1. Dunadd Community Enterprise would like to put in an application for a Community Grant for the maintenance and replacement of grass-cutting tools of £250.

The community has raised £402.30 this year towards grass cutting, plant and compost purchase, running costs, and ringfence funds that will be used to replace the machinery and other equipment when needed.

Approved - JM proposed, WB seconded.

2. Dunadd Community Enterprise/ Kilmartin Village Green would like to apply for £250 to purchase summer flowers for 2024. A plant sale was held in June 2023 which raised sufficient funds for the spring bulbs, topping up compost and fertiliser. To ensure we get what we want we try to order the plants in early Dec. There are limited fund raising opportunities and the donation box in the hotel raises very little as no one has cash any more.

Approved – SC proposed, WB seconded.

3. Kilmartin Community Initiative – we will be holding a bingo night in October, offering an evening of family fun and enabling multi-generations in the area to come together. This will be a fund raising event for the Kilmartin Firework night. We are asking for a micro-grant to enable us offer sandwiches during a half time break. The event will be held in the Kilmartin Hotel. The cost of the sandwiches will be £200

Approved – GS proposed, WB seconded

4. Dunadd Community Enterprise Book Swap. After the success of the extended hours offering soup at Bookswap during last winter we would like to do the same again this winter. Purchasing the soup from the hotel worked well as it ensured that its preparation and storage met all the relevant food hygiene standards. It is our intention to offer this in Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar and possibly April depending on the weather. We are asking for £250 towards the cost of the additional venue rental and purchase of soup.

Approved – SC proposed, JM seconded

5. Sue Creech would like to apply to DCC for a microgrant to set up medicine blister pack recycling in Ford. £134 and replace time-expired paediatric pads for the village defibrillator. £119

Approved – DR proposed, GS seconded