

Dunadd Community Council

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30th May 2023 at 7pm in Dalriada Mid Argyll Parish Church, Kilmartin.

Present: George Stewart (GS) Convener, Jo Cole (JC) Vice Convener, Di Roberts (DR) Treasurer, Willie Beattie, (WB), Jim Malcolm (JM), Sue MacLean (SM), David MacInnes (DM), David Smart (DS).

In attendance: David Bracken (DB), Jan Brown (JB) Argyll and Bute Councillor, John Gurr (JG) Mac Pool, Grace MacLeod (GM) Kilmartin Museum, Louise MacPhail (LM).

1. Apologies: Sue Creech
2. Declarations of interest: None for the AGM.
3. Minutes of previous AGM: Agreed as correct. Proposed JM, seconded JC.
4. Co-option: There are 3 vacancies, GS asked if anyone present wanted to be co-opted. No one at the meeting wanted to be co-opted.
5. Convener's report: GS summarised the main activities of the Community Council. There was a lively discussion reiterating many of the concerns expressed throughout the year about parking in Kilmartin, the excess speed of many vehicles travelling through Kilmartin. GS thanked the A&BC Councillors, JC, DR, all the Community Councillors, and SM for her work on the A'Chruach Windfarm Community Fund. See Annex 1
6. Annual statement of accounts and Treasurer's report: DR passed out the verified Income and Expenditure Statement. DR summarised the financial ac-activities of the Community Council. See Annex 2 and 3. Community Councillors were pleased that the micro grants are increasingly popular, that there is a better geographical spread across the area and a greater range of ages are benefitting. Acceptance was proposed JM, seconded SM.
7. Election of office bearers: GS stood down as Convener. As no one else expressed an interest, GS agreed to serve as Convener. Proposed JC, seconded JM.
JC agreed to continue as Vice Convener. Proposed GS, seconded SM.
DR agreed to continue as Treasurer.
SM agreed to continue as DCC representative on the A'Chruach Wind Farm Community Fund awards panel.
Hazel Fuller (HF) has agreed to continue as Secretary with DR taking minutes at the meetings. It was agreed to continue paying HF at the current rate, with invoices submitted monthly.
All Community Councillors agreed to continue apart from DS, who resigned the meeting.
8. Dates of future meetings: After some discussion it was agreed to move the meetings to the third Thursday of the month, with meetings alternating between Kilmartin and Ford. Venues as follows subject to availability.

18 th July 2024	Ford Village Hall
19 th September 2024	Kilmartin Parish Church
21 st November 2024	Ford Village Hall
16 th January 2025	Kilmartin Parish Church
20 th March 2025	Ford Village Hall
15 th May 2025	Kilmartin Parish Church

CONVENER'S REPORT

I wish to thank David Smart for his 3 years as Convener of this Community Council and wish him every success in leading our sister organisation, Dunadd Community Enterprise. That 2023-2024 has been an eventful year is undeniable. Indeed, the unexpected now seems to be commonplace. Perhaps it was ever thus, and it is more the almost relentless increase in pace which unsettles.

KILMARTIN MUSEUM OVERSPILL CAR PARK

The last twelve months began with Kilmartin Museum's desire to bring a car park to 'the Glebe field'. Designed as an overflow car park, it was promoted as an answer to the desire of Kilmartin village residents to alleviate the pre-existing parking problem in Kilmartin in the light of an expected growth in traffic following the Museum's relaunch after its refurbishment. It is not my place here to go into detail of previously expressed arguments for and against this issue other than to say that after a negative report by Argyll and Bute Council Roads Department, as well as a survey of village residents showed a large majority of villagers now against the proposal, the planning application was withdrawn to allow the Museum to reconsider the matter once more. It is true to say that the decline in the number of community councillors in Dunadd was averted by new applications received from Kilmartin residents (myself being one) as a result of the car park issue alone. However, the lack of car parking in Kilmartin remains an acknowledged and undeniable problem; one without a ready, easy or acceptable solution. More visitors mean more cars, buses and minibuses without the space to accommodate them.

KILMARTIN SIGNAGE

Lack of adequate and appropriate road signage in Kilmartin has been an issue for some years, and one which frustrates residents and confuses visitors. This matter is still ongoing.

SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN KILMARTIN AND FORD

Police reports suggest that the problem is not significant, with a low percentage of drivers exceeding the 30mph limit, and of these most were locals apparently. However this is not the perception of many local residents in either Ford or Kilmartin. Also the fact of four blind corners within the 30mph zone in Kilmartin should be an alert to drive moderately, but sadly, this is not always - or usually - the case. We will continue to pursue this challenge. The Community Council has been calling for a 20 mile per hour limit within Kilmartin, and we are currently seeking further clarification of definitions from A&B Council. We are no longer pursuing the issue of traffic calming in Barmor View in Kilmartin unless further incidents are raised.

**Dunadd Community Council Accounts
2023/24
Income and Expenditure
Statement**

General Account

INCOME

Balance brought forward at 01.01.23 £6,043.19

Grant income £472.90
£2,500.00

£2,972.90

income - expenditure £3,315.19

bank balance £3,315.19

Micro Account

INCOME

Balance brought forward at 01.01.23 £1,860.18

Grant income £2,500.00

£2,500.00

income - expenditure £1,468.48

bank balance £1,468.48

Innogy Account

INCOME

Balance brought forward at 01.01.23 £5,998.26

Grant income £2,000.00
Dunadd Community Council £60.00

£2,060.00

Income - expenditure £5,643.90

Bank balance £5,643.90

Signed:

Dated:

O. Hemmings

16.05.24

EXPENDITURE

Core costs £839.14
Grant expenditure £2,361.76
transfer of grant fund £2,500.00

£5,700.90

EXPENDITURE

Grant expenditure £2,891.70

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Expenditure £2,414.36

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Treasurer's Report 2023/24

Dunadd Community Council operates three bank accounts, one for general expenses, one for Ventient Energy A'Chruach Wind Farm Micro Grants and one for RWE Braevallich Hydro Scheme Community Fund.

The financial year runs 1st April to 31st March.

The accounts have been independently verified by Olwen Hemmings and are available on www.dunaddcc.org

General:

Funding is received from Argyll and Bute Council on an annual basis to enable the administration of the Community Council. A payment of £472.90 was received in June 2023.

A total of £840 was spent on administration, including secretarial support, venue and web hosting costs.

As agreed on 25.5.23, we have paid Argyll and Bute Council £650 for the supply and fitting of horse signs for the C38 in an effort to slow the speed of the traffic.

A grant of £2,750 was secured from A'Chruach Wind Farm Community Fund in the last financial year to purchase a defibrillator for Kilmichael. Spending to date of £1,712 has enabled the defibrillator to be purchased, installed and training offered to the community. A balance of £1,038 remains ring fenced for this project.

The account shows a balance £3,315, of which £2,277 is for administration/general purposes and £1,038 for the Kilmichael defibrillator, both of which will be carried forward into 2024/25.

Ventient Energy A'Chruach Micro Grants:

This funding is administered by Foundation Scotland and distributed by the Community Council. Funds are requested as and when needed, £2,500 is the max per annum. £2,500 was received in October 2023.

Grants of up to £250 are available for individuals and groups to apply for as and when required. Applicants must be able to show how the community will benefit and apply by letter to any Community Council meeting.

A total of thirteen grants were awarded in this period totalling £2,891. Community benefits included:

- Zoom licence shared with Dunadd Community Enterprise.
- Replaced Kilmartin notice board.
- Wildflowers for children's garden Kilmichael Glassary Primary School.
- Contribution towards refreshments for fund raising event.
- Contribution towards extending Book Swap hours to offer warm lunch in winter.
- Kilmartin Village Green flowers and equipment servicing costs.
- Ford Village Hall blister pack recycling project.
- Ford Village Christmas lights.
- Contribution towards 19th Argyll Scouts planning permission preparations.
- Ford Village Hall replacement paediatric defib pads.
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- Contribution towards Community Plan update costs.

The account shows a balance of £1,468.48 which will be carried forward into 2024/25.

RWE Braevallich Hydro Scheme Community Fund:

This fund is administered by Dunadd Community Council on behalf of Ford Village Hall Committee. An annual payment is received from RWE, this figure is based on the output of the hydro-scheme and is non-negotiable. A payment of £2,000 was received in Jan 2024.

The only expenditure from this account was £2,414.36 to cover an energy bill.

The account shows a balance of £5,643.90 which will be carried forward into 2024/25.