

# Dunadd Community Council

## Community Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm in Kilmartin Parish Church.

**Present:** George Stewart (GS) Convener, Willie Beattie, (WB), Jim Malcolm (JM), Di Roberts (DR) Treasurer.

**In attendance:** Garret Corner (GC) Argyll and Bute Councillor, Lucy Button (LB) Kilmartin Museum, David Bracken (DB) Dunadd Community Enterprise.

**Secretary:** Hazel Fuller (HF) to be included in all correspondence.

- Apologies:** Jo Cole (JC) Vice Convener, Sue Creech, Grace Macleod, David MacInnes, Sue MacLean, David Smart.
- Declarations of interest:** DR relating to micro grant applications for KCI and DCE, JC for micro grant applications for Ford Village Hall.
- Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 agreed as correct. Proposed JM, seconded WB.
- Role of secretary going forward:** West Loch Fyne CC have advised that they would be interested in a joint secretary role. David Smart was going to prepare a funding application for A'Chruach Community Fund but has now stepped down as a Community Councillor. **Action: DR and DB will approach West Loch Fyne CC to take this forward.**
- Funding requests/micro grants:** The funding allocation from A'Chruach Community Benefit Fund has increased to £3,322 pa. After discussion it was agreed that the level of micro grants distributed by the Community Council would remain at £250. As the grants are becoming more widely known it was felt that it would be better to allocate more grants than increase the value of the grants. At a Foundation Scotland good practice workshop it was suggested that the discussion and decision about micro grants applications should be held by Community Councillors in private with just the decision recorded in the minutes. After much discussion it was agreed that we would continue to decide the grants in public as it was felt this added to the transparency of the decision.
- Matters arising from previous minutes:**
  - Traffic problems:** DR had prepared an outline plan as a starting point to try to jointly resolve the road safety issues. **Action: DR to resend to all Community Councillors with a view to discussing it at the next meeting.**
- Reports:**
  - Police report:** Email received from PS Matthew Shaw, DR verbally summarised the data. It was felt that the information is unhelpful as it covers such a wide area it is not possible to determine what the local issues might be. Some felt let down by Police Scotland as there no longer seems to be any local liaison or partnership working.
  - Treasurer's report.:** The current balances at 31 Aug 2024 were:  
General expenses: £2,169  
Kilmichael Defib project: £811  
Micro grants: £3,047  
Braevallich Windfarm: £5,643 (held on behalf of FVH)  
A further tranche of funding for micro grants has been received.

**7.3 Planning report:** None

**7.4 Kilmartin Quarry extension:** no update. **Action: JM to contact Macloeds.**

## 8. Updates:

**8.1 Kilmartin Museum:** LB gave a verbal update. Winter opening hours from 5<sup>th</sup> Nov will be Wed – Sun 11am to 4pm. The museum will be closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. From 1<sup>st</sup> to end of Feb 2025 the Museum will be open 5 days a week. There isn't a date yet for the official re-opening. The library is now open for booking or to view. The church yard wall has fallen down into the overflow car park, the graves are not affected. It will be repaired as soon as possible. The coaches parking on the village green are being monitored. **Action: LB to share this info with DR for the road safety plan.**

After discussion it was agreed that this was a village issue not just a museum issue. Road markings to delineate the edge of the road by the village green car park would be helpful. The refurbished Museum has been well received by visitors and they should be congratulated.

**8.2 Dunadd Community Enterprise.** DB gave a verbal update. The micro grant awarded for a survey of local businesses is no longer required and DCE would like to return it. **Action: DB to liaise with DR.** New lawn tractor has been delivered; the cost of the insurance was included in the funding bid. A micro grant application may be required next year to cover it (£240).

The replacement of the dangerous goal posts on Kilmartin village Green is being investigated. The cost will likely be in the region of £3.500. A funding application has been submitted to a local fish farm.

## 9. Correspondence:

**9.1 C38 update:** No new information.

**9.2 Micro-grant applications:** JC had sent her approval by email.

a) Kilmartin Community Initiative is requesting £240 to pay for the refreshments at a fund-raising event. Approved by all

b) Dunadd Community Enterprise is requesting £200 to pay for bulbs and wall flowers for the tubs in the street and on Kilmartin village green. Approved by all.

c) Dunadd Community enterprise is requesting £250 as a contribution towards new compost for the tubs in the street and on Kilmartin Village green. The total cost will be approx. £500, the balance will be met by DCE funds. Approved by all.

d) Dunadd Community Enterprise is requesting £220 to enable Book Swap to extend its hours and offer soup during the winter months. Approved by all.

e) Ford Village Hal is requesting £240 in order to print the next edition of the village magazine. 100 copies professionally printed. Approved by all.

f) Ford Village Hall is requesting £200 to purchase an A3 laminator and water proof banners to advertise events at the hall. Approved by all.

**9.3 Kilmartin play park:** It is understood that ACHA have taken responsibility for the play park.

## 10. Public questions: None

## 11. AOCB:

- a) WB: There seems to be an unusual amount of small black flies around the water treatment works in Kilmartin. This is causing an issue within Kilmartin Garage. After some discussion WB was advised that the best place to start would be environmental health within A&BC.
- b) GS: The lean of the trees that line the path on the hill on the A816 seems to have got noticeably worse in the past year. Residents in the row of cottages on the opposite side of the road are becoming concerned. GS asked if they were included in the tree survey at the beginning of the development programme. **Action LB to check with Museum and A&BC.**
- c) DR : There is a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept with a number of other community councils and a potential wind farm. After discussion it was agreed that DR would attend and feed back at next meeting.

### **Date of next meeting:**

**7.30pm, Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024. Ford Village Hall.**