DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunadd Community Council held on Thursday, 17th July 2025, in the Ford Village Hall.

Present: George Stewart (GS) Convener; Sue MacLean (SM); Di Roberts (DR) Treasurer; Steve Walker (SW) Secretary.

1. Apologies:

David Bracken (DB) Dunadd Community Enterprise, Jo Cole (JC), Jim Malcolm (JM).

1. Declarations of Interest:

DR for micro grant applications

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Agreed. Proposed GS, seconded SW.

1. Matter arising: 6. No response from Laura (Balfour Beatty). Action – SW to try once more to contact her. 9.1 Action – Community use of Museum Education room. Action - DR to contact John Raven for details.
2. Baroile New Woodland Creation:

After some discussion and with no feedback from the community it was decided not to comment on this information. Action – SW to write to thank them for the update.

1. Reports:
2. Police: GS ran through the most recent report. After some discussion it was decided to remove this item from the agenda as the information provided covers an area much bigger than Dunadd and it isn’t specific enough. Police Scotland will be invited when relevant issues are identified. Action – SW to remove from future agendas.
3. Road safety plan: SW ran through the most recent response from A&BC. They have appointed a new Traffic Dev Off for Mid Argyll but they are not yet in post. Traffic Regulation Order to extend 30mph limit and signage process has now begun (stakeholder consultation for 3 weeks then out to the public) not anticipating any objections, so can progress shortly thereafter. New lining machine now purchased, once crew is trained this work can be carried out before the end of July.
4. Treasurer: Acct balances are – General Acct £4,037, includes £811 ring fenced for Kilmichael defib project. Micro Grant Acct £596.55. Additional funding requested from Foundation Scotland. Innogy Acct (FVH) £4,713

Defib training using some of the balance of the Kilmichael Defib project funding. It was agreed that a number of 1.5 hrs sessions would be planned for mid-Sept. Some in the afternoon and some in the evening in Ford Village Hal and Kilmartin. We were unable to identify a venue to hold the training in Kilmichael. Action – DR to organise with Andy Craven.

1. Planning – a) Kilmartin Old Church: Historic Environment Scotland had apparently objected, but are willing to talk to owners to see if an acceptable solution can be found. The application is currently shown as ‘validated’ on the Planning Portal.
2. Kilmartin Quarry: There was a discussion about the increased dust as the lorries drive in and out. This is thought partly due to the exceptionally dry weather but the speed and size of the lorries doesn’t help. Action – SW to invite representative to next meeting as first item on agenda.
3. Updates:
4. Kilmartin Museum: No representative present. Action – SW to send dates and venues to John Raven.
5. DCE update: SW gave the update. Funding has been secured £10k for a 1yr pilot project to employ a Development Worker, with a strong possibility that further funding may be approved.
6. Joint Community Fund Board: Nothing to report.
7. Correspondence:

Jan Brown had emailed out a request for support for the Community Shop in Lochgilphead. The deadline had expired before this meeting.

1. Funding requests:
2. Kilmartin Initiative – 2 x defib batteries. £500
3. Ford SWI – Speaker costs £250

Both applications were approved.

A discussion concluded that it was not appropriate for funds that are in place to benefit the community be used on safety equipment. SM will take a proposal to the Awarding Panel suggesting a ‘Community Safety Fund’ be established to better manage this issue. Action - SM

1. Local Place Plans: Having undertaken training and completed a Place Plan for Ford, and the deadline being extended for a year, SW offered to look into preparing one for Dunadd as a whole. A short discussion followed about the kind of issues it might include e.g. Dalriada foot path network. Action – All to have a more in-depth discussion and decision at next meeting.
2. Public questions: No public in attendance.
3. AOCB 8.55 – 9.00
4. Dangerous Trees – GS. There is increasing concern about the leaning trees along the A816 that are overhanging the road and gardens opposite, and would fall on the row of cottages if they became unstable. There has never been a definitive answer as to whether they were surveyed when the Museum acquired the Glebe field. Action – SW to write to Museum and A&BC to determine who is responsible and to establish if they have ever been assessed.
5. Mid Argyll Camera Club thanked DCC for the micro grant they recently received.

Date of Next Meeting – 18th September @ Kilmartin Museum 7.30 pm