

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall, Ford on 30th January 2018

Present: Jim Malcolm, Gordon Parker, Barbara Holness, Helen Mackie, Paul Holness, Di Roberts

In attendance: Cllr Sandy Taylor (A&B Council), PC Silcock (Police Scotland), Ella Wilson, Violet Brown, Peter Davies, Gordon Gray Stephens

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Donnie MacMillan, Cllr Dougie Philand, Marion Thomson, Donna Kennedy and Sue MacLean.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2017 were approved and signed by the Convener.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1. **Kilmartin Museum Redevelopment** – Jim had responded to A&BC supporting the planning application, making comment about the number of trees being left along the roadside. It was noted that, since then, another tree fell down during the bad weather, damaging the wall.

4.2. **Microgrants** – Need to publicise availability within community as only awarded £750 so far.

5. Future of Dunadd Community Council

Community Council elections will take place in April and nominations have to be lodged by 22nd March. Although we are currently up to strength, we cannot take for granted that this will continue - if not enough people stand, the CC will fold. Those present were asked to think if anyone they know may be interested. Jim will ask each member if it is their intention to stand again and if not, do they have a suitable replacement in mind for their area.

The effectiveness of the CC was discussed and opinion sought. Over last 3/4 years have tried to identify what people are concerned about in Dunadd area, but are there other things we should be addressing? It was pointed out that the CC is vital as it is a statutory body, giving a voice to the community, and has to be consulted by Law on matters affecting the area. Gordon Gray Stephens said that the CC is a valuable link between the museum and the community. Cllr Taylor reported that there was an opportunity coming up in next 6 months for CCs to get more involved in how services are delivered in the area.

It was agreed that more publicity was needed to promote the CC and remind people that we are here to work their behalf. In the first instance, it was felt that a leaflet drop to every household in the Dunadd area should be arranged, and this should go out before the elections.

6. Dunadd Community Enterprise

It was noted that the name has changed from “Dunadd Development Trust”. Di Roberts reported that application has been made for funding under the A&BC *Supporting Communities Scheme*. However, they are unable to open bank account prior to funding decision being made, so requested whether it would be possible for the CC to hold funds on their behalf. The CC has no objections ‘in principle’ but the legalities of it were queried and it was suggested that Di talk to A&BC to check before a decision is made.

7. Reports

7.1. Police Report

Very quiet month with one incident of speeding, one road traffic accident, two broken down lorries, one domestic incident, two planned shoots and tree fallen down across road.

7.2. Treasurer's Report

Balances: DCC account = £2719.13, Ford Innogy = £7486.53, Microgrants = £2250. There is an uncashed cheque to the *Kilmartin Initiative* and they were reminded that it needs to be cashed soon or may expire. Request received from Ford Village Hall Ltd about accessing money in the Ford Innogy account for works to the village hall. Were reminded that they need to provide quotes and work should be in line with criteria set down by Innogy.

7.3. Mid Argyll Partnership Report

No meeting.

7.4. Planning Report

No applications requiring CC attention.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1. **Dounie Fish Farm** – Letter from Kames Fish Farming Ltd advising that they are not proceeding with project.

9. AOCB

- 9.1. **Kilmartin Museum Redevelopment** – Gordon Gray Stephens thanked the CC for supporting the planning application and advised that there had been no objections/adverse comments. Car park issue is ongoing, but the Church have agreed to sell Glebe land. Awaiting decision on large grant from Heritage Lottery Fund – should hear by end of March.
- 9.2. **A'Cruach Community Fund** – At last Panel meeting, Paul had raised the CC's dismay that the application for funding to appoint a Consultant had been rejected. He had said that the Action Plan which resulted from the community consultations was effectively a manifesto and that it had been disregarded in the decision. The Panel had agreed and it was minuted that, going forward, community action plans should be complied with when considering applications.
- 9.3. **Kilmartin Toilets** – Cllr Taylor confirmed that the public toilets are to be closed. He advised that the Council would consider giving the building to the community if they want it. If charitable organisation takes it on, will be rate-free. It was discussed whether the Dunadd Community Enterprise could take it on and this will be investigated.
- 9.4. **A&BC Council Budget Cuts** – Cllr Taylor advised that the Scottish Government have indicated there will be a favourable settlement to A&BC so cuts will not be as bad as feared this year. However, it is anticipated that there will be shortfall of between £6-7 million next year so more cuts will be inevitable.

10. Public Questions

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th March 2018 in Glassary School at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.