

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Living Stones Centre, Kilmartin on 30 May 2017

Present: Jim Malcolm, Gordon Parker, Marion Thomson, Helen Mackie, Donna Kennedy, Di Roberts

In attendance: Cllr Dougie Philand (A&B Council), Cllr Donald MacMillan (A&B Council), PC Ben Rusden (Police Scotland), Sharon Webb (Kilmartin Museum), Violet Brown, Mags Russell

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Barbara Holness, Paul Holness 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 28 March 2017 were approved and signed by the Convener.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- 4.1 Kilmartin Museum's proposed community consultation will take place on Thursday 8 June from 2pm to 8pm in the education room of the main building. This will be an update on the redevelopment project car parking options.
- 4.2 The Convener confirmed that he had signed a letter of support for the Ford Village Hall Committee.

5. Upper Largie Woodland Creation

There was a wide-ranging discussion of the proposed woodland creation and it was agreed that the Convener would respond with the following points:

- It would detract from the environment and destroy views down the glen
- It would destroy the historical isolation of Carnasserie Castle
- It would prove harmful to visitor numbers
- Blocks of sitka spruce provided poor habitats for wild life
- It would render inaccessible potential archaeological sites

6. Reports

6.1 Police Report

Road blocked by fallen tree; Theft of power tools from Achnamara; Illegal fishing near Crinan Ferry - all anglers must have written permission from the landowner or angling club; Donna Kennedy sought information about reports of antisocial behaviour - these were now being handled by PC Michelle Rusden.

6.2 Treasurer's Report

Total of £9382.17 (£7486.53 of which is Ford Innogy money). A cheque for the first round of Microgrants had just been received but not yet cashed. Money from CARES was also waiting to be transferred from Lochgilphead CC. The treasurer is in the process of closing the Bank of Scotland Account and will open separate accounts with Clydesdale Bank for Community Council, Ford Innogy and Microgrants.

6.3 Mid Argyll Partnership Report

None since last meeting

6.4 Planning Report

No issues to discuss

7. Correspondence

7.1 Scottish Government Consultation on Parking. From this arose wide-ranging discussions regarding parking problems in the villages. May be something we can tackle through publicising on website and future discussion. Ideas included setting up village complaint sheet. Photographic evidence essential.

7.2 Participation Requests. The Convener explained that since April any constituted local organisation could request the participation of many statutory bodies (including A&B Council) in activities which are for the betterment of the community. Whilst this might be an additional and welcome 'tool in the box', it was agreed that we were well served by the presence of local councillors who took up our concerns and enquiries in a very efficient manner.

8. AOCB

A handwritten application for a microgrant was received. Now that funds have been received it was agreed to include the first round of awards at the next meeting. Those applying would be asked to present their requests and a ballot system would be used to make the decisions.

9. Public Questions

There were no questions from the public.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25 July in Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.