

DUNADD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Living Stones Centre, Kilmartin on 31st July 2018

Present: Jim Malcolm, Gordon Parker, Barbara Holness, Paul Holness

In attendance: Cllr Donnie MacMillan (A&B Council), Cllr Dougie Philand (A&B Council), Danny McGeachy (Police Scotland), Sharon Webb (Kilmartin Museum), Chris Carr (Dunadd Community Enterprise), Violet Brown, Sue Maclean

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Helen Mackie, Di Roberts and Cllr Sandy Taylor (A&B Council).

2. Declarations of Interest

Jim is a volunteer at Kilmartin Museum.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2018 were approved and signed by the Convener.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Future of Dunadd Community Council

With the resignation of Paul and Barbara Holness from the community council (as they are moving out of the area) it will bring membership down to five people. If anyone else leaves there is a danger that the community council will fold, meaning the community would lose representation at Council level and monies received from the A'Chruach Community Fund would be diverted elsewhere. It is therefore imperative to co-opt new members quickly. Helen Mackie has resigned as Secretary for personal reasons, but will remain as a member.

It will also be necessary to appoint someone else to act as the community council representative on the A'Chruach Community Fund panel following Paul's departure.

6. Dunadd Community Enterprise

Chris Carr gave an update. Leaflets have been delivered to all households in the Dunadd area and 53 people have signed up as members - there had been a misconception that membership was limited to one per household, but it was confirmed that this is not the case. A bank account is now being set up. The book swaps are going well, with numbers attending gradually increasing, and the Enterprise will be taking a stall at the Kilmartin Fun Day. The 7 interim directors will be appointed at an AGM later in the year.

7. Kilmartin Museum Redevelopment

Sharon Webb gave an update. Grant of £3.2m has been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund, but conditions apply which are currently being worked through. World Heritage Fund application was successful so now taking this forward.

Planning permission has been given for redevelopment of the museum building. It has been agreed that the museum will now stay open for all of 2019 but close to the public in 2020 to allow work to take place. It will reopen in 2021. There are still significant issues around land ownership with regard to the overflow

car park, but public consultation event had gone well. Planning permission for the car park needs to be lodged by September.

8. Reports

8.1. Police Report

Report of theft of a cairn door in Kilmartin Glen; a road traffic collision on A816 at Baranaoil; and a complaint re camping on private land at Crinan Ferry – person was asked to leave.

8.2. Treasurer's Report

Balances: DCC account = £2372.76; Ford Innogy = £720.15; Microgrants = £1960.00

8.3. Mid Argyll Partnership Report

The Convenor will write to Andy Buntin, Chairman of MAP, to find out why there haven't been any meetings recently.

8.4. Planning Report

Update was given on situation regarding the holiday chalets at Kirnan. Planning Permission has still not been granted and it transpires that no building warrant application for the chalets has been received. The legality of operating this enterprise without a building warrant was queried and Cllr Philand agreed to raise this with the Planning Department. Cllr MacMillan and Cllr Philand are monitoring the situation.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10. AOCB

10.1. David Bracken has agreed to take over maintenance of the website following Barbara's departure. Initially this will be on the same basis as currently (monthly subscription which he will claim back) but over the winter he intends to move the website to a shared webhosting platform which would reduce the monthly charge significantly. In order to do this, David will need to rewrite the website (which would be an opportunity to revamp it and include more functionality if required) and it was agreed that he should be paid for doing this (sum to be agreed).

11. Public Questions

It was queried whether road signs saying "Pedestrians Crossing" could be placed at Lady Glassary car park (where people cross to the standing stones) and on the road at Ballymeanoch. Cllr MacMillan agreed to speak to the Roads Department regarding this.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th September 2018 in Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.