

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7:10 pm Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Birnam Institute

Minutes

**1. Those present:**

Stuart Paton, Andrew Cave, Chris Claydon, Calum Martin, Stewart Pritchard, Cllr. Anne Jarvis, Cllr Grant Laing

Apologies were received from Helen Taylor, Cllr Ian James and Police Scotland

David Fox was also present (as a non-CC member), to support with the minutes for the meeting

**2. Agreement of minutes**

The meeting minutes for 14<sup>th</sup> October had been previously distributed to members by email.

- Proposed by: Stuart Paton
- Seconded by: Andrew Cave

**3. Treasurer's report**

Stuart Paton advised that the CC account balance stands at £520.14. The Griffin micro-grant account currently stands at £1,853.41

As the newly-elected Treasurer, Stewart Pritchard will arrange to meet with Stuart Paton, to conduct a handover of the various documents and accounts

**4. Matters arising and subject updates**

**a) Policing**

Police Scotland had sent apologies. The proposed protocol for managing the Glen Quaich Road in severe weather was discussed. Police Scotland have drafted a protocol, now with PKC for signoff. Cllr. Jarvis agreed to follow up.

**b) Environment/Planning**

**Planning Applications for Review** – There were no applications for review at this meeting. A discussion took place, regarding the mechanism through which the CC monitors and reviews local planning applications. Chris agreed to monitor the applications over the next few weeks and bring back any recommendations to

improve the process, in due course

c) **Road Safety Sub-Group**

Andrew Cave informed the group that the Road Safety sub-group would be meeting again before the December CC meeting, where he and Chris Claydon would provide a comprehensive update of matters for focus by the newly-formed sub-group. Andrew and Chris spoke of the apparent diverse opinions of local people, particularly around parking in Dunkeld; and in principle, the group would seek to prioritise public safety. Andrew will prepare Terms of Reference for the group and send to Stuart before the December CC meeting

d) **Transport (Other)**

**Bear Scotland** - Stuart mentioned his previous correspondence with Bear Scotland, regarding the improvements needed at the A9 (Dunkeld) junction with the A923. Stuart will follow up with Bear Scotland, in an attempt to confirm a timeline for repairs

**A9 Community Group** – Stuart Paton said that it was important that the CC maintained active and supportive links with the A9 Community Group. Stewart Pritchard agreed to take on the role

**Dunkeld and Birnam Railway Station** – Stuart explained that it was unlikely that any improvements to the station would be considered before confirmation of the A9 dualling option

**Heart 200 route** – Stuart reported that he had recently attended a meeting, arranged by those concerned with the potential detrimental impact of the scheme. Of particular concern is the increased number of camper vans using car parks and lay-bys in a non-coordinated way. Members agreed that concerns were not with the use of camper vans per se, rather the lack of local consultation, impact-assessment or consideration of any additional facilities/infrastructure to support increased numbers (e.g. facilities to empty cassette toilets etc.). Stuart confirmed that PKC Greenspace is aware of and monitoring developments

e) **Strathtay Action Partnership**

Cllr. Jarvis informed members that the next meeting of the SAP is on 21<sup>st</sup> November. CC members agreed that there needed to be more synergy between CCs and the Action Partnerships

f) **Community Resilience**

David Fox has updated and published the Community Resilience Plan however, once the new plan lad has been identified, the plan will require further update, to include emergency contact details for CC members (e.g. for the coordination of local resources in the event of an emergency)

John Gilruth leads a group entitled Gien a Haund, which seeks to identify local vulnerable elderly residents and local volunteers to support them.

**g) Correspondence**

There were no particular items of note

**h) Community Engagement/Social Media**

Chris Claydon reported that the CC Facebook Page has a healthy number of members and is an excellent means of communication with those members of the local community who have access to this channel of communication

**i) Community Funding/Funds**

- i. **Griffin Microgrant Fund** – No Microgrants bids had been received
- ii. **Griffin Windfarm Main Fund** – No items of note

**5. A.O.B.**

**Dunkeld Wall Repairs**

Members were pleased to note that significant repairs had been made to the stone wall, adjacent to Dunkeld House. This should make the wall far safer for years to come

**Dunkeld Cathedral Footpath**

The footpath at the side of the Cathedral is in a poor state of repair. Chris Claydon agreed to make enquiries to establish and engage with the owner, in an attempt to encourage them to repair it

**Defibrillators**

There are currently eight in the Dunkeld and Birnam CC area, however there is no clear funding stream for their maintenance (replacement of pads etc.). The CC is considering options to outsource the management of all Defibrillators and will report in due course

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Birnam Institute

Members of the public are most welcome to attend.