

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Birnam Institute

Minutes

**1. Those present:**

Stuart Paton, Helen Taylor, David Fox, Graham Rees, Johann Goree, Cllr. Anne Jarvis and Cllr. Grant Laing

Others in attendance were:

- Mr. & Mrs. (Nigel and Frances) Turner
- Pete Wishart MP

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Ian James and the Police.

Additionally, Mr. Turner asked that apologies be recorded for local residents, Neil and Liz Douglas

**2. Agreement of minutes**

The meeting minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> June had been previously distributed to members by email.

- Proposed by: Helen Taylor
- Seconded by: Graham Rees

**3. Treasurer's report**

Graham Rees advised the meeting that the CC account balance stands at £628.06 The Griffin micro-grant account currently stands at £3,447.56 plus £350 due to be returned to funds from a previously unused grant allocation. As such, currently available Microgrant funds for allocation stand at £3,797.56.

#### 4. Matters arising and subject updates

##### a) Environment & Planning

**Planning Application 18/00719/FLL Retrospective application for the installation of underground tank and forecourt lighting at Garage in Perth Road Birnam** – Mr. Turner and Cllr. Laing had attended a Planning and Development Committee Meeting in Perth two weeks earlier, where the following had been agreed:

- a) Certas Energy to implement operating hours of 7am-11pm at the site
- b) To review demand over an (approximately) 6-month period and assess whether it may be feasible to close the facility at 10pm
- c) Certas Energy to attend a forthcoming Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council meeting to present their review findings (as at 'b')
- d) Local residents to contact the Certas Retail Service Manager in the event of further disturbance or incident at the site

Mr. Turner provided copies of his email correspondence with Certas Energy, in which the above had been agreed.

Mr. Turner will maintain contact with Certas Energy and will advise the Secretary as to when it would be appropriate to invite a Certas representative to attend a CC meeting.

Mr. Turner asked that his thanks to the Community Council, for its support throughout this process, be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. Turner also expressed sincere thanks to Cllr. Laing, for representing both he and the wider community at the planning meeting. Stuart Paton added his thanks to Cllr. Laing, in light of the fact that no one had been available to attend from the Community Council.

**Planning Applications** – There were no recent planning applications of note for the group to discuss.

##### b) Policing

The Police could not attend. There were no incidents or issues of note to discuss.

##### c) Community Funding

**Microgrant Bids** - A micro-grant bid, for £500 had been received from The Dunkeld and Birnam Recreation Club, to support refurbishment of the changing rooms. The bid was approved.

**Griffin Windfarm (Main) Fund** – As Matthew Gerrie was not present, no update was provided

**d) Correspondence/Website**

The following correspondence was raised:

- 1) 'Paths For All' is a Government initiative, which supports community groups in the upgrading and maintenance of local pathways. Three grants are available to community groups and more information is available through the following:
  - i. [communitypaths@pathsforall.org.uk](mailto:communitypaths@pathsforall.org.uk)
  - ii. By calling 01259 218888
- 2) A scheme, funded by the Scottish Government, aims to promote learning and the exchange of ideas between Scots communities. The scheme, entitled Scottish Community Alliance, provides funding for community groups to travel to other communities.

**e) Community Engagement/Social Media**

Johann Goree said that the CC Facebook Page has an increasing number of 'Likes' and is becoming an excellent means of communication with local users of Social Media - @DandBCC

The Facebook page is regularly used to post information about local events and any relevant information from the Police bulletins. It will also be a useful communication tool in the event of the activation of an Emergency Coordination Group, where information can be passed quickly and local volunteers and resources brought together.

**f) Broadband**

Mr. Wishart (MP) spoke about local Broadband services, in particular two schemes. The first a UK Government scheme, which supports businesses and commercial users and the second, the Scottish Government's 'R100' scheme, which supports home users. Mr. Wishart was keen to gather any information as to where Broadband services may be poor, so that he can support those communities as the schemes roll out.

**g) Transport**

**A9 Dualling** – Stuart Paton informed the group that, following the recently announced results of the co-creative process, we were now at a stage where engineers will develop detailed reports, including environmental impact surveys, before submission to the Transport Minister for consideration.

Copies of plans and documents, relating to the co-creative process, may be viewed at the Birnam Institute until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The Community Council intends to maintain a key interest in the potential impact on local businesses, throughout the planning and development

phases of the A9, so that any impact is minimised and businesses are supported.

Mr. Wishart expressed his thanks to the local community for taking part in the co-creative process, which he described as “fantastic” and which he intended to support, when plans are submitted to Scottish Government.

**h) Windfarms**

No items of note

**i) Community Resilience**

No items of note. The Emergency Resilience Plan is in place and key local contacts have been identified.

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

**Dangerous stone Wall in Dunkeld**

PKC has implemented footpath closures for the length of the wall, however it is unclear what next steps are. Stuart has had continued dialogue with PKC, which is in contact with relevant owners in order to have repairs completed.

Cllr. Jarvis agreed to make further enquiries with PKC. Further updates will be provided in due course.

**Telford Bridge Dunkeld – Planned Resurfacing Works**

An extended period of planned resurfacing works will take place during September. Works will involve the Telford Bridge and significant hours of closure. A discussion took place, regarding the proposed diversion routes, which are lengthy.

Cllr. Laing agreed to make further enquiries with PKC Roads, to gain clarity as to road closure times and diversion routes.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September at the Birnam Institute – Members of the public are most welcome to attend.