

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7pm Monday 14th October 2019

Birnam Institute

Minutes

1. Those present:

Stuart Paton, Helen Taylor, David Fox, Graham Rees, Andrew Cave

Cllr Anne Jarvis

Apologies were received from Cllr James, Cllr Laing and Police Scotland

One member of the public, Pete Clark attended to discuss the proposed Niel Gow memorial

2. Agreement of minutes

The meeting minutes for 9th September had been previously distributed to members by email.

- Proposed by: Helen Taylor
- Seconded by: Andrew Cave

3. Treasurer's report

Graham Rees reported that he will shortly submit the accounts for period up to 31st August 2019.

CC account balance stands at £550.14 and the Griffin micro-grant account currently stands at £2,353.41 (including donation)

4. Policing

Police Scotland had provided their apologies but had confirmed that there were no issues of note for the meeting.

David Fox updated the meeting regarding ongoing efforts to procure some 'pop-up Police' to combat speeding. David has spoken with Cllr Mike Williamson, who has confirmed the intention of the Local Action Partnership to provide two per Community Council area. Andrew Cave agreed that the Road Safety Sub Group would be keen to support this and advise with regard to their deployment, once we have them.

There has been a recent incident at a local farm, where intruders have attempted (unsuccessfully) to gain access to an outbuilding, containing machinery. The Police are aware, and vigilance is encouraged, particularly in rural locations. If anyone sees a vehicle or occupants acting suspiciously, they should not hesitate to report it to the Police.

David agreed to contact Police Scotland, to follow-up on their intention to create a protocol for the closure of snow-gates on the Glen Quaich Road.

5. Matters arising and subject updates

a) **Defibrillators**

A discussion took place, regarding the management and ongoing maintenance of the five local defibrillators. It was agreed that we should move towards a structure of community ownership, with regard to checking/maintenance and servicing.

The Chair wished to record his sincere thanks to Graham Rees for his work on the coordination of defibrillator installs, local training and maintenance over an extended period. It was also noted that Graham had personally funded some of the maintenance costs, for which we are all extremely grateful. Graham's efforts, in managing the defibrillators has undoubtedly made this area a far safer place for its residents and visitors.

Thank you, Graham!

b) **Environment/Planning**

Planning Applications for Review – There were no planning applications for review.

c) **Community Funding**

Griffin Windfarm (Main) Fund – There were no issues of particular note.

Griffin Microgrant Fund – One Microgrant bid had been received and it was duly supported.

d) **Strathtay Action Partnership**

There were no issues of particular note.

e) **Community Resilience**

The local plan remains in place and valid. There were no other items of note

f) **Correspondence**

There were no particular items of note

g) Community Engagement/Social Media

The CC Facebook page has a good following. It is regularly updated with key items of information and interest. There were no particular items of note.

h) Transport

Road Safety Sub-Group – The second meeting of the Road Safety sub-group has now taken place and a range of local road-safety issues have been captured to date. Andrew Cave and Chris Claydon are in the process of producing Terms of Reference for the group. As previously communicated, the group will initially focus on fact-finding and consultation, to identify and prioritise areas for group focus. Small short-term delivery groups will then be set up to work on identified issues.

Andrew has had a productive meeting with the Management of the Co-Op store in Dunkeld, with regard to deliveries. Deliveries have been reduced to one per day and delivery times have been adjusted to minimise impact on road users and pedestrians.

A further public consultation meeting will take place before Christmas. Date to be defined and communicated in The Bridge.

Members of the community, who may be interested in joining or attending sub-group meetings could either attend a forthcoming Community Council meeting or email the Secretary on dbcc.secretary1@gmail.com, who will forward to the sub-group accordingly.

A9 Dualling – Nothing of particular note

6. A.O.B.

Niel Gow Festival Society/Memorial

Pete Clark spoke to the meeting about the work of the Niel Gow Festival Society and ongoing preparations for the siting of a memorial statue in Dunkeld. There are various options for siting of the (6' 1") bronze statue, and members agreed that a really visible location, with highest footfall, would be a great benefit to local tourism, in addition to the sculpture being a piece of relevant art, that the local community could take great pride in. Planning permission will of course be required.

The 17th Niel Gow festival will be held from 20th - 22nd March 2020, in Dunkeld & Birnam.

If anyone wishes to find out more about Niel Gow, or learn more about design of the memorial sculpture, there's a really interesting website at www.niel-gow.co.uk

Community Council Elections

Perth and Kinross Council has confirmed that six nominations had been received, for membership of the Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council. As the nominations

do not exceed the maximum membership, all are to be duly elected with effect from 7th November. Membership will therefore comprise the following:

Andrew cave

Chris Claydon

Calum Martin

Stuart Paton

Stewart Pritchard

Helen Taylor

The selection of office bearers will take place, at 7pm on Monday 11th November, before the Ordinary Meeting.

Stuart thanked Graham Rees and David Fox for their support, as departing members of the Community Council.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Monday 11th November at the Birnam Institute.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend.