

## Community Council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Present:** Stuart Paton, Johann Goree, David Levy, Helen Taylor, Sergeant Caroline McNaughton, PC Jamie Elder, Councillor Ian James, Councillor Grant Laing. Gary Wilks - member of the public

**Apologies** from David Fox and Graham Rees, Ann Jarvis

**Minutes of the last meeting** – no comments – Proposed by Johan and seconded by Helen

**Treasurer's report** – balance in the Griffin account: £3297.56 – this includes the money repaid by Jamie Wylie as he did not progress his project.

Balance in the CC account: £628.06

**Policing:** 66 calls from the Dunkeld and surrounding area – mostly Road traffic stuff on the A9 – so can include duplicate calls. A theft from Forestry Commission at Inver (building materials). No suspects at the present time, so an ongoing enquiry. Potentially linked to the theft at River Cottage, theft at the Cathedral in June and a shed broken into at Kirkfield, Little Dunkeld but nothing taken.

Boy racer – car racing up and down through Birnam. Driver has been spoken to and has taken heed of it and has been explained the law re asbos and noisy exhaust. Promised to replace the exhaust when he can afford it. Community Policing at its best!

Pop up Police officers for speeding. Trial at Aberfeldy seems to have been successful. Potential for extending this. Stuart to discuss with various people in the Council etc. to then decide what the best thing to do. Pat Spicer from Aberfeldy CC and Mike Williamson PKC Councillor for Highland Ward are the people to speak to re the Aberfeldy trial. **Action: Stuart.**

Johan Goree explained about the liaison he has had with the British Transport Police regarding the crossing of the railway at Dalguise. Due to the phone not working Network Rail has tried to ban anyone rather than the landowner using the crossing. Johan is working with BTP to try and resolve this. **Action: Johann.**

Reminder about air rifle/gun licensing – applications should be made online.

**Planning:** no new planning applications of note. Refusal of the Hot Food Takeaway at the Dunkeld Post Office noted. Courier reported Community Council's objection.

**Microgrants:** Application from Sally Robertson for trial period of a co-working space at Lagmhor. Johan and Stuart declared interests in the project and hence recused from decision. A variety of businesses interested in the project. Registering as a Community Interest Company. Meeting approved the grant (taking into account David Fox and Graham Rees's approval by email.

Broader discussion on criteria for awarding grants to be deferred to October meeting.

**Correspondence** – on the Facebook page: speeding re HGVs (see below) – and the Dalguise Crossing, and interest in micro grants.

### A9 Dualling

TS said that they needed to be able to respond to the Minister so it is likely that they have some alternative options. However, the Co-creative option was to be presented to the Minister as the preferred option.

The volunteers who have been leading the group are quite fatigued and there may be a need for the group to be renewed if it is to continue to work on the A9 dualling issue. Important issues to be addressed in the future: mitigate impact during the construction phase; hold Transport Scotland to account if the final design is not as was agreed and consider how to retain Dunkeld as attractive destination during construction phase. There may be a need for the CC to temporarily take back leadership on the A9 if the local group is not up to tackling the future challenges. To be considered on ongoing basis. **Action: Stuart with Alasdair Wylie.**

As the A9 Co-creative website seems to be no longer active. David Levy is going to see what can be done to get the various final documentation hosted somewhere so that it is not lost to the community. **Action Point David Levy**

#### **Rail –**

New timetable. The new timetable of the Highland Mainline is due to come in in April 2019 with two extra services for Dunkeld and Birnam. \

New trains. The refurbished HST trains are rolling out across Scotland and are a bit behind schedule but these trains will be coming on the Dunkeld/Edinburgh/Inverness route.

Overall the time table is better and the trains are bigger with more seats and more bookable seats at a lower price. Improved ticketing at station required to make use of more bookable seats: one improvement is that in the last month electronic ticketing has come to Dunkeld and Birnam – this is the chip card based E Tickets.

No plans as yet for sorting the platform height at Dunkeld: likely no long term resolution until dualling project underway. Short term fix of movable steps being considered.

#### **Other road related stuff:**

Stuart meeting with Roddy Ross from Community Safety Partnership on 11<sup>th</sup> September to discuss road safety. Also to arrange meeting with Pat Spicer of Aberfeldy CC.

New signage at Deans Park – warning about lorries accessing the quarry.

Wall by the road out of Dunkeld past the entrance to Dunkeld House Hotel. Hotel owners committed to undertaking work.

Bear Scotland and Transport Scotland have been doing a study on the Dunkeld A822 junction. Will be going away to consider all their studies. TS and considering a step by step improvements to make the junction safer – including improved signage and road markings. They took on board what the community were saying. **Action; Stuart to keep in contact with TS.**

Inchmagranachan residents have asked if there can be some speedchecks at the 30mph speed limit at Inchmagranachan. This request will be passed on to the police. Action: ?

**Windfarms:** still nothing heard about the Dulater wind farm.

**Broadband:** nothing new on R100. Gary Wilks – commented that Bankfoot has 60-70mb throughout. Surprised to the speed that it is in Dunkeld at the end of Birnam is 16mb. David Levy – 1km from

cabinet and 70mb down and 20mb up. Gary advised to liaise with Mike Woolf as he is half way between the cabinet and Gary's new house at Birnam.

## **AOB**

**Royal School of Dunkeld:** issue re lack of communication regarding asbestos. PKC were planning to remove asbestos in the summer. Grant Laing attending meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Orchard** – celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Very successful.

Next deer management form meeting is the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Stuart will be attending.

**Strathtay Action Partnership** – used to be Highland and Strathtay – but this was considered to be too large. 1% of council budget to be community empowerment/participatory budgeting spend. Aim is Clearly uncertainty and variety of views on how this should be taken forward with criteria for awarding funding currently undecided. **Action: Stuart to discuss with Anne Jarvis and contact in Council**

**Bridge article:** David Levy

Nigel Turner to be co-opted at October meeting.