

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Annual General Meeting 7 pm Monday 13th May 2019

Birnam Institute

Minutes

1. Those present:

Stuart Paton, Helen Taylor, David Fox, Andrew Cave, Chris Claydon, Cllr. Ian James, Cllr. Grant Laing

Also in attendance:

- Four members of the public, Craig Ross, Alex Kettles, Mike Wolfe, Mike Silverman
- Police Constable Steve Band

Apologies were received from Graham Rees and Cllr. Anne Jarvis

2. Agreement of minutes

The meeting minutes for the last AGM which took place on 9th May 2016 had been previously distributed to members by email.

- Proposed by: David Fox
- Seconded by: Stuart Paton

3. Chairperson's Annual Report

The Community Council continues to try to work alongside members of the local community to protect and improve our local area for residents, visitors and businesses. We aim to focus our efforts on key areas where we think we can make a difference and support other initiatives as required rather than duplicating efforts. A specific example has been the Strathtay Local Area Partnership where Fiona Ritchie has kindly taken on the role of community representative.

We have seen a number of significant changes in the Community Council with longstanding members David Levy, Matthew Gerrie and Johann Goree stepping down. I would like to thank them all very much for their valuable input to the Community Council. However, I am very pleased to welcome our new members.

Key areas we have been involved in in the last year include:

- Planning issues. As each year, we have considered a wide range of issues in relation to specific houses, commercial developments including the garage and shops and bigger potential developments. In each case, we try to balance the planning policies and development plans with local concerns. I would like to thank Helen Taylor for being the lead on this key area.
- A9 dualling. This project continues to be the single most significant local issue. David Levy played a vital role on the A9 Community Group through the co-creative process in 2018. Although the CG will continue to take the lead, the Community Council also plays a role in ensuring the voice of everyone in the community is heard and to bring in the broader dimension. We have also engaged with BEAR and Transport Scotland on potential shorter-term mitigation work at the Dunkeld A9 junction and eagerly await their proposals.
- Local parking and road issues. We have at last seen some progress with TROs issued for disabled parking outside the chemists and double yellow lines on Brae Street. We are about to set up a sub-group to look at local road safety issues with representatives from the Community Council and other local residents.
- SSE Griffin fund and micro-grants. We continue to make a real local impact to a range of causes through the micro-grant scheme. Helen Taylor is now our representative on the main SSE fund committee since Matthew stepped down from the role.

Looking forward, we are pleased to welcome additional elected and co-opted members on to the Community Council. However, we have additional vacancies and would welcome further local people to share the workload and to provide new ideas and different perspectives.

I would like to thank all the Community Councillors for their continued involvement and energy. I would also like to thank the local councillors for the wisdom and as a pathway to contacts in Perth and Kinross Council. The presence of the local police at our meetings continues to be much appreciated as are all members of the public who contribute to our meetings.

Stuart Paton
Chair, Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council

4. Treasurer's submission of accounts for year ending 31st March 2019

Graham Rees had circulated copies of accounts prior to the meeting.

In Graham's absence, members noted that the accounts had been audited by David Gray, to whom members agreed a vote of thanks for his support.

Attending members agreed the accounts and noted that Graham will shortly submit them for auditing by Perth & Kinross Council.

Expenditure over the past twelve months relates to meeting room hire, an additional third-party insurance premiums, for the Community Council notice boards and the Willowbank telephone kiosk.

5. Demit of current office bearers/election of office bearers

Stuart Paton explained the process for demit and election of office bearers, following which all office bearers were formally stood down from their posts.

As a member of the community, Cllr. Ian James assumed the role of Chair for the process of electing office bearers. During the process, the following appointments were made:

1. Chair – Stuart Paton
 - Proposed by Helen Taylor
 - Seconded by David Fox
2. Secretary – David Fox
 - Proposed by Stuart Paton
 - Seconded by Helen Taylor
3. Treasurer – Graham Rees
 - Proposed by Stuart Paton
 - Seconded by Helen Taylor

The meeting closed at 7:15 pm.

The next AGM meeting will take place in May 2020, at a time and date to be agreed.