

Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council Meeting 8th November 2021 7pm- by Zoom

Minutes

1. Attendance Community Councillors –

Lachlan MacEwan, Andrew Cave, Stewart Pritchard, Chris Claydon, Callum Martin, Caroline Robinson, Laura Graham.

PKC Councillors – Anne Jarvis, Grant Laing, Ian James.

Members of the public present – Cara Stewart (NTS) John Gilruth Ramsay Beatie (Heartland)

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes approved by Calum Martin and seconded by Lachlan MacEwan.

3. Treasures Report -

Operational Account £445.50

Grants Budget £10,880.21

Micro Grants £2,100

Covid Recovery £6,161

4. **By election update** – Caroline Robinson and Alan Wylie are both elected members as from 18th November. Lachlan MacEwan and Laura Graham co-option accepted as from 18th November also.

5. **Cara Stewart** - National Trust Operations Manager Dunkeld introduced herself and gave an update on works being carried out on NTS properties (chimney and roof repairs). Sign at the fountain to be replaced. Cara to take on inspections of all NTS properties for job lists of repairs (still awaiting budget approval) Grant asked why have the properties got into such a state, Cara

responded with it comes down to budget. Chris asked if rents would increase due to works getting done, Cara assured Chris that would not be the case at least until all properties were in a decent state of repair which would not be for a long time. Lachlan offered the Community Councils backing to Cara to help her achieve the right outcome and to build a rapport between NTS and the community council. Stewart asked if the volunteer ranger service was still active and it is with three vacancies. Callum and Chris brought up planning enforcement breaches on external changes to businesses NTS will now ensure it's in the tenant's lease that no changes to the exterior of buildings are to be done. Lachlan thanked Cara for attending.

6. **John Gilruth Parade** – John asked the Community Council if a survey on the community's views of the Orange Order march would help with the licencing committee decision process. If the community had more of a say there would be more stipulations put in place as to numbers of marchers/route within the community for the march.
7. **Community Action Plan:** Lachlan updated everyone on the progress that had been made with the Community Action Plan, noting that a transition group had been formed which would work towards establishing a constituted body such as a Community Development Trust that would have the ability to take forward actions arising from the Community Action Plan.
8. **Communications Policy-** Everyone to read and give feedback/changes to Caroline.
9. **Planning-** Members of DBCC expressed confusion about PKC planning enforcement decision with regards to Taste Talk which found:

- a) **A breach of the Listed Building Act has occurred** and in order to resolve the breach the owner of the property (NTS) should obtain Listed Building Consent for the work.
- b) **A breach of planning control has occurred** with respect to painting of external door & installation of hardware;
- c) **A breach of the Advertisement Regulations has occurred** with respect to displaying advertisement on the building and in order to obtain a grant of advertisement consent a formal application should be submitted.
- d) Having reviewed the information submitted by the business owner **a material change of use has not occurred** and it will remain as a Class 1 (Retail) unit.

Members of the CC expressed frustration that PKC stated they did not consider it to be in the public interest to pursue these three breaches. Members of the CC discussed the need to ensure that Taste Talk apply for planning permission retrospectively. Lachlan fed back on the licensing meeting that he had attended on Taste Talk license application.

Lachlan said he would invite PKC Development Management to attend the DBCC December meeting to discuss enforcement and the role of DBCC in planning.

10. **Police Update** – N/A

11. **AOB** – Traffic calming Police officer (Karen) been taken from Inchmagranachan. Lachlan to report.

Athol Estates not attended The Community Action Plan meeting. Lachlan asked Caroline to contact them for an update on their intentions with the land at Haughend and to ask them about the suggestion that they are planning to sell their residential properties.

Birnam Oak Beavers- PKC have been approached by landowner concerned. Beaver damage is low risk to the sycamore and oak but

could cause high damage if it did become a problem. Looking into ways to deter the beaver.

Public drinking fountains had been raised as an issue in the community- Andrew to talk to Jess Pepper to see if she could help.