

# Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

## Ordinary Meeting

Monday, 16 April 2018 — 7pm at Birnam Institute

## Minutes

## Reports

### Attendance

*Those present:* David Levy, Helen Taylor, Lorna Birse-Stewart, Stuart Paton (chair), Graham Rees (from 1943), Councillor Anne Jarvis

*Apologies:* Councillor Ian James, David Fox, Councillor Grant Laing

*Members of the public present:*

### Minutes of prior meeting

These had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.

#### **12 March 2018**

Proposed by: HT

Seconded by: SP

### Treasurer's report

Graham Rees reported the balances of our accounts.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Primary	£458.38
Griffin Microgrant	£4296.00

## **Matters arising and items for discussion**

None for discussion.

### **Policing**

No report.

### **Environment/Planning**

DL reported on his attendance at an open meeting by the Atholl Estate to present their woodland management policies for the foreseeable future. In respect of the CC area, no areas that are not currently commercial woodland will be made commercial woodland. Most of the commercial woodlands will be augmented with aesthetic, long-term “screens” of broad-leaved trees. This will create an attractive façade behind which commercial forestry will occur. Some areas, notably Craigwood will be regenerated with low-impact approaches on small, continuous scale using native trees of a kind similar to or sympathetic with the existing trees.

### **Community Funding/Funds**

#### *Microgrants*

An application from Plastic-free Perthshire for £350 was carefully considered and approved.

#### *Griffin Windfarm Fund*

No report.

## Transport

### *A9 Dualling*

The Co-creative process is underway between so-called stages 3 and 4. Stage 4 is the stage during which the “normalised” ideas from the community are open for all to rank the ideas according to their preferences. This process will occur in-person through events at drop-in events at the Birnam Institute as well as online.

### *Highland Mainline and D&B Station*

DL reported on a public meeting in Pitlochry to discuss the new Highland Mainline draft timetable. The new timetable will coincide with the introduction of faster, larger trains. Larger trains mean more bookable seats, thus more possibility for discounted tickets. The new timetable will introduce more evening services and an early morning direct service to Glasgow. There are currently some large gaps in the timetable, but Scotrail are committed to closing these gaps at least during the period of the dualling of the A9.

### *Road Safety and Parking*

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Daryl McKeown asking why after several emails, a visit to Dunkeld, we are many months later with zero progress on any of our requests and no idea of the status of these requests. The letter will mention that we have put our concerns to Cllrs. Laing and Jarvis. **Action:** LBS.

Separately, HT will write to Willie Mahoney about the concerns with the Glen Quaich road. **Action:** HT.

## Windfarms

The results of the Dullatur public inquiry have been delayed.

## Resilience Preparedness

JG, SP, DF had a meeting in which the plan was revised. The next step is to plan and execute a “tabletop” exercise to test the plan.

## Broadband

GR reported that he has been offered a 10Mbit/s connection by BT, suggesting that previous reports that higher speeds were possible in Butterstone are likely to be true.

## Correspondence/Website

- We were invited to consult on alcohol licensing procedures. JG agreed to do this.
- Correspondence received concerning the planning permission for work at the former Amulree Hotel. No action required.
- Mobile postal services have started in the North Car Park on Thursday and Friday mornings, 0930 to 1030.
- The CC, acting on behalf of the community, now owns the Inchewan phone booth.
- Invitation to send feedback on P&KC winter gritting.
- Notice that a plan for re-planting the Inver-area woodland will be forthcoming.
- We received a set of ideas from the A9 Co-creative process that were deemed out-of-scope. SP to propose actions for these. **Action:** SP.

## Community Engagement/Facebook

No report.

## Any Other Business

LBS reported her intention to stand down as she is taking on a more time-consuming role with NHS Tayside.

The meeting closed around 8:30pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Monday, 16th April (the third Monday, exceptionally) at the Birnam Institute. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.