



Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7pm Monday 11th December 2017

Birnam Institute

Minutes

1. Those present:

Stuart Paton, Helen Taylor, David Fox, Graham Rees, Johann Goree and Cllr. Ian James

Constable Steve Band was also present, representing Police Scotland.

Apologies had been received from Lorna Birse-Stewart, David Levy, Cllr. Grant Laing and Cllr Anne Jarvis.

2. Agreement of minutes

The meeting minutes for the November 2017 were unavailable. They will be carried over for agreement at the next full meeting.

3. Barbara Vaughan

Stuart Paton paid tribute to Barbara Vaughan who recently passed away. As a local Councillor, Barbara worked tirelessly in support of her local community and was a valued member and friend of the Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council. Barbara will be sorely missed by all.

4. Treasurer's report

Graham Rees advised the meeting that the CC account balance stands at £592.08. The Griffin micro-grant account currently stands at £375.48.

No micro-grant bids had been received.

5. Matters arising and subject updates

a) Policing

Steve Band spoke to the meeting. Police Scotland has an ongoing Drink Drive campaign and motorists are reminded about the implications of

drinking and driving. Police Scotland is also conducting random checks and will be advising motorists regarding the condition of their vehicles and how to minimise the chances of road accidents.

Steve reassured members that there had been no significant reported crimes or incidents of note within our area, since the last meeting; however, he wished to remind everyone about the potential increase in acquisitive crime (theft) at this time of year and that people should remain vigilant and ensure that their property and valuables are secure.

There have been incidents of deer poaching in the wider area and Steve asked that people should not hesitate to report any suspicious activity to the Police.

All residents are advised to report any ongoing suspicious activity to the Police using the emergency 999 number. Any non-urgent information can be passed to the Police through their single non-emergency number on **101**, or should the caller wish to remain anonymous, via 'Crimestoppers' on **0800 555 111**.

b) Environment/Planning

Helen Taylor had reviewed the recent planning applications. One application was discussed, for which it was agreed that the CC would make no comment. There were no other issues of note.

c) Transport

Roads - A9 Dualling

David Levy, on behalf of the Community Council, will chair a meeting regarding A9 (Birnam to Ballinluig) dualling on 8th January 2018. The meeting will be held at the Birnam Institute, commencing at 7.30 pm.

It has been two years since the February 2016 public meeting about dualling the A9. The purpose is to discuss developments over those two years as well as the immediate and unique opportunity everyone in the community will have to contribute to the design of a route for the Birnam to Ballinluig stretch of the A9. The meeting is a chance to ask questions about what has happened (or not happened), why, and what is planned for the first half of 2018—as well the next few years.

Everyone is welcome and anyone who wishes to speak will be heard.

Roads – Traffic calming in Amulree

There have been repeated complaints of speeding motorists through the 40mph zone in Amulree. Whilst the Police have provided some extra attention to the area, this hasn't alleviated or reduced the problem. PKC have been requested to consider traffic calming options for the area and Cllr. James agreed to make enquiries as to progress.

d) Windfarms

No issues of note.

e) Community Resilience

David Fox reminded members of the existence of the local community resilience plan, which is available through The Bridge website. In the event of an emergency incident (which would benefit from a coordinated community response), a coordination group would be formed. It would be their role to liaise with PKC and emergency services, to support coordinated efforts and organise community volunteers.

f) Broadband

Following the termination of the proposed broadband project for the Lunan valley (incorporating Trochry and Amulree), it is anticipated that the Scottish Government's 'Reaching 100%' (R100) programme will provide improved broadband services in those areas. Stuart Paton has written to MSPs John Swinney and Murdo Fraser, requesting their support and any additional information as to timescales. They have responded, and further information is anticipated following the Scottish Parliament budget announcement.

g) Correspondence/Website

Proposed Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan

Community Councils have been invited to send a representative to a planning surgery on Saturday 20th January 2018, where there will be an opportunity to review proposed developments and ask questions. Stuart Paton will represent D&BCC and will update at our next meeting.

Dunkeld & Birnam Railway Station - Gritting

A local resident has written to PKC to highlight the lack of gritting of the footpath from the top of Station Road, Birnam to the railway station via the underpass. The PKC website shows the route as a 'non-priority route', despite this being the only accessible route for pedestrians. PKC has responded, confirming that the route was in fact upgraded to a priority route for gritting last year. They have apologised and agreed to update their gritting plan accordingly.

PKC Off Street Car Parks - amendments

PKC has recently announced amendments to their 'off street parking' regulations. This affects pricing in both Dunkeld Car Parks (Atholl Street and Tay Terrace) equally, as follows:

- First 15 minutes – Free (Ticket must be displayed)
- 1 Hour parking – 80p
- 2 Hours parking - £1.40
- 4 Hours parking - £2.40
- 10 Hours parking - £3.60
- 12 Month season ticket - £120

A number of articles and items of correspondence have been forwarded for publishing on the website.

6. A.O.B.

No issues of note

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

As indicated above January's meeting, to be held at 7:30 pm on Monday 8th January at the Birnam Institute, will focus exclusively on the A9 Dualling.

The next full Community Council meeting will therefore take place on Monday 5th February – Members of the public are most welcome to attend either meeting.

