

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7:15pm 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 8th April had been previously distributed to members by email.

- Proposed by: Stuart Paton
- Seconded by: Andrew Cave

3. Policing

PC Steve Band was in attendance and spoke about the relatively low crime and disorder in the Dunkeld and Birnam area. The majority of local incidents tend to be road traffic related in the vicinity of the A9, or otherwise involve repeated calls for local issues.

Steve spoke of an increase across the wider Perth & Kinross area, in the number of crimes of burglary, where properties had been entered by a rear window or door. The similarities may suggest a small group of criminals, who are likely to have access to a vehicle. If people see a vehicle or its occupants in suspicious circumstances, they should not hesitate to call 999 and report it. Some people are still leaving doors and windows open when they go out and PC Band advised everyone to be vigilant in this regard. Also, if people have 'cold-callers' to their house (e.g. with an offer to carry out odd jobs etc.), they should get a description of the individual(s) and vehicle and pass them to the Police, as they could be criminals using a plausible 'cover story' if people answer the door. They may of course be entirely legitimate, but if in doubt, let the Police check them out.

The Police conduct regular speed-checks in and around Dunkeld. A local resident asked PC Band if the Police could also increase their visibility and conduct some additional speed-checks in Perth Road, Birnam. PC Band agreed to pass this on to his Sergeant.

4. Treasurer's report

In Graham Rees' absence, Stuart Paton referred to an email from Graham, advising that the CC account balance stands at £444.64. The Griffin micro-grant account currently stands at £4000.58

5. Matters arising and subject updates

- a) **Environment/Planning**
Planning Applications for Review – One planning application was discussed, but there were no issues of note and no formal representations will be made.
- b) **Community Funding**
Griffin Windfarm (Main) Fund – Helen Taylor will attend a meeting of the panel on 23rd May and will report back to the next CC meeting
Griffin Microgrant Fund – One Microgrant bid had been received and was duly supported.
- c) **Strathtay Action Partnership**
Fiona Ritchie is due to attend a meeting of the Strathtay Action partnership. An update should be available for the next meeting.
- d) **Community Resilience**
There were no particular items of note
- e) **Correspondence**
There were no particular items of note
- f) **Community Engagement/Social Media**
There were no particular items of note
- g) **Transport**
A9 Dualling (Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing Section) – Alex Kettles and Mike Wolfe, from the A9 Community Group, were in attendance and spoke to the

meeting. There is some local concern regarding subsequent options, proposed by Transport Scotland and the contractors Jacobs at recent community-consultation events in March, which don't appear to acknowledge or address the key priorities identified during the co-creative process. The A9 Group has engaged with politicians and will continue to press for the community priorities to be built into the local dualling options.

Glen Quaich Road (Amulree to Kenmore) – Severe weather closure – Stuart Paton will attend a meeting with the Police, PKC and Kenmore Community Council, to discuss options.

Road Safety Sub-Group – Stuart Paton again raised the plan to create a Road Safety Sub-Group of the Community Council. The group would involve CC members and members of the public. Andrew Cave and Chris Claydon agreed to join/create the sub-group, which will also include local residents, Kat Brown and Alan Wolfe. Andrew and Chris agreed to work up some terms of reference for the group and bring back to the next meeting.

6. A.O.B.

Co-option of new members

Craig Ross has agreed to be co-opted to the Community Council. David Fox agreed to send on the application documents for Craig to complete and submit.

There were no other items of particular note

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Monday 10th June at the Birnam Institute.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend.