

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7pm Monday 8th July 2019

Birnam Institute

Minutes

1. Those present:

Helen Taylor, David Fox, Graham Rees, Andrew Cave, PC Steve Band (Police Scotland)

Apologies were received from Stuart Paton, Chris Claydon, Cllr Laing, Cllr Jarvis

A member of the public, Anne Strachan, was also in attendance

2. Agreement of minutes

The meeting minutes for 10th June had been previously distributed to members by email.

- Proposed by: Graham Reese
- Seconded by: Andrew Cave

3. Treasurer's report

Graham Rees reported that the CC account balance stands at £640.06 and the Griffin micro-grant account currently stands at £3,251.48

4. Policing

PC Band reported that there had been a total of 84 calls for service since the last meeting, although as usual the vast majority related to calls from or relating to road traffic issues on the A9. Steve assured those in attendance that Dunkeld and Birnam remains an extremely safe place to live, work and visit, with very low instances of crime and disorder.

However, he informed the group of a national increase in cases of fraud, particularly those involving telephone calls from people posing as 'officials', who are often very plausible, before asking for payment or bank details. Steve advised that all major institutions would not operate in this way and would be able to provide

proof of identity or a publicly-available contact number for people to recall, if in doubt as to the identity of the caller.

The Police are aware of local concerns about speeding in the area, particularly on the Telford Bridge. They will continue to provide attention to the area, including periodic enforcement operations. Anne Strachan mentioned the concerns of some local residents, as to speeding motorists along the B867 (Bankfoot Road), along the stretch near to its North junction with the A9. Anne has been in conversation with PKC, the Police and Cllr. Jarvis.

Local residents in Dunkeld have expressed some concern about the overnight parking of camper vans in the lay-by opposite the North car park. The Police are gathering information, following which and if necessary, the CC will consider speaking to PKC to request appropriate signage to deter the use of the lay-by for overnight camping.

5. Matters arising and subject updates

a) Environment/Planning

Planning Applications for Review – One planning application was discussed but was delayed for further discussion with the wider CC membership.

b) Community Funding

Griffin Windfarm (Main) Fund – Helen Taylor recently attended a meeting of the Griffin Main Fund panel. She provided an overview of bids discussed, agreed and declined. Members asked Helen how they may be made aware of pending local bids, prior to their submission to the main fund panel. Helen will explore whether/how this may be achieved and will feed back to the next CC meeting.

Griffin Microgrant Fund – Three Microgrant bids had been received. Two were duly supported, whilst one was declined, in favour of a bid to the main fund panel.

c) Strathtay Action Partnership

There were no particular items of note

d) Community Resilience

The local plan remains in place and valid. There were no other items of note

e) Correspondence

There were no particular items of note

f) Community Engagement/Social Media

The CC Facebook page has a good following. It is regularly updated with key items of information and interest. There were no particular items of note.

g) Transport

Road Safety Sub-Group – As previously communicated, a Road Safety Sub-Group of the Community Council is in the process of being introduced. Andrew Cave and Chris Claydon will create the sub-group, which will also include local residents. Andrew and Chris agreed to work up some terms of reference for the group and bring back to the next meeting.

A9 Dualling – Planned overnight road closures - Transport Scotland is advising A9 road users of three overnight closures of the A9 north of Perth, scheduled from 8:30pm to 6am, from 29th – 31st July, weather permitting. The A9 will be closed in both directions overnight between Luncarty and Dunkeld as construction works on the A9 Dualling: Luncarty to Pass of Birnam project reach a major milestone. The closures are required to install the first set of concrete bridge beams which will form the new Stanley/ Tullybelton Junction overbridge.

6. A.O.B.

Refurbished Guide Hut in Dunkeld

Members wished to record their congratulations to the Guides and Brownies in Dunkeld, following the recent re-opening of their transformed Guide Hall in Dunkeld. The grand opening, on Friday 21st June, was a great event and attracted many visitors, to witness the cutting of the ribbon. Well done to all who were involved!

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Monday 9th September at the Birnam Institute.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

****Note – There will be no August meeting****