

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7pm Monday 9th September 2019

Birnam Institute

Minutes

1. Those present:

Stuart Paton, Helen Taylor, David Fox, Graham Rees, Andrew Cave and Chris Claydon

Cllrs Anne Jarvis and Grant Laing, PC Steve Band (Police Scotland)

Apologies were received from Cllr James

No members of the public were in attendance

2. Agreement of minutes

The meeting minutes for 8th July had been previously distributed to members by email.

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

3. Treasurer's report

Graham Rees reported that he will shortly submit the accounts for period up to 31st August 2019.

CC account balance stands at £580.06 and the Griffin micro-grant account currently stands at £2,369.48

4. Policing

PC Band reported that there had been a very small number of reported crimes in the Dunkeld and Birnam, since the last meeting; none of were of particular concern. As usual the vast majority related to calls from or relating to road traffic issues on the A9.

Steve spoke about Operation Close-Pass, which is a Police Scotland initiative, to raise motorist and cyclist awareness as to safe passing distances. Steve and colleagues have been engaged in the operation locally and only a small number of people have required advice, following evidence of poor driving/cycling.

David Fox mentioned complaints from Amulree residents, about speeding motorists on the A822. The Police will provide additional attention and David will liaise with Caroline MacNaughton about deterrent options, including signage and 'cardboard' police officers, which have been highly effective in other areas.

5. Matters arising and subject updates

a) Environment/Planning

Planning Applications for Review – There were no planning applications for review.

Camper Vans – PKC is looking at options to deal with recent complaints about increased evidence of camper vans parking in various car parks and lay-bys across the area; the implications of which are reduced car-park access, litter and noise.

Stone of Destiny – Members discussed the recently-advertised consultation on the appropriate location for the Stone of Destiny and agreed that, if the stone is a historically from this area, it should return here. Stuart Paton will communicate accordingly.

b) Community Funding

Griffin Windfarm (Main) Fund – Helen Taylor provided an update from the June meeting of the Griffin Main Fund Panel, which she attended. Helen provided an overview of bids discussed, agreed and declined.

Griffin Microgrant Fund – Three Microgrant bids had been received. Two were duly supported, whilst one was declined.

c) Strathtay Action Partnership

Cllr. Jarvis recently attended a meeting of the partnership. She informed members that the recent round of bids to the Strathtay Action Partnership closed on 21st August, however there will be a new round of bids shortly and details will be communicated accordingly.

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 – The first meeting of the Road Safety sub-group has now taken place. Andrew Cave and Chris Claydon will produce Terms of Reference for the group at the next Community Council meeting. The group will begin by commencing a period of fact-finding and consultation, to identify and prioritise areas for group focus. Small short-term delivery groups will then be set up to work on identified issues. Andrew explained that the group anticipates focus around a range of areas, including, speeding/speed limits, traffic calming, pedestrian safety/crossing, the Telford Bridge and parking. Members of the community, who may be interested in joining or attending sub-group meetings could either attend a forthcoming Community Council meeting or email the Secretary on dbcc.secretary1@gmail.com, who will forward to the sub-group accordingly.

A9 Dualling – Nothing of particular note

6. **A.O.B.**

Amulree Village Hall Refurbishment

David Fox updated members as to the intention of the Amulree Village Hall Committee to review options to extend the hall. Local consultation is underway, to identify requirements, following which funding options will be explored.

Dunkeld Deer Management Forum

Stuart Paton represents the Community Council as Chair of the local Deer Management Forum, which seeks to engage with landowners, farmers and relevant authorities to manage the deer population in a considered and effective manner. The next meeting of the forum is on 20th November.

Community Council Elections

Community Council Elections closed on 26th September

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Monday 14th October at the Birnam Institute.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend.