

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 9th May 2016

Birnam Institute

Minutes

Those present:

Lorna Birse-Stewart, David Fox, Matthew Gerrie, David Levy, Na'an McLure, Stuart Paton, Graham Rees, Helen Taylor, Alan Wylie, Cllr. Barbara Vaughan

There were also five members of the public present.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Grant Laing

The ordinary meeting started at 19:25 immediately after the AGM.

1.

The 11th April 2016 meeting minutes had been distributed by email earlier.

Proposed: Matthew Gerrie

Seconded: Na'an McLure

2. Reports

Police - the police did not attend the meeting, but had indicated previously that they would attend.

Treasurer - Graham Rees advised the meeting that the CC account balance stands at £246.00. The Griffin micro grant account currently stands at £3,164.95. (sufficient for at least 6 further grants before the end of the calendar year). A further £9,320.00 is held in the account as a result of our successful application to the Griffin Fund for the purchase of defibrillators.

- Brownies have applied for a micro grant of £300 for a new flag. This was agreed to.

- An 'Easy Exercise Group' has applied for £240. This is to assist in holding weekly classes for the next 6 weeks for 15 people. This was agreed to, but the applicant will be asked to consider self-funding for classes beyond the 6 week term.

It was agreed to publish the grants given in the Bridge on an annual basis. The 2015 grants will be published in the next available edition. This will be actioned by Graham Rees. It should also be noted that there is now a specific folder on the Bridge website which has full details of the grant application forms and could also be used to publicise grants awarded each month.

3. HPCP Membership

After a brief discussion on this subject it was agreed that a decision would be deferred until a later date. In the meantime, Lorna Birse-Stewart and Helen Taylor would enquire about the possibility of attending the next HPCP meeting of community councils. David Levy agreed to communicate this to HPCP and the subject would be re-visited in November 2016.

4. Matters arising and on-going issues update

- A9 Dualling. Stuart Paton provided an update on the report the Dualling group sent to Transport Scotland in April. Transport Scotland have provided an initial response and have indicated they will respond to some of the questions raised by our submission imminently.

- A resident of Burnmouth Road, Birnam briefed the CC about an issue related to a private access path adjacent to the road. The CC have directed those concerned to use the offices of their PKC elected representatives to come to an agreeable solution. Councillor Barbara Vaughan agreed to speak to Beth Dark of PKC and report back.

- Broadband. Alan Wylie provided an update of the recent consultation process with residents of Amulree, Trochry and Strathbraan. For the second time in less than 6 months, residents have rejected the proposed HPCP broadband project and have indicated their desire to develop their own local project. Recent discussion with Community Broadband Scotland and PKC have indicated that both bodies would do all they can to help residents to achieve their objective.

Graham Rees gave the meeting an update of the Lunan Valley broadband project and indicated that good progress was being made to bring improved broadband to in excess of 200 homes.

- Community Resilience. Lorna Birse -Stewart presented the meeting with the second draft of the community's resilience plan. Lorna asked Graham Rees and Alan Wylie to provide contact details for the Butterstone and Strathbraan areas. Local contacts are still needed for Dowally and Dalguise. It's hoped that draft 3 of the plan will be available by the next meeting in June.

- Proposal to designate areas of responsibility to CC members. Alan Wylie provided the meeting with suggestions of assigning subjects to individual members as follows:

- + Communication/Website - David Fox
- + Community Resilience - Lorna Birse-Stewart
- + Culture/Events - Na'an McLure
- + Environment/Planning - Helen Taylor
- + Finances/Grants - Graham Rees
- + Policing - David Fox
- + Roads - Stuart Paton

The above assignments were agreed by all and should help with balancing the increased workload of the community council.

5. Planning

David Levy informed the meeting of one planning application. No comments were made.

Helen Taylor provided the meeting with further information related to the recent application to develop land in Glen Cochil on the A826. The proposal is to erect 40 plus Eco buildings in addition to car-parking in phase one and 7 domestic/farm wind turbines in phase two of the development. It was noted that local residents had objected to the application, but after general discussion the community council decided it would not submit a letter of support or objection to the application.

6. Discussion on parking in Dunkeld

Lorna Birse-Stewart presented her study which was followed by general discussion.

Further discussion will take place at the June meeting. In the meantime, it was agreed that David Fox would speak with the police on the subject. Barbara Vaughan would raise the matter with the relevant individuals at PKC and Alistair Wylie (member of the public) volunteered to solicit opinion of local businesses.

In addition to the above, Lorna Birse-Stewart agreed to put forward a document on the subject for entry into the June edition of the Bridge publication. This would seek the views of local residents.

7. AOB

Alan Wylie advised that PKC were holding a Community Council Training Workshop at the Birnam Institute at 18:15 on Thursday, 12th May. This workshop would look at the subject of planning applications. Na'an McLure agreed to attend the event.

Perth & Kinross Community Planning Partnership invited community council members to attend their forthcoming engagement event on Wednesday 25th May from 18:30 to 20:30 at the Breadalbane Community Campus, Aberfeldy. The purpose is to help shape community involvement in new Community Planning developments in the Highland and Strathay area along with four other regions. Helen Taylor agreed to represent the community council at the event.

Alan Wylie informed the meeting that he had reluctantly decided to resign from the community council with immediate effect.

The meeting closed at 21:25.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 13th June at the Birnam Institute.