

## **Subject: 11th April 2016 Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council Meeting Minutes**

### **1.**

**Present:** David Levy, Graham Rees, Matthew Gerrie, Na'an McLure, Stuart Paton, Lorna Birse-Stewart, Councillor Barbara Vaughan, Councillor Grant Laing, Alan Wylie

In addition to the aforementioned, Angela Hanvey of Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Graham Huggins, Bruce Patterson and Kate McRitchie of HPCP attended the meeting. Sgt. Caroline Macnaughton attended representing the police and there were three members of the local community.

**Apologies:** Helen Taylor

David Levy, the Chair opened the meeting [at 19:00](#).

### **2.**

Minutes of meeting on 14th March 2016

Proposed by: Stuart Paton

Seconded by : Graham Rees

Minutes of meeting on 9th November 2015

Proposed by: Graham Rees

Seconded by Lorna Birse-Stewart

### **3.**

#### **Reports**

Police - Sgt. Caroline Macnaughton provide a brief summary of local issues.

- Police had been called on a number of occasions to drink driving incidents.
- A break-in to a property in Perth Road, Birnam was reported, although no property was stolen.
- Caroline alerted us to the importance of reporting all incidents of bogus workman in the area and to make a note of the vehicle registration number.
- An individual was spoken to in respect to littering of beer cans by the river.

All residents are encouraged to ring 101 or in serious cases, 999 to alert the police of issues.

Treasurer - Graham Rees advised that the balance of the CC account stands at £330.00. The balance of the Micro grant account is £3,664.94. Sufficient for more than 7 grant applications before the end of the year. The community should be encouraged to send applications for consideration.

Micro grant applications: Two applications received. An award of £500 was made to the Community Growing Field to site an eco toilet.

A request for £500 to assist an individual in the creation of a diorama in the Visit Scotland shop in respect to walking tours was not agreed as it was felt that further information was required.

Graham Rees to make contact with applicant.

### **4. Dulater Windfarm Application**

Laura Freeman addressed the CC and informed us that the application was to be considered by the Scottish Government. All individuals who had lodged an objection to the application were given to 13th April to indicate if they wished to participate in the Dulater Inquiry process. Alan Wylie will email DPEA of our desire to be involved in the inquiry.

## **5. Christians Against Poverty**

Angela Hanvey of CAP gave a presentation of the work of CAP in Scotland. The organisation provide a free debt counselling service to all, regardless of their religious belief. Help is given on establishing and balancing budgets and general financial education, plus many other aspects of debt relief.

Angela provided specific information which Alan Wylie will ensure is posted onto the Bridge website to alert people to the service.

## **6. HPCP Membership**

Graham Huggins, Chair of HPCP gave a verbal presentation which outlined HPCP's vision to ensure Highland Perthshire communities (10 community councils) were empowered to find their own solution to challenges of living in a rural environment. Printed documentation was provided which showed 14 subjects which they are involved in.

General discussion questioned the make-up of the executive committee. Wide community representation appears thin. Comment was also made about the lack of adequate communication of the timing of meetings. No member of the current D&B CC is a member of the executive committee and no invitation to attend any meeting has been received for over 6 months.

HPCP were asked to provide the CC with projects that specifically benefit our community. Graham provided three subjects such as, Broadband, Defibrillators and Health & Social Care. Members of the CC questioned this list and suggested there was no direct benefit to the community.

The community council will re-visit the subject at our meeting in May and will vote as to whether continued membership is appropriate.

## **7. Matters arising and on-going issues**

### A9 Dualling

Stuart Paton provided details of a 22 member strong working sub-group who were currently working on submitting our concerns by 15th April.

Discussion centred on how best to alert people to issues and it was suggested that notice boards, posters, the Bridge and its website should be used. It was agreed that no decision was necessary now, but Stuart Paton agreed to write a small piece for publication onto the Bridge, with our full submission to be place onto the Bridge website.

### Community Resilience

The community plan is under development with Lorna Birse-Stewart and David Fox taking the lead. The plan will cover 5 geographical areas.

Dunkeld and Birnam

Butterstone

Dalguise

Dowally and Kindallachan

Amulree and Strathbraan

The Drill Hall in Dunkeld has been identified as the main emergency centre with additional locations in the four other areas to be identified.

Action was agreed for LB-S to make contact with PKC about the specific problems of flooding in Burnmouth Road. SP is to email LB-S the names of residents in Dowally who may be willing to be involved in the plan.

### Broadband

David Levy and Alan Wylie gave a brief outline of recent events relating to the Amulree and

Strathbraan broadband project. AW will provide the group with the results of the most recent consultation process at the meeting in May.

Graham Ress will also provide an update on the Lunan Valley project in May.

#### Community Policing

It was agreed that Alan Wylie will complete the recent survey request from Police Scotland.

#### Assignment of Subject Matter Experts

This subject will now be discussed at the meeting in May.

### **8. Planning**

There was a brief discussion on the Glen Cochil Eco Park application received by PKC. This is to create an Eco park with holiday accommodation, restaurant facilities and car parking between Milton and Scotston. It was agreed that Helen Taylor and Alan Wylie would investigate the detail behind the application, seek local feeling and report back in May.

Graham Rees reported back on the retrospective planning application on Stell Park which was discussed in April. Graham reported that the work appeared appropriate to its surroundings.

### **9. Parking in Dunkeld & Birnam**

Lorna Birse-Stewart will prepare a report for discussion at the meeting in June, but will provide a draft for the meeting in May.

### **10. AOB**

#### David Fox

David Fox was asked to leave the room while we discussed him being co-opted onto the CC. This was unanimously agreed and David Levy will forward the appropriate forms to him in the coming days. We will look to formally co-opt him at the meeting in May.

#### AGM Preparation

David Levy and Alan Wylie will prepare the necessary formal documents for us to hold our AGM in May.

#### Notice Board

Just one of our new notice boards remains to be erected in Dalguise. Matthew Gerrie will arrange. MG will also look at the existing notice board by the bridge and provide costings for refurbishment.

#### Cycle Route in Birnam Glen

David Levy has asked landowner and Perthshire Cycles about the work undertaken for a cycle race later in April. This follows a letter from a member of the community concerned with work being performed to existing paths.

#### Bank of Scotland

David Levy will write to BoS and invite them to the meeting in June.

The meeting ended at 21:40

**Date of next meeting**

**AGM, Monday, 9th May, 19:00 at Birnam Institute.**