

Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council AGM and Ordinary Meeting 11th of October 2021- 7 pm – by Zoom

Minutes

Annual General Meeting

1. Attendance

Community Councillors – Lachlan MacEwan, Stewart Pritchard, Andrew Cave, Calum Martin, Chris Claydon

PKC Councillors – Grant Laing, Anne Jarvis

Members of the public present – Ramsay Beattie (Heartland), Ashleigh *** (Heartland), Fraser Penny, Sally Robertson, Paul Cargill (Perthshire Advertiser)

Apologies – Laura Graham, Caroline Robinson, Cara Stewart (NTS)

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes approved by Calum Martin and seconded by Stewart Pritchard.

3. **Chair report** – No Chair report. Andy Cave to write up a summary of the last few months then submit to The Bridge

4. **Treasurers Report** – Accounts audited by Frank Gamble and sent round and shared by Stewart.

Community Council funds £488.67

Lachlan approved the report and Chris seconded.

CC is now using digital banking.

5. **Election OF Office Bearers** – Anne Jarvis appointed Lachlan MacEwan as Chairperson, Chris proposed Lachlan and Andy seconded. Secretary to be appointed in due course. Stewart Pritchard remaining as Treasurer, election has been triggered by number of fully elected CC members ~ nominations to be submitted by 28th of October for current co-opted members and any new potential CC members

6. Lachlan to look into appointing a minute taker from outwith the CC.

7. Chris is temporarily manning the DBCC correspondence account.

END OF AGM

Ordinary Meeting

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3. Fraser Penny attended to discuss the Church's feelings surrounding the Orange Order Parade which takes place annually in Dunkeld.

He made it clear that the Church are not involved with the parade and have, in fact, been in touch with PKC and Historic Scotland to discuss the difficulties that arise due to the parade. He asked for the CC views or any questions.

Chris said that she was aware of the feelings surrounding the parade within the village, she mentioned that John Gilruth had also been in touch with the CC to look at how we, as a community, could discourage the parade. She touched on the idea of a counter march but also stressed that PKC are obliged to allow marches and parades to take place and they are not in a position to refuse them.

Calum felt that a counter march may not be the right way to go and he felt the silent protest that took place on the day of the march was effective and well-pitched.

Fraser was a little concerned that the press report gave the incorrect impression that the Church supported the march and that a church service was held specifically for the Order, Chris suggested that she felt the community knew that the Church was separate from the Orange Order and that they were aware there was no church involvement.

Andrew shared similar views to Calum.

Lachlan and Stewart attended PKC meeting regarding the Orange Order parade, there was talk of obtaining the community's views.

Grant said that he was aware that the community felt uncomfortable about the parade and suggested that a member of PKC come along to explain to the CC and the Community PKC's position.

Chris said that it was important to invite John Gilruth along to a CC meeting and Lachlan said that it would be good to have Fraser attend that meeting too.

Lachlan thanked Fraser for coming along.

4. Sally Robertson has been approached by the Social Enterprise Academy to ask if the community would like to host a two day workshop on Active Travel. She felt the community and the PH8 group would likely be interested and wondered who she should talk to and how we, as a community, should respond to the offer.

Andy felt that any offer of help with travel in the community would be of benefit, Andy will keep the communication lines open with Sally and see how they might go forward.

Calum suggested that Sally be given the names of those that expressed an interest in travel at the PH8 feedback sessions.

Lachlan thanked Sally for bringing it to the CC's attention and offered the support of the CC.

Sally also wanted to ask the Community Council what their thoughts were on making a space available at the co-working space for people and groups within the community such as the PH8 group, she has applied for funding to see if there would be funds available to kit the space out and wanted to see if the CC thought it was good idea and/or if there was any need for it.

Stewart thought the offer was generous and wanted to know if other CC members thought it was viable.

Calum thought it was a good idea in principle.

Chris felt that it was a really nice idea, especially if it were available to all community groups such as Rainbows and Brownies, giving them access to equipment and technical support that they may not have at home.

Ashleigh commented that it sounded like a good idea and suggested that it would be useful for young and older people to have access to printers and similar equipment.

The general consensus was that it was a good idea and Sally will look into funding.

5. Treasurer's report – Grant Account standing at £501.69, Treasurer's account standing at £459.89, Grant budget standing at £10,880.21, Covid Recovery Fund £6,161.00, and approximately £3,500 in the Micro Grant Fund.

It was agreed that the signatories would be Stewart, Lachlan and Andrew.

6. Community Action Plan Feedback

Lachlan said that the community feedback sessions at the Birnam Institute were brilliant and that there was quite a buzz created.

Grant commented on the effect that short-term lets were having in the Dunkeld & Birnam area and said the issue had been raised with him at the feedback sessions, he has arranged a meeting with the Head of Planning at PKC to discuss why the new legislation is not being used.

Calum said that the PH8 group were really pleased with the turnout at the feedback sessions and the turn out was much higher than anticipated.

Grant said that he was impressed by the broad range of people that attended and he felt it reached out to more people in the community than other meetings had in the past.

Calum said that anyone who missed out on the sessions could go onto The Bridge website to see the outcomes and have their say, a steering group meeting will be held in the near future.

7. Zoom Account Operation

Stewart informed the meeting that DBCC now have their own zoom account and that it could be used as a community account for local community groups to use, subject to availability. Details of how the bookings will be managed are still to be finalised. Stewart, Chris and Laura will meet to discuss the set up and management of the account.

8. Planning - nothing of note, Chris mentioned the breach of planning at Taste Talk but said that seeing as Cara from NTS was unable to attend the meeting that perhaps this would be best discussed at the next meeting.

9. Licensing Application – Taste Talk

Chris was concerned about the potential disturbance to the residents in the vicinity of Taste Talk and said that Euan Robinson had gathered support from the local residents. Chris felt it would be good for us as a CC to support the residents, but, seeing as she was a resident who had opposed the application felt she should take a step back and ask the other CC members to make that decision.

Calum clarified that the class 1 licence, which covers the serving of food, was sufficient but that they required a class 2 alcohol licence and that this was the basis of this application.

Grant pointed out that one of the issues that the residents had was the music and potential disturbance that would run alongside the tasting events.

Calum expressed concern surrounding the term “occasional tasting events” saying that you can’t hold anyone to “occasion “after the licence is granted and he was concerned about the impact on the neighbourhood with events potentially running up until 10pm.

Andrew was keen to understand whether we had been formally approached by PKC to proffer an opinion and Lachlan felt a little clarification from PKC as to the CC’s role on Licensing applications would be beneficial.

Grant said that the vagueness of the application was a concern for residents.

Calum queried whether the CC are formally consulted on licensing applications, Grant said he would find out for us.

Lachlan suggested that some further discussion was required between the CC members and, once that had taken place, a decision as to how best to proceed would be made.

10. Police Update – no police update

11. By-Election

Andrew updated us as to the triggered By-Election now that Helen has stepped down and suggested publicising the election as much as possible on the run up in order to hopefully fill some of the vacancies.

Grant asked about representation on the CC across the communities within the Dunkeld & Birnam CC area, Andy said that we are light on Birnam representation but other than that we seem to have quite a good, representative mix.

AOB – Andy wondered when we might return to face-to-face meetings, it was decided that a discussion should be had surrounding this and that hybrid meetings might be the way forward.

Chris passed on a message from Amulree Village Hall who were hoping for a letter of support from the CC for their Griffin Funding application, the CC all agreed that they were happy to support the application and Stewart Pritchard would write a letter of support.

Calum to do the Bridge Article for the October issue.

Chris also enquired as to whether the hardship fund was still available – it was confirmed that it was and anyone that required additional support should get in touch with Fraser Penny.

Grant suggested that anyone struggling financially should contact PKC Welfare Rights – they will ensure that they are in receipt of everything they are entitled to.

Date of next meeting – 8th November 2021, 7pm via Zoom.

To register for attendance email Dbcc.correspondence@gmail.com, members of the public are most welcome to attend.

End of Community Council meeting

Griffin Micro Grants

- Application from Colleen Nicoll for Tiny Tunes – was agreed that a little additional wording was required but that the CC were happy to support.

Griffin Main Grant – next panel meeting in November, Chris to possibly take on the role of CC representative.