

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7:15pm Monday 10th June 2019

Birnam Institute

Minutes

1. Those present:

Stuart Paton, Helen Taylor, David Fox, Graham Rees, Andrew Cave, Chris Claydon, Cllr. Anne Jarvis, Cllr. Grant Laing

Apologies were received from Police Scotland

There were no members of the public in attendance

2. Agreement of minutes

The meeting minutes for 13th May had been previously distributed to members by email.

- Proposed by: Stuart Paton
- Seconded by: Chris Claydon

3. Treasurer's report

Graham Rees reported that the CC account balance stands at £444.54 and the Griffin micro-grant account currently stands at £4000.58

4. Policing

There were no particular items of note

5. Matters arising and subject updates

a) Environment/Planning

Planning Applications for Review – One planning application was discussed, but there were no issues of note and no formal representations will be made.

b) **Community Funding**

Griffin Windfarm (Main) Fund – No items of note. Helen Taylor will attend the next meeting of the panel and will report back to the next CC meeting

Griffin Microgrant Fund – One Microgrant bid had been received and was duly supported.

c) **Strathtay Action Partnership**

Fiona Ritchie recently attended a meeting of the Strathtay Action partnership. Update to follow

d) **Community Resilience**

There were no particular items of note

e) **Correspondence**

There were no particular items of note

f) **Community Engagement/Social Media**

The CC Facebook page has an increasingly growing number of followers. It is regularly updated with key items of information and interest

g) **Transport**

A9 Dualling (Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing Section) – The AGM of the A9 Community Group took place on 13th June. There were no other items of note.

Glen Quaich Road (Amulree to Kenmore) – Severe weather closure – Stuart Paton and Cllr Jarvis recently attended a meeting with the Police, PKC and Kenmore Community Council, to discuss options. The Police have subsequently supported a plan to enable specified local residents (at either end of the Glen Quaich Road) to unlock and display the 'road closed' signs, at the direction and under the authority of the Police, where weather conditions make the road unsafe for motorists. The road closure would then be legally-enforceable. Stuart thanked Cllr. Jarvis for her support with the matter.

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 agreed to join/create the sub-group, which will also include local residents, Kat Brown and Alan Wolfe. Andrew and Chris agreed to work up some terms of reference for the group and bring back to the next meeting.

A9/A923 Dunkeld Junction – Stuart Paton reported that, at the request of the CC, Bear Scotland has agreed to undertake road infrastructure improvements at the junction. The work has been scheduled to take place later this year.

Heart 200 – A discussion took place about the impending launch of the ‘Heart 200’ tourist route and some concerns from other Community Councils as to the apparent lack of community or environmental impact assessment. Members agreed that, whilst tourism is important in the area, the potential impact of increased traffic, overnight camping etc. should have been factored into considerations when awarding funding for the scheme. Additionally, communities and Community Councils should have been consulted. The CC will further consider its position and provide written feedback following further discussion at our July meeting.

6. A.O.B.

Walled Garden Dunkeld

It was noted that repairs to the walled garden are ongoing, albeit very slowly and the footpath remains closed.

Overnight Camping

A discussion took place about the apparent increase in camper vans, using car parks and lay-bys for overnight parking. There have also been a number of instances of cassette-toilets being emptied into lay-bys. The law is quite clear in that the rights of access afforded to pedestrians in Scotland, does not extend to vehicles and, in many circumstances, camper vans are being parked illegally. Cllr. Laing agreed to engage PKC and Stuart Paton agreed to make enquiries as to any local facilities for people to empty cassette toilets, so that this may be advertised more widely. Members are also interested in the position of the Police on the matter and will raise with them prior to/at the next meeting.

Defibrillators

Graham Rees reported that the three defibrillators in the Trochry/Strathbraan and Glen Quaich area have now been fitted and are operational. Stuart Paton thanked Graham Rees for his invaluable help in making this happen.

There were no other items of particular note

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Monday 8th July at the Birnam Institute.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

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