

## **Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council**

**Ordinary Meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 7pm by Zoom**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance:**

##### **Community Councillors**

- Lachlan MacEwan
- Stewart Pritchard
- Calum Martin
- Caroline Robinson
- Chris Claydon
- Alan Wylie

##### **PKC Councillors:**

- Grant Laing
- Anne Jarvis

##### **Members of the public present:**

- Ramsay Beattie (Heartland)
- Graeme Cook

##### **Apologies:**

- Laura Graham
- Andrew Cave

Calum opened the meeting, welcomed Alan and formally accepted Lachlan and Laura as co-opted members of the community council ~ there were no dissenters and Calum passed the meeting back to Lachlan.

Lachlan welcomed Alan.

### **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes to be completed over the next couple of days by Caroline & Chris as Laura unwell.

## **Treasurer's report**

Treasurer's account balance £642.95, topped up by PKC annual funding.  
Monthly Zoom account payment going out.

Grants account £10,880.21 - no transactions  
Available funds (for grant awards):

SSE Covid recovery £6161  
Microgrants £2,100 – enough for 4 awards

Community space grant application ~ no further forward at this time.

Two old analogue accounts to be closed, rename two of the new accounts and update the signatories.

Current signatories are Stewart, Helen and Andrew.

New signatories to be:

Stewart, Andrew and Lachlan

Everyone agreed to the above recommendations and suggestions.

## **Glen Quaich Road**

The Glen Quaich Road is a single-track road with passing places which has around 30 properties along it.

During winter and with the lack of gritting it becomes an ice rink and parents are particularly concerned that the children, when travelling on the bus, are at risk.

The residents are hoping that the council will increase and expand the gritting service that runs along the 822, snow clearance would also be appreciated although the farm and some gamekeepers currently manage the snow.

The real issue is the gritting, and the residents are hoping that this could happen early in the morning prior to the bus arrival at 8am.

Grant said that the CC could take it up but informed us that gritting is a finite resource and there can be difficulties even reaching places that are already on the list.

The time frame on the gritters has been cut back ~ no longer all night gritting.

Suggest that farmers and gamekeepers could perhaps take on the gritting?

Lachlan suggested that the CC write to the council with their concerns and Grant suggested contacting Mark Butterworth at PKC, head of service and environment.

Alan to contact Mark Butterworth on behalf of the CC and Grant suggested all councillors be copied into all actions to add a little weight to requests.

## **Gien A Haund**

Everyone had been sent the letters from Gien a Haund with the list of possible bench sites and the letter requesting support.

Everyone happy to support locations and grant funding and would like to see benches that would fit with the local environment as opposed to plastic benches.

Stewart said that Gien a Haund can also apply to the Community Investment fund and that they are contacting Paul Summers to help with their application.

Everyone happy to support and Stewart to compose an email to PKC to that effect.

## **PH8 Community Action plan update**

Caroline said it was important for the CC to have sight of and endorse the plan prior to the plan being adopted.

Stewart felt there were a couple of points that needed a little more attention which Calum said could easily be adjusted.

Stewart wondered if the paths and environmental action group could be the same thing?

Lachlan agreed that they could be linked together.

Caroline to forward the details of the two people who have taken the environment work forward on the CAP to Stewart so he can discuss whether this work would feasibly link together with them.

Chris said she hadn't had a chance to look at it but would feed back within the next 24hrs.

DBCC to endorse the CAP by email.

## **PH8 Housing Action Group update**

Caroline ~ update on the meeting which took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Lachlan attended as did 9 people from the community with the intention of following on the Community Action Plan "Housing for All" theme.

Campbell Hall (Affordable Housing Enabler, Perth & Kinross Council) and Joe Gribben (Community Housing Trust) both attended.

Campbell Hall agreed to add Dunkeld and Birnam to the housing needs and demands assessment programme which will conduct research and seek to ascertain what the demand is for housing in the area.

This first stage will be a survey to establish the needs of the community and consider what can be done to deliver that need, this will come back to DBCC and the Community Action Plan group to discuss ways forward. The outcome of that assessment can be used by the community to influence and inform the work of the local authority.

Joe Gribben presented the work of the CHT with local communities across Scotland to develop housing needs and demands assessments.

The CHT will send out a survey to the CC to get thoughts and reflections from the CC prior to sending it out to the community.

A Community Development Trust (CDT) would be a key part of possible actions and outcomes of the survey. PKC and CHT would work with the Community Development Trust.

Grant saw what the CC had written to PKC regarding the short term lets issue and was aware that the response we received was lacking. Grant met with David Littlejohn and had an opportunity to express the concerns of the community. David Littlejohn has agreed that, if the CC write to him, he and some of his team will come along to a meeting to hear what our concerns are and they can then discuss with us the options available under the current legislation.

Lachlan to send a letter to PKC and NTS inviting them to an open meeting to discuss the housing problems in Dunkeld & Birnam. Atholl Estates will join the DBCC January meeting to discuss this along with their proposals for the land at Haughend.

## **Roads, traffic & parking update**

Andy had sent round an email prior to our meeting received from Daryl McKeown (PKC)

Graeme Cook attended the meeting and is happy to be involved in any conversations about road safety, Graeme has been in touch with the council asking questions about several issues and shared some of the replies on the following topics:

- Strategic / general - 20mph speed limit and covid programme, PKC said they were looking at what might happen in 2022/23 and what projects were in the pipeline for discussion. Graeme received updates regarding the retention of 20mph limits and discussed 20mph limit in Birnam, PKC said that a 20mph limit was being considered and was included on the list of future possible traffic orders.
- Telford Bridge - preliminary discussions with traffic control teams.
- Traffic signals at PKC junction and pedestrian crossing on Perth Road close to school

Graeme keen to update the CC on what he had heard and happy to help join any dots.

Alan said 4/5 years ago there was discussion around traffic calming measures and speed reduction around the Amulree area which currently has a 40mph limit, he expressed concerns about the summer months when there is an increase in walkers and cyclists. There was meant to be traffic calming put in place but, at the moment, there is still a tremendous amount of traffic not following the current speed limits. Alan would like the rural areas to be included in the Roads safety group, casting the net a little further.

Grant discussed how Dunkeld has reached saturation point with a massive increase in traffic and visitors and feels like nothing has been achieved. He felt it was time to put pressure on PKC and believed it would be appropriate for

himself and Anne to find out where Dunkeld is on the list of priorities and get some answers for the community.

Alan surprised that there seems to be no improvement in years and agreed that we perhaps need to be more forceful with the council.

Caroline frustrated too at lack of action from PKC and would support Grant and Anne engaging with PKC.

Site meeting and walk with PKC representative to take place in January with CC members & individuals who engaged with the transport theme throughout the CAP process ~ Graeme keen to join walk and suggested that perhaps councillors could join too.

A reminder from Lachy that it is important to ensure that we report any incidents so that the police and the council have a clear picture of what's happening in the villages.

Anne suggested forwarding any reports directly to Daryl McKeown as it can be useful when grading roads for future management.

Calum added that once the CAP is published, we can share it with PKC which may help pressure them into action as Road Safety features heavily in the Community Action Plan.

Andy to follow up and firm up a date for the walk about with PKC. All interested parties to contact Andy.

## **DBCC communications policy**

Everyone agreed to adopt the communications policy ~ Lachlan added that we could update and add to it in the future if required.

## **Community Resilience**

Alan said that we had quite a detailed plan of the areas and sites that would act as centres should any calamity befall us.

Stewart had looked at our Community Resilience Plan and wondered if perhaps we needed an update given that the PH8 group, who we had previously recognised as a community resilience group, were now rapidly morphing.

Ramsay asked if there was a member of DBCC that could be a link to Heartland FM for resilience situations ~ a community resilience go between. Lachlan to take on this role for the time being.

Stewart to update Sally Robertson about the resilience group details on the Bridge website.

## **Planning**

Tomgarrow - planning application in principle

Alan hasn't had a chance to look the planning application, some discussion had around the application and the applicant who had wanted to come and speak to the CC.

Chris to contact PKC and request an extension to give the CC an opportunity to consider the application and to give the applicant the opportunity to speak to the CC.

Caroline ~ a planning application for a new build at the Cross deadline for comments was 10 December so now passed.

**Police update** - none

## **AOB**

Lachlan

- DBCC has received a complaint which they will consider
- Lachlan has had some residents expressing concerns about the way in which a local hotel has been using its licence.

Anne added that if there is excessive noise or, if a business is managing its licence in a way that is causing upset, we can apply for a review of their licence.

Stewart

- Rumbling Bridge - still closed and PKC expecting it to be in to 2022 before they have a plan to repair it.

- Beavers and the Birnam Oak - SP meeting (as DBCC rep) on site this week with landowner, PKC, PKCT, NatureScot Beaver Mitigation Project to consider novel approaches to the need and means by which to protect the Birnam Oak from unwanted beaver attentions.
- D&B welcome sign on northern (old A9) approach - this sign is in poor and barely legible condition. Had been previous contact with past Chair and now current Chair. A local person, now working for PKC, offered, and was encouraged to draft a new design and share it with DBCC. Has not yet been seen by current members.

Alan requested an idea of who's who within the CC ~ Lachan to supply.

## **End of main meeting**

### **Griffin grants**

- Friends of Guiding ~ grant application approved
- Dunkeld Women's International Football Club ~ grant application approved
- Gien a Haund ~ approved with a suggestion that they also apply for SIF funding and main Griffin grant fund

Stewart wondering if there were any suitable applicants for the micro grant and covid recovery funds which are still available.

Suggestion that Santa Day might apply.

**Bridge article rota** – already completed

**Next Meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 – 7pm by Zoom**

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Members of the public are most welcome to attend.