

**Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council
Ordinary Meeting – 8th June 2020 – 7pm – by Zoom
Minutes**

1. Attendance

Present: Stuart Paton, Stewart Pritchard, Chris Claydon, Calum Martin, Andrew Cave, Anne Jarvis, Grant Laing

Apologies:

Members of the public present: Kat Brown (Highland Perthshire Cycling), Paul and Laura Downie, Alistair Smith (Heartland), Sophie and Tom Wisden, Caroline Wilding and Euan Robinson.

2. Treasurer's Report

£12,061 operational account (incl SSE and Tesco Covid funds) Griffin fund £3363 Approval sought from the Community Council for a single signatory for operating the Community Council Accounts. This was approved unanimously by the Community Councillors.

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Messaging going out via social media re visitors to the area. Printing service set up at the co-working space – with delivery service – for students and others. Also considering road safety- see road safety update below. Encouraging people who have ideas to come forward to apply for Covid funding – See Bridge website, Bridge and on DBCC Facebook page. Also that there is funding for individuals available through Fraser Penny.

3. Matters arising and subject updates

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- **Environment/Planning**

Discussing the 3 charities shop application for a glass door for the old tourist office. The meeting debated as to the merits and impact of the proposed change and a proposal to object to the application was voted on but did not achieve a majority. Instead it was agreed to formulate a formal comment regarding the application indicating that the retention of a wooden two leaf door for use when the shop was closed would be desirable.

- **Road Safety Subgroup**

Context provided by Andrew Cave about the work done over the last year over road safety. Held 4-5 meetings of a small group – looking at what changes could be made on three themes - road safety/pedestrian safety, cycling/pedestrianisation, parking/flow of parking. No consensus reached by the time of the Covid crisis. However with more time to think about the

situation, this has galvanised thoughts and encouraged action to finding a better way to manage things. Since the start of the lockdown there have been various discussions about managing flow issues and safety as we come out of lockdown – but we need to keep the temporary post covid measures separate from the long term changes that we might make.

Re the temporary situation - Calum has been looking at measures that could be made around physical distancing – one way pedestrians on the bridge and no parking in front of the co-op – but the signage regarding this on the Bridge was taken down by someone unknown. Also proposing more bike parking – thinking about where best to put it and maybe temporary to start with.

Discussion about the Bridge issue and other traffic management in Dunkeld. Proposal to ask the Sustrans design team to look at the Village and suggest solutions and discuss with Brian Cargill from the Council was agreed. So the plan is to work through the issues with some of the experts and then set up a special Community Council to discuss the issues.

Also proposal to get some speed reduction measures with cut out cops and mobile speed cameras to slow the traffic down at the moment due to the Covid Crisis.

Also discuss with Brian Cargill about crossing of the road either side of the bridge to facilitate the (temporary) one way pedestrian traffic on the bridge.

- **Transport (other)**
 - **Roads Network** – proposed maintenance work which had been planned for A822 has been postponed due to the Covid 19 crisis.

End of main meeting

2. Griffin Grants

- a. **Micro grants** – no new grants to consider
- b. **Griffin Windfarm Main Fund** – Helen attending the Griffin Panel later in the week. No grant applications from the Dunkeld area.

Next meeting: - Monday 13th July 2020 – 7pm probably by Zoom – email Dbcc.correspondence@gmail.com to register for attendance
Members of the public are most welcome to attend