

Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council

Ordinary Meeting – 7 pm Monday 13th January 2020

Birnam Institute

Minutes

1. Those present

Helen Taylor, Stuart Paton, Stewart Pritchard, Andrew Cave, Calum Martin, Anne Jarvis, Grant Laing, Chris Claydon

- Apologies - none
- Members of the public present: Eleanor and Brian Porter, an other
- Andrew Bruce Wootton, Julian Clarke and Malcolm Whyte from Atholl Estates

2. Minutes of 9th December 2019 meeting:

- Amendments: Calum Martin advised on a couple of amendments
- Proposed by: Calum Martin
- Seconded by: Chris Claydon

3. Treasurer's report

Stewart Pritchard reported the latest financial situation

Operating budget - £470 approx

Griffin account – with the various grants paid out account is just about empty for the 2019 funds – so Treasurer will send in the form to request the funds for 2020

Discussion of the public liability insurance for the CC - £39.65 due to PKC – decide that we should just pay this.

4. Blairgowrie Road tree felling

Atholl Estates tree felling.

Member of the public explained what they had been told by SSE that they would be needing to disconnect the power to a number of houses and supply them with individual generator power for the duration of the works. Concerns about loss of screening as a result of the tree felling. Also concern about pollution from the sawmill (both dust and noise) – might be exacerbated due to the loss of trees. Concerned about the lack of communication from Atholl Estates.

Julian Clarke – explained the Long Term Forest Plan process and how they consulted with the local community and bodies. With respect to this compartment – there is quite a lot of Larch – accelerating the felling in this compartment for larch removal. The areas of concern were clarified and confirmed.

Stuart Paton – Suggested that the Estate and SSE could discuss the way forward.

Atholl Estates – will go away and consider what the options are to reduce the impacts on local residents – regarding the screening and power supplies.

Agreed that Julian will keep Stuart Paton informed about what is happening and Stuart will keep the residents updated when he hears news. **Action Point Jan 2020 - 1**
Atholl Estates will come back to the next meeting with the updated plan.

5. Matters arising & subject updates:

- Environment/Planning Applications

There was a short discussion on the Historic Scotland dressing shed at the Cathedral – decided that there was no concerns about this as far as the Community Council is concerned.

There was also a short discussion about a potential extension to the north carpark Fotheringham quad bike thing – Stewart still to arrange David Steuart Fotheringham to come to CC meeting – **see Action Point Dec 2019 - 5**

Path round the Cathedral – Dunkeld House own the path – Stewart to meet with NTS and the path person. See **Action Point Dec 2019 - 4**

Temporary suspension of parking along Atholl Street for Scottish Water works – Chris to put it on Facebook **Action Point Jan 2020 - 2**

- Road Safety Sub-Group

Nothing particularly new – still need to agree the terms of reference. Stuart, Chris and Andy will meet to agree these soon. See **Action Point Dec 2019 - 2**

- Transport (Other)

- a) A9 Community Group – not met since the last meeting (Calum Martin)
- b) Roads Network – Glen Quaich/Kenmore road closure confirmed
Pedestrian safety barrier on A822 between Trochry and Corbenic – concrete crumbling and the posts loose etc. Stewart will send details to Anne and Grant for them to action. **Action Point Jan 2020 - 3**
- c) Discussed the potential for campervan infrastructure at the North Car Park – Helen and Stuart to email Mike Williamson. **Action Point Jan 2020 - 4**

- Strathtay Action Partnership

Anne Jarvis reported - Met to discuss the way forward – but not had the report back from it yet. But one idea might be to have a formal CC rep on it.

Nominations for the Royal Garden Party – suggestions for Bill and Katherine Melville and Linda Spiers. Chris to approach Linda Speirs – **Action Point Jan 2020 - 5**

- Community Funding/Funds

- a) Microgrants for discussion

All

The remaining money from 2019 is being applied to the defibrillators and working on the principle that we will get topped by the full £5,000 Micro Grant from Corbenic for funding to support their live events linked to the Poetry Path. Grant approved.

- b) Griffin Windfarm Main Fund

John Anderson spoke to us about the Birnam Arts grant application proposed for the Main Griffin Fund.

John went through the three year plan and explained what they were planning to apply for from Griffin. Planning to submit the grant application in time for the next panel meeting in March 2020.

5. A.O.B.

Next meeting: - Monday 10th February 2020 – 7pm Birnam Institute
Members of the public are most welcome to attend