

Dundonald Community Council

Minute

11 05 2023

Present: Community Councillors - FC, SM, HN, RK, MS, JA, SA

Members of Public - BF, AF, NB, NB , MS, RS, DQ, KD (Press), FL, JB, AS, MJ, MJ, RD, CM, KE, AMCQ, LMCC, SN, DQ, BMCM.

SAC Councillors - Julie Dettbarn. Stephen Ferry.

Link Officer - MF and TW

Apologies - Police Scotland.

In Attendance - Ross from Iris

Chairperson's Opening Remarks.

SA, Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all present. He explained that the officer of the Council who was to be present tonight, had unfortunately had to cancel due to personal reasons. He stated that Mike Newall had sent information by email to be shared with the community. He reminded everyone that the AGM would be taking place immediately after the public meeting.

Police Report.

The police submitted a written report which was read by the secretary. No issues were raised by the public.

Public Forum.

Community Issues.

Iris

Ross from the Community Arts Hub Iris was welcomed and introduced by the chair. Ross explained the role of the hub and their drive to stage community cinema and other arts events/activities in Ayrshire. Ross conducted a short survey in order to ascertain the views of our community. More information to follow. The chair thanked Ross for his input.

The Playing Field

The email from Mike Newell to the Community Council was read by the secretary. The information pertaining to the field was as follows; SAC by mutual agreement will take back responsibility for the maintenance and management of the green space including drainage. Legal Services have been instructed to write to the lease holders. The outfall pipe has been fully inspected and a few minor obstructions have been identified which will hopefully be rectified without excavation.

A **MOP** stated that there had been a search of his garden looking for a manhole cover. He stated that he had been informed that the drain diverts in three places. He asked if we had more info. The chair informed him that we did not but would ask questions of SAC.

A **MOP** congratulated Julie Dettbarn and Mike Newall for their work and support of the residents. He asked when would the field be I use and what for and asked that the council listen to the community. These questions will be put to SAC when appropriate.

A representative of the **DCSRHA** stated that due to current legislation there would be bill for rates for the field of some £3,500 and that the association could not pay this, hence they would be surrendering the lease by mutual consent. He asked what effect the rates would have for all of those involved in the Ayrshire leisure Trust.

A **MOP** asked about access for the games. Cllr Dettbarn stated she was in discussion with SAC about this.

It was agreed that there were still lots of questions to be answered and that the CC would invite SAC to future meetings.

Montgomerie Hall

All hot and cold water systems are now working to all toilets and kitchen. The hall is fully operational. Tender documents for the work have gone out and have to be returned by Friday May 26th. Work will commence on the hall immediately following on from the Highland Games.

Wind Turbines Proposal

The CC shared that the company proposing these turbines had emailed stating that they hope to submit their planning permission early in June. It was pointed out that once on planning portal individuals have the right to support or object to the submission. The CC hope to have some sort of public consultation to inform them of their submission.

A **MOP** stated that this is a private/commercial venture and not a community one. Various information from the open day was shared with the meeting.

Some residents voiced their support especially re community financial benefit whilst others were opposed to the venture.

Councillor Dettbarn advised that we look at arrangements for North and South Carrick.

It was pointed out that the benefit on offer falls well below the Scottish Government's advice figure. Also, it was stated that Drybridge and other areas may have to have access to the community benefit. This information will be sought.

Dundonald Christmas Lights

AS stated he was no longer able to continue with this project. He said it would fold if someone does not take it over. The secretary stated that she had emailed asking for confirmation that the Christmas Lights committee was now defunct but had received no answer.

Elected Members' Report

Cllr Dettbarn spoke about the money for each ward. She confirmed that she had had a meeting and the money could only be spent on such things as pathways, benches etc. Cllr Ferry stated that he was meeting with Mike Newall on Friday 12th to discuss.

AOCB.

Date and time of next meeting. Thursday June 8th 7pm

MS

Secretary