

AUCHENCAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF THE MEETING

held at 6.15pm on Tuesday 13th February 2024 in the Murray Hall

In Attendance & Apologies

Present: Brian Jones, Chair (BJ), George Makins, Treasurer (GM), David Foreman (DF) and Pamela Vaughan (PV). Rosie McClure (RM) Jayne Burton (JB) Paul Jardine (PJ)

Visitors: Dorothy Anderson, Trish Bate, Adam Blake, Andy McFarlane (D&G Councillor), Lee Paton, Shameen Syed, Jim Tollan, Anne Williams.

Apologies: Susan Small (SS) Adam Turnbull (AT)

Welcome New Community Councillors & Introductions

- New community council members Jayne Burton, Paul Jardine and Rosie McClure were welcomed. The Community Council is in year five of a five term that will end in October. AGM will be in September.

D and G Council Items

- Budget Setting (AM) Budget will be decided 22nd February. Due to lack of financial resources Scottish Government has offered to freeze council tax fund up to 5%.

Finances

- GM provided a review of income and expenditure since the last meeting. Dumfries and Galloway discretionary grant of £469.39 has been received.
- Scottish Power have increased D/D to £230 a month 800% increase and one major contributory factor was a group using the hall failed to switch off the heating after their event which went unnoticed for a few days. It was suggested that this could be appealed. Heating usage should be less once the seasons change and have a positive effect in reducing the monthly electricity DD charge.
- Current Bank account balances 13/2//24 :
00100337 Murray hall £13,780-73
00644957 Current Acc £8,541-86

Auchencairn Initiative

- Anne gave some background of the initiative for the benefit of new members.
- Defibrillator – Existing Defibrillator will be moved to the shop. Dalbeattie Rotary have been approached regarding help funding for a new one. £1200 has been quoted for a new device. A UK heart organisation knows that we are fundraising. More defibrillator training is planned.
- The initiative is working on a grant to replace windows in Heuchan House.

- The Initiative also supports the need for the community to be engaged in jointly producing a Local Place Plan (LPP).
- Discussion about village priorities and different groups in the village competing for the same grants.
- A priority list needed.

Village matters

a. Current Hall Events Committee – Feedback

- The Chair (BJ) gave thanks to all present who have contributed to hall events
- Discussion about priorities for the hall. What do we want the hall to be used for?

b. Hall & Community Funding

- It was suggested (AW) that it might be worthwhile getting a survey before any funds are allocated for specific hall refurbishments and then seek match funding
- It was suggested (BJ) that the needs of the village need to be divided into sub group committees. This would provide a more focused approach to the community priorities given the time available until October 2024 when the next Community Council election is due.

1. Local placement plan – BJ (ACTION) will register community interest with D&G LLP team. This would help determine the What, How and When activities the community would have to take and help identify the future benefits a LLP would provide.

2. Hall use and Management- To establish terms and conditions of use. Hall user contracts. Year planner and to raise funds to pay for a caretaker / cleaner.

3. Community Resilience.- to be discussed at a later date.

c. Any other items

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Thanks were expressed to Paul and Jane for their contribution to the success of the Fun Day.

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7pm

