

Dullatur Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Community Council Meeting held on Monday 13 June at 8pm in Dullatur Village Hall

Community Council Members present:

Clare Ross (Chair)
Alan Davidson
John Wright

Others present:

Alan Masterton, Community Councillor
Andre de Almeida

Apologies received from:

Vivien Mitchell
Margaret Kennedy

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed with those present that they were happy for their names to be recorded on the minutes.

2. Approval of Minutes May 2022

JW confirmed he had sent amendments of May's minutes to Vivien Mitchell (Secretary). Agreed that VM will circulate those amendments and minutes can be approved by email by Community Councillors.

3. Restoration of Village Hall

3a. Action from last meeting and outcomes

CR gave an update on the key action from last meeting which was to follow up with those that had expressed an interest in tendering but had not submitted a quote. AD had followed up with a number of parties. Despite some indicating interest of making a site visit only one company ended up making a site visit and issuing a contract. AD also met with Ross Garage Conversions in order that they could submit a revised quote.

3b. Round up of tenders received / company names and quoted amount

CR gave a verbal update on the quotes received (all of which had been shared with Community Council members).

Three of these quotes are for an amount well in excess of DCC's budget so have been dismissed. This only leaves one quote within DCC's budget from Ross Garage Conversions (RGC), a locally based contractor. AD expressed view that given the 18 month period the hall has been out of action and in the interests of getting the hall open for community use as soon as possible and in a position where it can generate income that we should proceed with the RGC quote. JW proposed his view that members of the community could still contribute their time to the project and that the RGC quote did not meet all elements of the vision (bifold/patio opening of West wall). AD explained that quote includes a door opening and given cost of the full opening would take us over budget the options are (1) proceed with door opening and leave fuller opening as a phase two or

(2) get further funding to allow for fuller opening. AD view that given challenges of getting cohesive engagement given the differences of opinion amongst Community Council and the need for specialist trade that the best way to get the hall open again was to engage a contractor. CR agreed.

3c. Formal DCC vote appointment of contractor

VM had sent a proxy vote in favour of appointing RGC as a contractor but JW challenged this. CR stepped back from the vote in favour of RGC given the perceived and declared conflict of interest (RGC run by her brother-in-law). JW not supportive. AD supportive but as only three members present and only two voting the motion was not able to be passed. AD suggested that there is option of calling an EGM which hopefully can be attended by all members which will allow a decision to be made. AD and CR expressed their frustration that progress had not been able to be made.

4. Finance Report

AD explained that the £1000 transfer of money from the Treasurer's account to the Maintenance Account had been made making the balances as at 25 May:

Treasurer's Account: £40,227.22
Maintenance Account; £1,124.56

6. DLTC and DCC meeting update / risk assessment / future solution for bathroom use for coaches

Confirmed that the risk assessments had been done. JW noted that they had been sent to the wrong place.

Bathroom has been cleared and cleaned to allow for use by coaches only ahead of the start of the hall refurbishment.

7. Mis-use of notice board

JW raised his concern as to the contents of the noticeboard that related to fundraising for DLTC. Andre de Almeida explained that this was solely for purposes of DLTC fundraising and the other Community Council members had no objection.

8. Planning Applications

There was only one current planning application referenced which was related to a property in Tintock Place.

9. Facebook, email, DCC website access

10. Proof of website ownership and payment

11. Hall sub committee constitution

12. News letter regarding grants, insurance award and progress with hall restoration

13. Drop box file sharing

14. Final closure of meeting for summer term next meeting 12/09/22

There was little remaining agenda time for items 9-14 and the meeting became increasingly fractious.

The meeting closed with next meeting to be on 12 September.