

# **Dunadd Community Enterprise**

## **Minutes of AGM**

Wednesday 21<sup>ST</sup> January 2026, Kilmartin Museum

7.30pm

**Present:** David Bracken, Di Roberts, Gillian Rodger, Sue MacLean, Finlay MacLean, David Smart, Andree Hawke , Chris Carr, Steve Walker, Andrea Healy

### **1. Apologies:**

Sally Wilkin, Caroline Frost, Hazel Fuller, David Wolstenholme, Louise Oppenheimer, Anne Smart

### **2: Minutes of the last meeting**

Proposed: David Smart

Seconded: Sue MacLean

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### **3.Chair's report**

#### **Background**

The Chair set out history and context for the creation of the organisation. DCE is a social enterprise and follows Scottish Government's ideas for such enterprises: it is a business which generates profit for social good rather than pursuing profit.

The challenge is to create profit as we struggle to find commercial opportunities. Also, we're small organisation, and there are only about 700 people in the area it covers.

#### **Successes over the year:**

Loch Awe: most small enterprises would like to have their own windfarm and generate income. A decision was taken to create a development officer post for full area; however there has been no feedback. Need to follow up with Foundation Scotland. If this came into being could generate a lot of funding for the whole of the Loch Awe area.

Other successes has been smaller.

This time last year, we were awaiting delivery of goalposts. They have been delivered and have been erected. They are being used quite a lot. Users include: Junior Shinty; Rugby Club; local youngsters for kickabout; cars of teenagers from Lochgilphead coming to play football. This indicates a lack of provision for young people in the area.

We have appointed a Development Worker (Steve Walker) having received a grant from A'Chruach Wind farm money.

Steve has been engaging with local groups to see what they are interested in. He has also been supporting a funding bid for the Seed Coop; the coop will cover the whole of the Argyll area in the longer run but is starting in the Mid Argyll Area. Funding has been successful and the coop will be supported by DCE in the next 12 months.

Local Plans: Steve is working alongside Dunadd Community Council and Dunadd Community Enterprise to develop a Local Place Plan. This will link in with the Community Plan developed a couple of years ago. Local Place Plans must be considered in future work by the Local Planning Authority; thus, a Local Place Plan provides a mechanism through which we can get themes listened to.

Membership: we currently have 127 members on our records although the actual number may be lower. A lot of people joined when we were doing the church project. The system as currently set up isn't good enough to deal with 127 members. Steve is looking into an online membership system (Mojo). Mojo would help us keep track of people changing emails, moving away, or dying. It would make it the responsibility of member to keep their own information up to date. The Chair noted that we are not good at advertising ourselves to people who move into the area.

Bookswap continues and thrives. This is the main event which brings communities coming together across Dunadd. 20-30 persons attend each time and raises around £1000 for DCE each year. Book Swap received £664.27 in donations and £54.47 selling books via World of Books. Bookswap applied for funding for a waterproof outdoor storage solution for the books. This application was successful.

From February 2026, Bookswap will offer lunch time soup all year, with the soup being offered free by Richard (Kilmartin Hotel) for the community. (Richard also contributes to fuel for grass cutting.)

DCE supports grass cutting and flower pots in Kilmartin. In the last year, this included replacing all the soil in the tubs; these had to be emptied because they had chickweed.

First year of new tractor bought with windfarm money.

Two new directors joined the enterprise: Andrea Healy and Caroline Frost.

After eight years as a director, David Bracken has resigned from DCE.

Discussion following the Chair's report covered the following points:

- David Bracken was thanked for all the work he has done as a director of the enterprise.
- Seed Coop: Seeds are saved from Argyll and are designed to be climate resilient. The seed coop enables people to learn about seed saving; lots of people are already wanting to be seed savers.
- David Smart noted that DCE has always struggled to gain traction in Kilmichael; the reason for this isn't clear. The suggestion was made that we might do an event around seed planting / tubs. David Smart will ask around.
- Kilmichael School has had some funding for the school garden / community garden. The garden area has apple and pear trees. The school wishes to do more

planting. It has found out who owns land; the farmer concerned doesn't want it and doesn't want any money for it. The council won't take the land on. The school seems now to have solved the ownership issue, but we don't know how. David Smart suggested that the 19<sup>th</sup> Argyll Scouts would supply muscle to clear the garden.

Proposed: David Smart

Seconded: Di Roberts

The Chair's report was accepted.

#### **4. Treasurers report for year ending 30 April 2025**

I would like to thank Di Roberts for her bookkeeping of the Dunadd Community Enterprise accounts and her help and support to myself as treasurer.

##### **Income**

##### **Sale of goods - £54.47**

Books sold via Book Swap – thanks to Di Roberts

##### **Donations - £1615**

£ 126 - Flower tubs via QR code – thanks to Aileen Gillies who set this up and to Di Roberts and Gill Stewart who maintain the tubs that enhance Kilmartin Village and Green.

£34 – 19<sup>th</sup> Argyll Scouts who used the Green for camping

£664.27 – Book Swap, many thanks to Di Roberts, Sue MacLean, Viv Little and their team for the smooth running of this popular monthly event. Thanks also to all the bakers and the donations of sweet treats and of course books.

£100 – an anonymous donation for the grass cutting on Kilmartin Green. Many thanks to Robert MacCuaig for all his hard work keeping the grass cut and strimmed along with Gary Linstead.

£191.01 – Kilmartin Community Initiative gave a donation towards the purchase of new goal posts for the Green. These have been used various people/groups for varying sports.

£500 – Foundation Scotland gave a number of groups in the area an unrestricted 'Cost of Living' donation' which has gone towards the running of DCE.

##### **Grants**

The following grants have also been awarded;

£7,711.68 from Foundation Scotland towards the new tractor/mower

£1,000 from Bank of Scotland towards new Goal Posts

£2607 and £268.33 from Foundation Scotland for new Goal Posts

£920 in micro grants from the Wind Farm via Dunadd Community Council.

£250 that was given for a consultation in Kilmichael was returned as a suitable venue was unavailable

£450 for plants and compost

£220 for Book Swap extended hours

£539.28 was received from Dunadd Community Council to pay for web hosting.

### **Expenditure**

Most of this is self-explanatory from the account document

**Secretarial costs** payments to our hard working secretary Hazel Fuller.

**Other established costs** are for hall hire for both Book Swap and the AGM.

**Repairs and Renewals** includes general maintenance for the old lawn mower, since sold, strimmer and fuel. It also includes the purchase of plants and compost.

**Insurance** including public liability and the lawn mower/tractor

**Subscriptions** includes Zoom and DTAS, Development Trusts Association Scotland.

**Sundry expenses** includes registration with Companies House and the returned micro grant.

At the end of the financial year there was a bank balance of £3642, of this £1480 was reserved funds to continue with our current projects.

Our fixed assets are the new lawn mower/tractor and goal posts.

Sally Wilkin

Treasurer, Dunadd Community Enterprise

During the discussion, it was noted that the webhosting costs cover a five year period.

Proposed: David Smart

Seconded: Andrea Healey

## **5. Election of directors:**

David Bracken is standing down.

David Smart: is standing down.

Sally Wilkin: willing to stand

Caroline Frost: willing to stand

Andrea Healy: willing to stand

Gillian Rodger: willing to stand

Chris Carr: agreed to stand but will not stand again next year.

All directors received proposers and seconders.

Sally Wilkin, Caroline Frost, Andrea Healy, Gillian Rodger and Chris Carr were duly elected as directors.

It was noted that we have 14 days to report the change of directors to Companies House; David Bracken agreed to do this.

As David Smart has resigned as director, the registered address of the organisation also required changing; it was agreed to use accountants Ainsley Smith as the registered address.

David Bracken undertook to produce an information sheet as part of the handover to the new cohort of directors to ensure a smooth transition of materials and knowledge.

Di Roberts will continue to do the bookkeeping.

Bank signatories require changing.

## **6. Any questions**

There were no questions.

## **7. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **8. Date of the next meeting**

TBD.