



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 12th January 2015

The Chair Neil MacIntyre welcomed all

Present:

Community Councillors: Neil MacIntyre, Joyce Wylie, Marion Stewart, Allan Weild, Sylvia Moore, Bunty Taylor, Alan Kay, John Bonner, Walter Hunt.

D&G Councillors: No Councillors in Attendance

In Attendance: Rod Edgar, Annandale Observer, Inspector Graham Kerr, Police Scotland, Don Barty, Christmas Lights Committee

Minute of 12/1/15 was approved by Joyce Wylie and Seconded by John Bonner

Matters Arising: Moat House Access: John Bonner advised that a letter had been sent to the owners of Moat House advising them to stop all works until further investigations take place. The Common Good Sub-Committee had not been consulted or notified of any work being undertaken at the Ancient Monument. John further asked the Community Council for permission to write to the Council seeking clarification on who has custodial ownership of Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the area.

Police Report: Inspector Graham Kerr advised that it had been a busy period over Christmas and New Year but not too bad. The following was reported:
8 Assaults, 5 Vandalisms, 4 Thefts by Shoplifting, 1 Hate Crime, 5 Breach of the peace, 1 Breach of Bail, 1 Fraud, 4 Drug offences and 1 Breach of Anti Social Order.

Two Young Drivers were charged following serious driving offences and their cars confiscated

There was a serious Road Traffic Accident on the B724 Collin to Annan Road.

There was a Suspicious Package incident on the 8th of January where part of the High Street had to be closed for a time.

A large number of motorists had been required to provide a specimen of breath following the introduction of the Lower Drink Driving Limits introduced on the 5th of December

Community Warden Report: No Report

Treasurers Report: Allan reported the General Fund had £5480.28, and the WEB Account had £2788.91

Correspondence:

Marion advised the meeting of correspondence regarding Budget Consultation meeting to be held on the 21st of January 2015 at Annan Town Hall.

Marion advised the meeting of the letter of thanks and the record of events from Annan Academy's Arnhem visit



Marion advised the meeting of a Grant application from Annan Christmas Lights Committee for £1500 from the Common Good Fund. Following discussion the application was approved unanimously and will go the next meeting on 3rd February.

Roadworks and Road Closure information was received and left for Community Councillors to peruse.

Planning Applications were received and left for Community Councillors to peruse. Correspondence received from Cannonbie and District Residents Association regarding Fracking licences about to go up for auction and the implications for Annandale and Eskdale. Following a full discussion it was agreed to note the correspondence.

Councillors Report – No reports

Members Report

Alan Kay: Gave an update on the Notice Boards and provided samples of how they will look. He hopes they will be ready very soon. Alan also advised the meeting of an incident at Shanks Community Disposal Tip at Corsehill. He contacted the Chief Executive regarding a complaint about the behaviour of the staff at the site. He had a response that the incident will be investigated.

Allan Weild: Advised the meeting that Saskia has been in contact regarding re-vamping the WEB site and hopes to have a draft Design for the next meeting. Allan also advised that he had had enquiries from DGHP Tenants' regarding letters they had received about inspecting houses with potential asbestos.

John Bonner: Nothing to report

Walter Hunt: Nothing to report

Sylvia Moore: Asked Walter Hunt, following the incident in Glasgow with the Bin Lorry, if the staff and D & G Council are properly trained should such an incident happen here. Walter responded that they were all well trained on any new Machinery that comes into the yard.

Sylvia reported that the Wooden Fence surrounding the Scottish Power Sub-Station at Prestonfield Road was completely broken and she had witnessed children playing in they Area. She was advised to contact DG Direct and report this or Scottish Power.

Marion Stewart: Advised the meeting she too had a query from a Pensioner at Lorburne Court regarding the letters about the Asbestos Inspection.

Joyce Wylie: Advised that she has had an invitation to attend Newington Primary School's Burns Supper this year and she has accepted.

Neil MacIntyre: Nothing to report

AOCB: Marion advised that she had purchased a Diary for the purpose of planning events for 2015. This will be brought to the meeting every month to discuss coming events.



Marion to contact Alison Ferguson asking that the heating is put on an hour before our meeting

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

The next meeting will be held on the 9th February 2015 at 7pm