



## Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 11th May 2015

Joyce Wylie Chair welcomed all

Present:

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

**D&G Councillors**: No Councillors in attendance and no written reports

**In Attendance**: Rod Edgar, Annandale Observer, PC Ian Leggett (Police Scotland)

**Apologies**: Sean Marshall, Richard Brodie, Tommy Woodman, Ronnie Ogilvie

Tommy is having surgery this week. Joyce will send get well wishes from the Community Council

### **Airvolutions**

Neil MacIntyre introduced Chris Little and Tom Walker of Airvolutions who were in attendance to give a presentation to the Community Council on the proposed Wind Farm Development at West Scales. Mr Little informed the group that West Scales was a five Wind Farm Project that will be with the Planning Department by the end of the year. Air Volutions wants to establish a Community Liaison Group made up of two representatives from all five Community Councils involved in the project. The purpose of the Liaison Group would be to keep communities updated on the progress of the project and to agree an Early Outcome Agreement on how the allocation of the Community Benefit Fund of £80,000 per year should be distributed. Mr Little assured the Community Council that participation in the Liaison Group did not assume support of the project. The Chair and Vice Chair will attend from Annan with Marion Stewart a substitute.

Mr Little took questions from the floor.

Alan Kay asked if the distribution of the Community Benefit Fund would be calculated per head of population, and Graeme Wellburn suggested it could be by proximity to the Wind Farm. Mr Little advised it could be either but this will be decided by the Liaison Group

**Minute of 13/04/15** was approved by Alan and Bunty

**Matters Arising**: Notice Boards now erected and problem with the Cinema has been rectified.

Neil MacIntyre advised the group he had received a request for a grant from the Royal British Legion (Scotland) Annan branch to pay for soup and sandwiches for the Remembrance Day Parade. It had already been decided to support the Parade in a different way this year. Neil will notify RBL (Scotland) Annan Branch of outcome.



**Police Report:** PC Ian Leggett reported as follows: 3 Assaults, 5 vandalisms, 1 theft by shoplifting, 4 breach of the peace, 1 Breach of Bail. 4 Civic Government offences, 2 Drugs offences, 1 Telecommunications offence and 1 wasting police time offence.

**Road Traffic:** 5 juvenile reported for various road traffic offences in relation to motorbikes on a public road, 9 seatbelt offences, 1 careless driving, 1 fail to stop, 1 speeding offence, 1 no driving licence, 1 MOT offence. 10 parking offences.

**Community Issues:** Smart Water/Farm Watch/Drink Driving campaigns. Operation Resolve: Conduct license premises visits to both on/off sales, engage and educate young people and adults of the risks of alcohol abuse and behaviour.

Walter asked PC Leggett if there was anything that could be done about parking right at the corner of Station Road and Fruids Park. He is unable to get bin lorry turned into street because cars are parked at both sides of road. PC Leggett advised he will look into this.

**Community Warden Report:** Robert Piercy reported as follows: lots of reports about Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping at Esk Place, youths being a nuisance with a ball at Shawhill Court, causing anti-social behaviour with quad bikes, and scooters in the Springbells area and problem with motorbikes on Waterfoot Road. Also involved in Operation Resolve

**Treasurers Report:** Allan reported: General Account £6256.39, The Web Account is £1324.91p It was agreed to give £500 to the defibrillator Fund. It was also agreed to send an invoice to First Scotrail and a reminder to one of the advertisers who had not paid.

### **Correspondence:**

Only correspondence was the Tidal Lines booklets received.

### **Members Report**

**Joyce Wylie:** Advised she, Neil and Alan had attended a meeting with the Council to discuss their proposals to cut planting in the town by 50%. Their proposals were circulated and discussed. It was decided to raise awareness through the newspaper of the position and try to get sponsorships for some of the areas under threat. Blue Bell will sponsor the bed at bottom of Battery Street, Linda Jardine had agreed to sponsor a something. Meanwhile it was agreed to ask the Council not to grass the Seaforth Avenue beds.

**Alan Kay:** Alan advised the meeting he had been approached about dog fouling at Turnberry Park. He has requested bins for disposal of waste.

**Marion Stewart:** Reported that she had used the Community Council Enquiry Service twice since last month. This is the system to be used by Community Councils for reporting issues. She reported the system is not working. She made two reports and did not receive an acknowledgement from the Council as it says on the leaflet. Following a discussion it was agreed that Marion follow this up with Julie. The two issues were request for bins at Watchhall and a disabled parking space in McMurdo Road.



**Sylvia Moore:** Sylvia has again reported the 10 cracked flagstones outside M & Co. to no avail. As there were no Councillors in attendance this issue could not be passed on. Joyce agreed to email Councillors with issues raised at the meeting. Sylvia also reported the high step at Semi Chem and the Annandale Observer. Unfortunately as these steps were there before the legislation for disabled access there is little that can be done other than approach the owners and ask them if this can be remedied

**Bunty Taylor:** Raised the issue about the crossing on the High Street and at Butt Street. The crossing light does not give enough time for some people to cross the road safely. Graeme advised that this can be easily fixed by changing the timing. Joyce advised she will report it to Richard Brodie

**Walter Hunt:** Nothing to report

**Graeme Wellburn:** Nothing to report

**John Bonner:** John advised that the Common Good meeting had been cancelled at short notice (note on the door) and is very concerned because this meeting was to be consultation on the Fishing Nets. John feels that this is being moved to Area Committee to speed up the process and that the Council is not fighting the cause strongly enough. The cancellation of the Common Good meeting meant there has been no consultation on the options with the Community of Annan or the Community Council.

**Rhona McCarton:** Rhona asked if the land being donated by Hall McGee could be donated to the Common Good. Alan advised this was no longer possible. The last time land was donated was in 1975. Following a discussion it was advised that the land may not be able to be used for a Children's Play Area (Annandale Observer last Friday) as a possible use because of contamination from the time that Dirversy owned it.

**Neil MacIntyre :** Advised that the Street light is still out at Hann and Co., he also advised that it is now over 2 years since we complained about the slabs at the War Memorial and still nothing has been done despite this being promised. Neil also asked if anyone else had noticed cars speeding over the bridge coming into Annan.

**AOCB:** The Young Citizen Award will be judged on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>.  
The meeting of the Liason Group for the Windfarm Project will be Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>  
The annual break will be in July  
Federation meeting will be at Lockerbie on the 14<sup>th</sup>

The next meeting will be the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm