



## Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

The New Chair Joyce Wylie welcomed all

Present:

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

**D&G Councillors:** Ronnie Ogilvie

**In Attendance:** Rod Edgar, Annandale Observer, Steven Wilson (Police Scotland)

**Apologies:** Sean Marshall, Richard Brodie

**Minute of 9/3/15** was approved by Neil and Allan

**Matters Arising:** Notice Boards. Despite being promised before Easter the Notice Boards were not erected. However, it is expected that they will go up on the 14<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow).

**Police Report:** Sgt. Steven Wilson reported as follows: 9 Assaults, 3 thefts, 4 vandalisms, 3 thefts by shoplifting, 14 breach of the peace, 1 Breach of Bail. 3 Civic Government offences and 3 Drugs offences.

**Road Traffic:** 1 juvenile reported for using an unregistered motorbike on public road. 3 persons reported for parking offences, 1 No Seatbelt, 1 No insurance, 1 Careless Driving, and 1 Fail to Stop/Attempt to pervert

**Community Issues:** Notify the group of Scam Phone Calls. Remind community to be vigilant. An update from last month. A person from Derby reported and prosecuted for distributing fake £50 notes in Langholm and Annan.

Marion asked about parking in disabled spots. Anyone with photographs please forward to Steven. Alan asked about possibility of CCTV at Newington School to combat parking and failing to stop at Zebra Crossing. This would be unlikely because of cost.

**Community Warden Report:** Robert Piercy provided a written report that was read out. This included lots of reports about Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping and youths causing anti-social behaviour in the Springbells area.

**Councillors Report:** Councillor Ogilvie reported there had been a change at Area Committee level with the launch of the Health and Social Care project on 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Health and Social Care will be Area based and monitored by the Area Committee for performance and identifying areas for improvement. This change goes live in 2016.

### **Update for Roads:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Scott Street has been agreed  
Prestonfield Road agreed  
Silverhill, Silvermount agreed  
Bottom of Newington Road agreed



A big pot hole at the traffic lights on the High Street has been reported. Councillor Ogilvie will flag this up again, although the whole area to be done when the traffic lights are dug up for repair. Alan Kay asked about the road works at Butt Street that has been cordoned off for some time with no progress. Councillor Ogilvie explained this is the responsibility of Scottish Water. Keir Construction are contractors and work will start next week.

LED lights in Summergate Road, The residents are happy with the change. A whole programme of LED lighting has been proposed.

Sylvia asked Councillor Ogilvie where a constituent pays her rent for a garage from DGHP. Councillor Ogilvie to progress.

**Treasurers Report:** Allan reported: General Account £6256.39, The Web Account is £1324.91 the upgrade of the WEB site has now been completed and paid for,

### **Correspondence:**

Notification of forthcoming General Election Candidates

Minutes from the March Area Committee were left for Councillors to peruse.

Planning Applications were received and left for Community Councillors to peruse.

Marion advised the meeting of correspondence received from Mr Jim Milligan of Annan Town Band who had requested a grant to purchase new instruments.

A discussion took place regarding the distribution of MINSCA year 7 Money

It was agreed that the only project not completed last year, i.e. the repair of monuments at Whinney Rigg and Waterfoot would be completed this year a.s.a.p Tommy and Joyce to take forward. It was further decided that the MINSCA year 7 Money this year would be used for Community Council Projects as follows;

1. The purchase of a community bench per year
2. The purchase of substantial bulbs to be planted around the Royal Burgh
3. Purchase of remembrance day Crosses from The Royal British Legion (Scotland)
4. Grant to the Xmas Lights

Marion to notify the Town Band they should progress a grant for Musical Instruments from the Common Good Fund

### **Members Report**

**Joyce:** Had contacted Julie regarding the defibrillators and has had no response. Joyce is now Secretary of the John Steele Charity and it is hoped they will raise enough money for two defibrillators in the town. The locations have still to be discussed and agreed.

**Alan Kay:** Alan advised the meeting of a letter he had received regarding the article in the paper about the Zebra Crossing on hospital Road. This was a disgraceful letter and following a discussion it was agreed to file in file 13.

**Marion Stewart:** Nothing to report.



**Sylvia:** Sylvia has determined that the land on Lady Street/George Street is owned by the Council. Sylvia also brought up the issues of the land at Annan East turn off from the by-pass. It is being used as a dumping site. The meeting believes this land was taken over by the Development Agency when the by-pass was built. Councillor Ogilvie will ask Councillor Marshall if he has any information

**Bunty Taylor:** Raised the issue about the state of Newington Road. Councillor Ogilvie addressed this in his report.

**Tommy Woodman:** Nothing to Report

**Graeme Wellburn:** Nothing to report

**Walter:** Attended with Joyce the Station Adopters Meeting in Glasgow. This was an excellent day. They were well looked after and entertained. However, Walter could do with a hand from some of the other Community Councillors.

**Allan;** Allan will change address at Annandale Observer for the notification of meetings

**John:** Nothing to report

**Neil:** Nothing to report

**AOCB:** It was noted that although Loreburn Housing Association agreed to get back to us with final proposals for their Housing Development at Windemere they have not done so and building has now commenced without the Community Council knowing what it consists of.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

The next meeting will be the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2015 at 7pm