

*The Royal Burgh
Council*

Room, Annan
2015 @ 7pm



of Annan Community

Victoria Halls Meeting
Monday 14 September

Open Meeting and Welcome All

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AOCB

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday 12th October 2015 @ 7pm

Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 10th Aug 2015

The Chair Joyce Wylie welcomed all

Present:

Community Councillors: Neil MacIntyre, Allan Weild, Bunty Taylor, Alan Kay, John Bonner, Sylvia Moore.

D&G Councillors: Sean Marshall

In Attendance: Rod Edgar Press, Insp Graham Kerr

Members of the public

Apologies: Marion Stewart, Richard Brodie, Walter Hunt

Minute of 8/6/15: Approved by Sylvia Moore, Seconded by Allan Weild

Matters Arising:

Allan Weild reported that the MINSCA fund has now been deposited into the bank account

Police Report:

Insp Graham Kerr reported the following – Annan v QOS caused a few issues, known QOS supporters were kept out of the game and 2 people were removed from the game and banned for 4 months,

2 Break Ins & 1 Serious Assault

All galas across the region had went well

Community Safety Officer: No report.

Solway Tidal Project: Speaker – Nigel Catterson

Nigel gave an in depth presentation of the progress and benefits of the project. Construction has a cost of between £300 & £400 million with a 120 year design life. The scheme will eventually produce hydro energy for about 3 pence per KWH which is 30MW (UK GOV currently paying £305 MW) Mr Catterson said he thinks 29MW can be produced on an annual basis – 29MW per hour every hour. This would result in an income of £90 million.

The technology would generate energy as the tide rushes in and rushes out No detriment to wildlife, test already done with fish passing safely through

Five minute delay to the tide due to retention behind the gateway

Support for a pedestrian/cyclist bridge.

A live test site has been identified for the technology which is due to finish testing by March.

Treasures Report:

General Acc - £7637.68 – includes the MINSCA Fund

Web Acc - £1490.71

Correspondence:

Garden Comp : 4th August

Judges : Stephen & Marie McMinn (Eaglesfield Gardening Club)

Winner : Mr & Mrs D McDonald

Runner up : Les McQuade

Commercial Section

Winner : United Reform Church

Councillors Report : Sean Marshall

Sean Marshall reported on derelict properties mainly the iconic building which was formerly William Hill. He had touched base with William Hill who had previously said they would draw up plans to make the building wind & watertight and also aesthetically pleasing. What they have planned is better than expected. The programme of work will take 8-9 weeks and is scheduled for mid to late Aug with Downies Wynd being closed for 6 days at the end of Aug.

End of Oct building should be available for use or to sub-let.

Playpark issues- has had a couple of meetings with a committee being formed (20-30 members) who will going forward discuss location, equipment, costs and a development plan reporting back on a regular basis with findings and proposals. An option is to look for a key location to have a flagship large playpark unfortunately this may result in the loss of smaller parks.

Road Issues – Sean gave a report on potholes and verges eroding (pictures of areas in Annan) on a recent tour of the town in which Keith Brown was invited down to see. It was helpful to take Keith round as he could see first-hand the issues. Since this has happened some of the repairs have been actioned and Silverhill/Silvermount has full road resurfacing scheduled for the end of September and Prestonfield Road (cul-de-sac) full road resurfacing scheduled end of August.

Members Report :

Joyce Wylie – Reported that the info boards are now finished. Joyce has had all her complaints queries answered by CCES. West Scales meeting with Neil, nothing to report until approval. Community process for the Common Good Fund – Rhona has not responded, Joyce was going to speak to Jamie on the 11th Aug to try and set up a meeting and hopefully speed up the process and would let community councillors know date & time. Joyce is also speaking to George Moffat community payback, on cutting paths at Victorian walk and newbie path.

Neil MacIntyre – Neil has had all his complaints with the CCES promptly and efficiently. Himself and Joyce attended a meeting about West Scales but there will be nothing to report until approval. Neil also read out a letter from Wullie Finlay.

Allan Weild – Allan expressed concern that on the entry/exit to the everholm off

North St there was no handrail and this was a frequently used route.

Sean Marshall suggested they put a request in to the CCES for a handrail.

Sylvia Moore – Sylvia has walked and took photos of the newbie path as there is serious erosion and large holes along this path (someone fell in a hole) and with it being part of the official Annan walkway this needs to be rectified as it has gone on too long. Steps are overgrown with weeds. Speak to CCES who will direct where this should be reported too (hoddon & kinmount or other avenue)

Also asked about the garden programme as the flats in Drummond Rd have had nothing done with the rose beds. Sean Marshall said DGHP should be complained to. At Gateside Cottages there is a very bad hole which Sylvia will report to the council, must make sure she gets a ref number

Alan Kay – Expressed that the advertising on the street furniture should be a standardised sign and in Black/Gold (willing to do the design)

John Bonner – A reminder that there will be a common good fund meeting and was sending out an email to confirm date.

Bunty Taylor – Expressed concern at the process for fixing pothole as she has seen 6 holes in a road but only 3 were fixed

Public Forum:

Douglas Boyd expressed concern that there were no timetables at the Butt St bus stance as the electronic signs only showed the next hour. Sean Marshall assured him that these were in place.

Don Barty said that a letter he had sent in for distribution to the community council (this letter was also in the Observer) had not had the points discussed. Both John Bonner & Alan Kay requested a copy of this letter from Joyce.

Don also wanted to let the community council know that a lot of work was going on behind the scenes at the Common Good Fund and that people need to be familiar with the Community Bill Sec 6 and the impact this would have on community councils

AOCB – It was brought to Joyce's attention that the road from Elmvale to the back of the hill people are unable to walk along, Joyce reporting to the CCES The moat is receiving little or no maintenance and there are cracked manhole covers along with the neglect of the Victoria Hall, who is responsible for this upkeep?

John Bonner also brought to the meetings attention that the padlock put on the gate into the everholm had lasted a month and now this gate was unlocked. Joyce will look into this matter.

Marion Stewart offered to be secretary at the last Community Council meeting (30/7/15) and has now taken up the position

The meeting closed at 20:55

The next meeting will be the 14th Sept 2015 at 7pm