



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

The Chair Joyce Wylie welcomed all

Present:

Community Councillors: Neil MacIntyre, Allan Weild, Bunty Taylor, John Bonner, Sylvia Moore, Walter Hunt, Marion Stewart, Graeme Wellburn

D&G Councillors: Sean Marshall, Ian Carruthers

In Attendance: Rod Edgar, PC Ian Leggett, Jamie Nicholson

Apologies: Richard Brodie, Alan Kay, Tommy Woodman, Rhona McCarton

Minute of 10/8/15: Approved by Allan Weild, Seconded by Neil MacIntyre

Matters Arising:

Steps repair has been started at Greenbank which Allan had brought up with CCES, Sylvia also suggested that a gate was needed. This was discussed further when Jamie Nicholson gave her report on this matter.

Amendment: Don Barty, a lot of work was going on behind the scenes to look at all assets of the Common Good

Police Report:

PC Ian Leggett reported the following – 7 Assaults, 4 of which were domestic incidents.

7 Thefts, 1 mobile phone taken at Pinneys, 3 house break ins, 2 shoplifting at Tesco along with the theft of £50 cash a female found and pocketed after a customer dropped it.

8 Vandalisms, 3 cars damaged, 2 houses in Hilview Cresc received damaged to windows, window smashed in Bruce St.

7 Drug Offences, 2 males to be reported for possession of controlled drugs, 2 males charged in separate incidents, 1 female charged with possession, 2 drug warrants executed and 2 persons to be reported.

7 BOP, 3 which were domestic incidents, 4 for using abusive behaviour in separate incidents

2 males arrested for breach of bail and reported to PF, 1 person issued a ticket for urinating in the street, 1 female drinking in the street, 1 male charged with telecommunication offences, 1 female to be reported for racially abusing a young female.

1 fraud, a person paid a large amount of money to an overseas company and has lost a large amount of money. 11 Road Traffic incidents, 5 of which were parking tickets, 3 no seat belt, 2 using mobile phones, 1 no insurance



Community Safety Officer: No report.

Treasures Report: Current Acc - £7374.93

Web Acc - £1515.71

£21.25 unrepresented cheque.

Report on meeting with Rhona Lewis -

Marion`s report with her meeting with Rhona Lewis on the 2/9/15 was read out at the Community Council meeting. Marion stated that the meeting was productive and successful and a lot was learned from the process. As advised by Rhona, Marion has contacted Alison to look in the Archives for rules made up by Steve Southam. Going forward rules will be collated from Common Good Committee also and a meeting set up to revise and make new rules which should be revised every year.

Correspondence:

Invitation from Food Train to attend their AGM

Thank you card received from Stephen & Marie McMinn for the voucher and for asking them to judge the garden competition.

Letter received thanking for the correspondence with regards to the delivery of the unpaid work team for works at Victoria Walk and Newbie Path, comments forwarded to manager Margaret Miller.

Invitation from Rt Hon David Mundell to Lottery Funding Roadshow, Thur 24th Sept, 3pm-5:30pm at Moffat. Joyce attending along with anyone who wishes to go.

Jamie Nicholson- Jamie had an update on what work had been done so far at Greenbank, 2 site visits and 2 steps repaired at the top of North St. Costing is being done for a metal handrail. Marion was concerned that the work did not include the loose stone surface of the steps. Allan also brought up concern for the lack of parking restrictions on North St and urged that that these be put in place to prevent children coming of the steps and stepping out between parked cars. Jamie is taking all these issues on board and will pass to the relevant people.

The steps at at the Marie Curie Cancer Field would cost £1000s to fix and they are very steep and quite dangerous so the action may be taken to close them and just have one good set of steps. Support for this was voiced but Marion was concerned that these would be closed and then nothing done with the other steps. Ian Carruthers suggested that there should be a presentation by DG First before any backing was given.

Issues also raised with Jamie were – the neglect of the Everholm, Allan stated there were nettles up to 6ft high and at the top end towards the river was a disgrace. Also the closure of part of the Annandale way over 2 years ago, the original path is still in daily use. Jamie passing comment on to Robert



Lowther.

Rubbish being left on the football pitch is another issue, Jamie said that those who rent the field are responsible for clearing up and will ensure that reminders are issued when bookings are done.

John asked about the issue with the padlock disappearing from the gate and who is responsible for this? Jamie said L&S lock it every time they use it and workmen have a key and should be locking it too, on 2 occasions they have had the chain cut. Jamie is going to look into this situation.

Councillors Report : Sean Marshall

Sean reported that the work on William Hill building was now complete and had spoken to G Bailey who said they were actively looking to market the rest of the lease.

The Albert Hall in Port St is being primed to become a gymnastics facility and the owner is engaged in talks with The Prince Regeneration Trust which is well advanced, looking to put together a list of potential funders and get things in place quickly.

There has been more interest in the Erskine Church, turning it into residential development.

Playpark – Committee has been very active and a meeting is planned for 17th Sept

Road Issues – Sean was back round the roads Fri 11/9/15 and a couple of major resurfacing has been done. More work has been added to the schedule and sean has asked for a progress report.

McNeish Drive/Mathieson Terr has been added to next year but needs interim fixing.

Kimmeter Wynd/Howgill Brae have limited funding for this but patching must be done urgently.

Requirement on Elm Road pathway to be done, emailed issues but not progressed.

Windermere Road is a major capitol scheme. Joyce said the the banking just needed cut back and the 3 islands that are in place now are useless, not safe for children.

Scheme to be developed with regards to the de-clutter of street furniture.

2 to 3 people had complained to Sean about the traffic lights at Butts St/Fish Cross not being in synch which is causing backlog with traffic, there is now some improvement.

A reminder that Annan`s day of the region launch is 18th Sept at St Columba`s primary with a full day of events on Sat 19th Sept.



Members Report :

Joyce Wylie – Reported that the manhole cover at the everholm has been replaced, Victoria Walk was complete and had all holes filled in 3 days with community payback.

A lady at the day centre had complained about notices at the public toilets, being reported to CCES by Joyce.

Thanks to Ryan Kennedy for draining the footpath at the chapel of rest on Carlisle road.

Reminder to everyone that nomination forms must be in for 25th Sept. A form being sent to Tommy.

Neil MacIntyre – Reported that after 2 and half years the up lights and cracked paving were being replaced at the war memorial.

Running order for the Remembrance Sunday Parade is to be completed.

Wreath ordered for the Community Council

Sending letter of thanks to CCES as they are doing a great job.

Allan Weild – Allan brought up the issue of dog waste bins, Wallace cresc has been taken out of service and there was nothing on North St. Marion said she had reported about Watch Hall and the community warden had been chased up but nothing done. Suggested getting routes together and putting in a request.

There are faded st signs in town, to contact Linda Rogerson to get replaced MINSKA funding started for bulbs, suggested they be put at Seaforth Park, Battery St, Brydekirk road end, North St at the caravan park. Suggested that the residents at Seaforth could do the planting and to ask the Boys Brigade if they could help also. Allan is going to get costing for bulbs from John Mackie. Graeme said the scouts could do North St and Annan Old Parish will be doing it themselves.

Allan also said a bench was needed at Riverpark. Council will get and Community Council will pay. Budget is £1000 and Marion will arrange this. Allan proposed to up the Xmas Lights donation from £350 to £500, this was seconded by John Bonner and all agreed.

Sylvia Moore – Sylvia reported the pot holes in Greencroft Wynd through the CCES. Newbie Path has had work done but it is not perfect.

Sylvia also brought up the issue with dog bins, none at Northfield Park and Galabank Park has no proper dog bin just a general waste bin which is not in an appropriate position. Cost of maintenance marion will look into.

Graham Wellburn – No report

John Bonner – No report

Walter Hunt – No report

Bunty Taylor – Pleased with the flower boxes in town, looking very good and



also thinks commendation should be given to shopkeepers who are putting out flowers to enhance the town.

Marion Stewart – An issue has arisen with a disabled driver from McMurdo with regards to a parking space. The lady owns her house and has asked about the possibility of getting a disabled parking space outside her house. The Blue Badge scheme states that you can ask local authority for a form which this lady did and got a letter back saying “its nothing to do with them its DGHP”. This application was passed to DGHP who will not do it either. How can someone own their house and not get a disabled parking space because the land is owned by DGHP. Issue not resolved yet. Ian Carruthers is willing to help Marion with this issue. Sean has maps of who owns land and said there has been 3 or 4 done on council owned land. Marion to send sean details and he will follow up.

Marion also spoke to Sheila Filmer about the garden situation which was dealt with very promptly, local office was very helpful

Public Forum:

Don Barty thanked the community council for the donation to the xmas lights fund. They had also received £1500 from the common good committee for xmas lights. He also congratulated Marion on the questions put forward to Rhona Lewis.

Mary Hollern expressed concern on the position of 160ft pilons and asked what the Community Councils position was with this? Joyce said that they had the info on this but as it wasn't within our Burgh the Community Council couldn't comment but will fully support Community Councils in the areas it will affect. Mary was advised to speak to councillors about this issue.

Andrew Wilson said that he was very pleased with the rigorous questions about the Common Good.

The meeting closed at 20:45

The next meeting will be the 12th Oct 2015 at 7pm