



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 11th January 2016

Joyce Wylie, Chair welcomed all

Present:

Community Councillors: Joyce Wylie, Marion Stewart, Allan Weild, Bunty Taylor, Walter Hunt, John Bonner, Andrew Wilson

D&G Councillors: Councillors Richard Brodie

In Attendance: Rod Edgar, Annandale Observer, Don Barty

Apologies: Sean Marshall, Alan Kay, Neil MacIntyre, Rhona McCarton, Chani Irving

Minute of 14/12/15 The Chair advised the meeting there was no minute at present because of an accident to Chani's laptop. She hopes to have it available as soon as possible. Marion will let Alison Ferguson at Town Hall know.

The Chair advised that a request from Rhona McCarton to be co-opted to the Community Council had been received. However Rhona is unwell and unable to attend. The request will be held over to the next meeting.

Police Report: PC Alan Wilson reported as follows: 12 Assaults, 17 Breach of the Peace, 14 Thefts, 7 Vandalisms, 2 Civic Government Offences, 4 Drugs offences, 1 Section 57 offence.

Road Traffic: 19 Speeding Offences, 1 Solid White Line Offence, 1 No Insurance, 3 Tacograph offences, 2 Construction and use, 1 Careless driving, 1 Dangerous driving, 1 No MOT, 1 Mobile phone, 1 Drink driver, 1 DYL.

Initiatives ongoing: Pubwatch on-line is progressing well with further bans being proposed.

Community Issues: No reported crime in the Hillview area over the past month. 3 calls of anti-social behaviour. All youths identified in this behaviour have been visited and spoken to in the presence of their parents. Additional patrols have been taking place, with the support Team from Glasgow.

Community Warden Report: No report

Treasurers Report: Allan reported: General Account £5531.63 with no outstanding payments to be made and The Web Account is £1547.71 with one account to be paid.

Correspondence:

Marion advised the meeting of correspondence received from Common Good with one application for a grant. The Christmas Light Committee are asking for £1,000. A discussion took place and following a unanimous vote it was agreed to support the claim on condition there is sufficient funds available.

Notification of changes to Greencroft Wynd have been received with plans to install humps at entrance, no vehicles except for access and a 20 mile speed limit. Drawings were left for Councillors to peruse.

Newsletters received from NHS for new hospital project. Lorburn Housing newsletter received

Councillors Report Councillor Brodie began his report with a thank you to Council Staff who had worked very hard over the festive season dealing with the flood problems.

The Scottish Government have also made available money for flood victims and this is being distributed from today onwards.



Budget: The Council has to make savings of £22M. This is one of the worst in Scotland made twice as bad because we have the lowest Council Tax in Scotland with no prospects of this being increased. Therefore the savings will have to be made from Services and jobs. Discussions will have to take place about what services the Council will deliver, they have a statutory duty to deliver education and social work therefore other services will have to be looked at.

Members Report

Marion: Advised of a stolen car in Wood Avenue, the car has been found and a person is being charged.

Sylvia: Some people had been asking for more dog bins, A discussion to place and it was agreed that Community Councillors should contact the Council and ask for an ordinary bin as no more dog bins are being provided.

Sylvie also ask for progress on the New Play Park and asked if the old nursery site is being considered. Councillor Brodie advised that the committee were looking at various sites but no decision had been made.

Sylvia also asked for an update on her request for the bridges to be inspected. Joyce advised that the bridge had been inspected on the 8th of December including underwater inspection. (Stuart Ritson Council Officer). She was advised to send a CCS request for maintenance of the Jubilee Bridge and Cuthbertson Bridge.

Nothing to report from, Walter, John, and Andrew

Allan: Allan advised he had tried to get an update on the Steps at Galabank and was told that responses to CCS enquiries go to Neil or Joyce. Councillor Brodie advised that the work on the steps should start soon.

Joyce: Advised that she had been contacted about the fencing at John Bell Garden Plots where the fence had been blown down and now people were using the area to walk there dogs and now there is dog fouling on the plots. Joyce sent a CCS request and had been advised this is being looked at. Joyce again raised the issue about the length of time the crossing light is on for people to cross at the High Street. We were advised by the Police that after the green crossing light goes out there is still 1 minute before the traffic lights start the sequence.

Joyce also distributed Community Council badges that she had got done at no cost. A gift had been sent and MS will do a formal thank you letter.

Public Forum Don Barty wished to thank the Community Council for endorsing the Christmas Light Committee claim for a grant from the Common Good. He also asked if the Community Council could enquire about Wi-fi access in the meeting room. Joyce will take this forward

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Allan asked for an update on the Bench to be bought from the Minsca Money. Marion contacted Lynn Everett and she is sending us a broucher.

Marion advised it was time to send out renewal notices for advertising on the Community Council advertising Boards. A discussion took place and it was decided that current advertisers would be contacted and given first opportunity and then if there are spaces new advertisers can be sought. The cost is to remain at £50 per year plus £130 set up costs for new advertisers.

Date of next meeting: 8thFebruary 2016 at 7pm