



## Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Joyce Wylie, Chair welcomed all

Present:

**Community Councillors**: Joyce Wylie, Marion Stewart, Allan Weild, Bunty Taylor, Walter Hunt, John Bonner, Rhona McCarton, Sylvia Moore, Lewis McDougall, Neil MacIntyre

**D&G Councillors**: Councillor Richard Brodie, Councillor Sean Marshall, Councillor Ronnie Ogilvie, Councillor Iain Carruthers

**In Attendance**: Rod Edgar, Annandale Observer, John Ramage

**Apologies**: Alan Kay,

**Minute of 11/1/16** The minute was prosed by Allan Weild and Seconded by Walter Hunt.

**Minute of Extra Ordinary Meeting of 16/1/16** This minute was approved by John Bonner and seconded by Walter Hunt

Neil MacIntyre presented a note of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> December for consideration by the meeting. This was approved by Allan Weild and seconded by Walter Hunt.

**Matters Arising from minute of 11/1/16** Marion advised that a number of benches had been identified for purchase. The design and purchase to be left to Marion and Allan Weild.

Joyce advised that the Countryside Ranger is responsible for the maintenance of the Jubilee Bridge and Cuthbertson Bridge and they will be inspected in the Spring.

**Police Report**: PC Ian Leggett reported as follows: 5 Assaults, 4 Breach of the Peace, 9 Thefts, 10 Vandalisms, 1 Civic Government Offences, 1 person will be reported to the Youth Justice system for shining a laser pen into someone's eye, 2 x Bail Offences and 1 Fraud

### **Road Traffic**:

3 Parking tickets issued at Galabank (No issues at Northgate) 1 No Insurance, 1 Fixed penalty notice

**Significant Occurrences**: 2 Greenock Morton supporters were arrested prior to the kick off in the game between Annan and Greenock Morton for abusive behaviour

**Initiatives ongoing**: Pubwatch on-line is progressing well three Annan pubs were presented as follows: Blue Bell – Silver Award  
The Shed – Silver Award  
The Corner House – Bronze Award

**Community Issues**: Work still being undertaken as part of ongoing Operation Resolve to deal with anti-social behaviour.

Marion asked if parking restrictions could be looked at for Newington School. She also suggested that a possible car park could be created by taking some of the playing field away or



the green area behind the old Springbells Hospital. This area is prone to flooding and it could solve two problems. PC Leggett said this could be one solution

**Community Warden Report:** No report

The Chair presented the Royal Burgh of Annan Community Resilience Plan. Following a vote the plan was agreed. A meeting will be arranged with Steven Wylie to submit the plan.

The Chair called for a vote to Co-op Rhona McCarton on the Community Council as a full member. The vote was unanimous to agree.

**Treasurers Report:** Allan reported: General Account £5531.63 with £1000 ring fenced for remaining Minsca projects It was agreed that the Jubilee Gardens would get the remaining shrubs as our contribution to the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday clean up project. The Web Account is £1463.71 with one account to be paid.

**Correspondence:**

Marion advised a letter had been received from the Tennis Club requesting assistance to help train members to ATP level. This will ensure all training sessions will be undertaken by fully qualified instructors. Following a vote it was agreed to donate £300.

Neil will contact the two Pigeon Fanciers who donated a cheque to discuss how this should be used.

**Councillors Report**

**Councillor Ogilvie:** advised that he had a number of complaints about the standard of road repairs in Standalane. The Contractor has been told to come back and fix it before he is paid. Councillor Ogilvie also advised the issue around Greencroft Wynd will be going back to Area Committee following the number of complaints regarding proposals. He also acknowledge the Community Council petition. Councillor Ogilvie advised on the following:

The play structure in Newington Park was only removed as a new unit is being installed.

The surface at the Zip Wire at the Everholm is to be changed

The hedge at Hecklegirth Park has been removed

The hedge at the park behind Newington Leisure Centre is also to be removed and drainage work done.

The furniture at the Trim Track has to be removed

Questionnaire regarding the siting of a Super Park is to be launched

**Councillor Carruthers:** Advised the Budget should be finalised by end of February and the Council Tax will be set at same time. There had been no time to consult fully this year (although there was consultation on a three year budget last year) this is due to the late notification of further savings required by the Scottish Parliament. He also advised there is to be a Refuse Collection Rationalisation programme piloted in Newton Stewart and then rolled out to the rest of the region. Walter Hunt advised there has been no Trade Union input or Driver input. Annan Common Good Fund has now lost a large funding stream and a report will be presented to the Common Good Committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.



**Councillor Marshall:** Councillor Marshall advised that the additional 4.5% cut to the Council budget is unprecedented when in fact the Scottish Government budget from Westminster has only been cut by 1.5%. He advised that the Administration will not support the closure of Newington Leisure Centre. Councillor Marshall also advised the following:  
Carrs Billington will improve the appearance of the site at the corner of Port Street  
There will be a new consultation process about Elm Road.  
Hecklegirth Development by Education Department was something muted some years ago and local Councillors have not been consulted on this proposal by Council Officers. However the local Councillors are now seeking consultation. There was a suggestion that this development could be offered up as a savings

### **Members Report**

**John** Advised the next meeting of the Common Good Committee would be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. There will be one agenda item; Fishing and the effect on the Common Good Fund. John requested as many Community Councillors as possible attend

**Marion:** Advised of a stolen car in Wood Avenue, this is the same car that was stolen 4 weeks ago. This time the car was smashed and found at Watchhall

**Sylvia:** advised there had been a number of complaints about sunken graves at the Cemetery. Councillors advised that the weather had been so bad the Council has been unable to do the work required but this will be done as soon as the weather improves.

Nothing to report from, Walter, Bunty and Rhona

**Allan:** Allan advised the steps at Greenbank are progressing. He had a meeting on site with Ronnie Bell regarding the Disabled parking at the Fish Cross. It was agreed that the signs and Road Markings will be repainted and look at possible restricted parking in the future.

**Joyce:** Advised the Haste Ye Back signs coming in to Annan will be put back up. She also advised we should be thinking about the Young Citizen interviews. Marion and Allan to conduct interviews this year.

**Public Forum** John Ramage advised he will be happy to provide the 4 Wheel Drive and Generators if required for the Resilience Plan.

Eric asked on Don Barty's behalf about the Community Council tabling his questions at the Common Good Committee. Eric was advised that Don could put any questions he has directly to the Chair of the Committee and he will consider them.

### **AOCB**

It was agreed that the Community Council's project for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday clean up will be Jubilee Gardens.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7pm