



## **Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Joyce Wylie, Chair welcomed all

A Cheque for £300 was presented to Mark Sindall from Seaforth Tennis Club

Present:

**Community Councillors:** Joyce Wylie, Marion Stewart, Allan Weild, Bunty Taylor, Walter Hunt, Rhona McCarton, Sylvia Moore, Lewis Douglas, Neil MacIntyre alan Kay

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

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Carruthers

**Minute of 8/2/16** the minute was prosed by Neil MacIntyre and Seconded by Sylvia Moore

**Matters arising from minute of 8/2/16** there were no Matters Arising

**Police Report:** Sgt Wilson presented the following report: 11 Assaults (4 relating to domestic violence) 5 Breach of the Peace (1 relating to domestic violence) 4 incidents of Antisocial Behaviour including Neighbour disputes, stones thrown at Elmvale Primary, noisy vehicles in Windermere Road and behaviour at Annan Harbour. Enquiries have led to all involved being identified and appropriate actions and follow up being progressed, 6 Theft related crimes, 15 Vandalisms, incidents of graffiti around the town have been reported and there have been some house windows broken, damage to vehicles and gardens. 1 Civic Government Offence, Male person issued with a FPT for urinating in Lady Street.

### **Road Traffic:**

14 incidents are reported in relation to persons being reported for a wide variety of Road Traffic offences including, speeding, careless driving, driving document offences causing obstruction.

**Community Issues:** Work still being undertaken as part of the ongoing Operation Resolve to deal with anti-social behaviour issues. Lots of good work has already been undertaken in this regard and this includes Police Scotland working with Youth Justice, Education, NHS, Social Work, the Council and other agencies and partners to effectively engage with young people involved in ASB and to take steps to prevent similar types of behaviour.

### **Speeding Campaign – Cut your speed to save lives**

Motorists are being warned to cut their speed and help save lives in a week long campaign from 7 March – 14 March.

**Community Warden Report:** No report

**Treasurers Report:** Allan reported: General Account £5091.63 The Web Account is £1463.71 with one account to be paid.



## **Resilience Plan**

It was agreed to adopt the updated plan and leave Joyce and Allan to put in a Funding Request Joyce will arrange a visit to the Bunker at Dumfries for the Community Councillors.

## **Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Flowers are all ordered for Jubilee Gardens. The ground is to be prepared by the Council and John McKie will provide shrubs. The Scouts have planted bulbs at Galabank, The Boys Brigade have planted bulbs at Battery Street and the Residents will undertake planting in Seaforth Avenue.

Joyce advised that the Community Pay-Back team will clean up the area at Back Lady Street

## **Correspondence:**

Marion advised of a Community Councillors training course being run in Glasgow. As some of our members are undertaking training locally it was agreed we would not attend.

Notice of the forthcoming Scottish Parliament elections have been received for display

Confirmation of the order for a Bench has been received and we are now awaiting delivery Notification from the Council that Grass Cutting in closed cemeteries will now be done by the Community Payback team. In our area that is: Annan Old Parish Church, Annan Town Hall, Annan Old (Behind Lodge)

Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Commemorative Medal – Following a discuss it was agreed to purchase 50 (Marion to arrange)

Email from Alistair Campbell regarding works to be carried out on High Street in July. Marion to write back advising our concerns and requesting work be done in September

## **Councillors Report**

**Councillor Ogilvie:** advised that the new Play frame has now been installed at Newington Park. Following discussions with Robert Lowther the Pavilion and Ever Holm will be tidied up. The Super Park team did a fundraising at Tesco, Bag Packing which was very successful.

**Councillor Marshall:** Annan Regeneration Group to look at parking/coach parking on the High Street and other areas of the town. They will also look at how to improve the entrances to Annan. A Derelict and Empty Buildings Strategy is being undertaken. There is interest from DGHP and other Social Landlords in the Bus Depot.

Kwik Save in Annan is closing. This is where Post Office is situated. Co-op are looking for smaller premises in Annan. There has been movement in the Annan Business Park. A Sizeable Development is considering moving in and some smaller units now filled.

E & I Committee: Surface Roads, footways and drainage for A & E will include: surface dressing McNeish Drive, and Fieldside. Footways - Annerley Road, Charles Street, Solway Street, Scott Street and Greencroft Wynd in conjunction with Traffic Management scheme. Drainage – Annan to Holinlee Dornock

Weyrock is in a terrible state Community Council already written to Council asking when this is to be demolished.

## **Councillor Brodie**

The recent decision by the Scottish Government has sounded a death knell of fishing in Scotland.



The Harbour Group are working with Police Scotland regarding CCTV in the area. 18 people have had fixed penalty notices issued.

Survey Monkey – Lewis advised that you have to tick unsubscribe to stop getting surveys. Budget Cuts to transport is over £300,000. Town services in the evening and Sundays could be affected

## **Members Report**

**Rhona** Advised that the fallen grave stones have now been sorted

**Alan Kay:** Reported contractors have only filled the windows at the Town Hall with putty and painted over it. This is no good. It should be a proper repair. Alan spoke the contractors who advised this was the specification they got for the work. Joyce requested the Councillors investigate with CCS to ascertain what scope of work was.

**Allan Weild:** Allan advised it was Minsca Time again and asked for ideas to be brought forward to the next meeting.

**Lewis Douglas:** Advised that the school Boiler is being repaired and is concerned that the classrooms are not properly heated. Heaters provided by DG First are ancient. Advised Lewis to speak to Head Master as he is responsible for H & S.

**Andrew:** Nothing to report

**Walter:** Nothing to report

**Bunty:** Bunty asked the reason for the Library being closed and moved to Town Hall. This suggestion is inappropriate as a short term solution a waste of money. Councillor Marshall not happy either about proposal. The current building is unsafe. Decision to integrate Libraries and Registration was taken as a Budget Saving a few years ago and has gone ahead in other areas.

**Sylvia:** Also advised that graves have been sorted at cemetery. Sylvia advised that the Millennium Bridge needs cleaned as it is covered in mud she was advised that Richard Masters is the person to contact. Sylvia advised that the trees had been cut down in Muirfield Gardens. She was advised that this is DGHP's responsibility and that new trees will be planted in their place

**Marion:** Nothing to report

**Neil:** Nothing to report

**Joyce:** Advised that John Warwick had given a good presentation

**Public Forum** Eric Dodd reported that at a recent Woodland Trust Meeting he attended during the Q & A section they were advised of an organisation that will plant fruit trees in schools. Would the Community Council consider funding this from Minsca money. It was agreed he will bring more information to the next meeting.



Mark Sindall from the Tennis Club asked if the Community Council would get involved in keeping Beat the Street going by providing signposting for walks etc. It was agreed to get feedback from the organisers from the most recent Beat the Street venture.

### **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 9.05pm

Date of next meeting: AGM 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016