



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 9th May 2016

Marion Stewart, Secretary welcomed all Community Councillors and members of the public

Present:

Community Councillors: Marion Stewart, Allan Weild, Bunty Taylor, Sylvia Moore, Lewis Douglas, Alan Kay, Walter Hunt

D&G Councillors: Councillor Sean Marshall,

In Attendance: Rod Edgar, Annandale Observer, John Ramage, Inspector Graham Kerr

A large number of members of the public were in attendance regarding the presentation of plans for a Tourist Park next to the River.

Apologies: Robert Piercy, Community Warden, Joyce Wylie, Neil MacIntyre

Minute of 11/04/16 the minute, following amendments was prozed by Sylvia Moore and Seconded by Allan Weild

Matters arising from minute of 11/04/16. : The proposed road works on the High Street have been moved to September. The Queens 90th Birthday Medals had arrived

Police Report: Inspector Graham Kerr felt the incident at disabled bay on High Street where a Police Vehicle was photographed parked in a disabled bay had been blown out of proportion and some of the comments on face book were unjustified.

Police had been dealing with anti-social behaviour at the Pavilion at the Everholm and also some youths had gained entry to the swimming pool. They had also dealt with a number of incidents where parked cars were vandalised.

Bunty asked the Inspector if there were still Community Officers going around. He replied yes. Marion asked if there was a dedicated community officer at Annan Academy. He replied yes but he is off long term sick.

Presentation

Mr Henry McClelland gave a presentation on plans drawn up on behalf of the Kerr Group. Following the presentation there were a number of questions from the floor. The public were very concerned about this development as there had been no consultation with the public. Mr McClelland explained that the plans had not been presented anywhere yet and the purpose of this meeting was simply following a request from the Regeneration Steering Group to bring the plans to the Community Council meeting. A number of members of the public expressed their concern regarding the proposals as development on this area had been tried before and been turned down and that this land is designated Green Land on the Council's Development Plan

Treasurers Report: Allan reported: General Account £4907.25 The Web Account is £1567.21

Correspondence

Marion advised the meeting of a request for funding from the Christmas Lights Committee. Following a discussion it was agreed to give £850



Councillors Report

Councillor Sean Marshall reported as follows:

The next Annan Steering Group has been rescheduled

Improvements to the High Street to start on 6th September for 6 weeks

Seafield Wood Lorries – The drivers have been advised and reminded of the route to the sawmill

The Family Centre at Hecklegirth: The Councillors agreed that this needs further consultation before a decision is reached.

The Weyroc Factory: Demolition has been agreed when funding is earmarked.

Drains have been cleaned on Stapleton Road

Following a dispute with Shanks the recycling centre will revert back to the old council hours
McNeish Drive to be resurfaced.

Members Report

Alan Kay: Alan advised that the cemetery is looking very unkempt with litter probably blowing in from the car park. He also advised the new play park at Turnberry Road is covered with litter.

Allan Weild: Allan advised he has had complaints from tenants in Caledonian Crescent regarding paving slabs. He has reported this

Lewis Douglas: Nothing to report

Bunty: advised that the state of the road in Standalane following the poor work carried out has not been sorted out

Sylvia: Sylvia asked when people apply for grants from the Area Committee. And are they advertised. Councillor Marshall advised this is advertised in Annandale Observer before each financial year. Sylvia also advised that she had been told that soil had been deposited on the Beckfoot site that was causing road safety issues. Sylvia also advised that the Riverwalk path/steps are not fit for purpose and has been a total waste of money.

Marion: nothing to report

Walter: nothing to report

Public Forum George Willacy advised that a drain has collapsed at Waterfoot and this is the only access to the shore. Emergency vehicles cannot reach the mouth of the estuary. He also believed that Whinnyrigg is Common Good Land



AOCB

Marion advised that the Young Citizen interviews would be taking place next week and that all participants would get a Queens 90th Birthday medal.

Marion advised that Bob Bryson from the Council had advised of a name for the housing development just beyond the Football Club. The suggested name is Galabank Gardens. This was approved unanimously. Marion will contact Bob with outcome.

A discussion took place on proposals for Minsca money this year. The outcome was as follows:

St Columba's Parent Council - £250
Christmas Lights - £350
Refurbish Cycle Clubhouse - £350
Seat - £1000
Remembrance Sunday - £150

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: AGM 11th April 2016