



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 8th August 2016

Joyce Wylie, Chairperson, welcomed all Community Councillors and members of the public

Present:

Community Councillors: Joyce Wylie, Marion Stewart, Allan Weild, Bunty Taylor, Sylvia Moore, Walter Hunt, Rhona McCarton

D&G Councillors: No Councillors present

In Attendance: Rod Edgar, Annandale Observer, PC Alan Wilson, Robert Piercy Community Safety Officer, Alison Menzies, Terry Smith, Barbara Lewis, Mark Sindall

Apologies: Neil MacIntyre, Alan Kay, Lewis Douglas, Councillor Ronnie Ogilvie

Minute of 9/05/16 the minute, was prosed by Bunty Taylor and Seconded by Walter Hunt

Matters arising from minute of 9/05/16. : No matters arising

Police Report: PC Alan Wilson advised the meeting that cones are put out for football matches at Galabank and collected in later. There were a lot of complaints about parking at the Youth Tournament that took place at Galabank. PC Wilson issued 3 fixed penalty notices that day. However he advised that the club had come to an agreement with the Caravan Park that 30 spaced will be available for parking on match days at a charge of £1.00. He further advised that PC Neil Graham will no longer be the Academy police officer and he will be taking over that role but will not be based there. PC Wilson advised that he had been in discussions with the Council roads department and Elmvale school regarding parking. Marion advised that we had been notified of proposals for restricted parking at the school and passed round the proposals.

Crime reports as follows: 27 vandalisms, 17 theft and associated including shoplifting, 17 Common assaults, including Residential Care Homes and Domestic Violence, 3 Fraud, Several fixed penalties have been issued including drinking in public places and urinating , 25 reports of Disorder, 11 reports of noisy neighbours, 2 Drink Drivers, there were no significant parking issues.

No issues during Annan ROM and no issues at the Annan v Motherwell football match

PC Wilson that consultation on local policing will be on line this year and encouraged people to take part.

101/999 Aware Campaign aimed at reducing the number of calls that are non-police related

Festival Safety campaign aimed at giving information on how to remain safe at summer festivals.

Community Safety Report: Robert Piercy gave his report to the meeting as follows: 5 reports of dog fouling in Scroggie Meadow, Butt Street Wallace Crescent, between Elmvale Primary school and the station and Queensberry Street. In some cases new signage will be erected. Robert reminded the meeting that if reporting dog fouling as much information as possible should be given (Name of dog walker and colour and type of dog)



2 reports of fly tipping at 1A-F Shawhill Road and the lane at the side of the Sue Ryder shop. Robert advised the meeting that unless there is evidence of who has dumped the items there is little chance of catching fly-tippers. All the Community Safety officers can do is advise DGHP/Council to remove and this costs money
Robert advised that 1 Fixed Penalty Notice had been issued in Douglas Gardens for Dog Fouling and 1 Fixed Penalty Notice issued for littering at the Harbour as a result of CCTV footage.

Treasurers Report: Allan reported: General Account £5112.54 The Web Account is £1706.65 £1800 of this money is earmarked for Minsca Grants. Marion advised that renewal letters have gone out in respect of advertising on notice boards.

Correspondence:

Marion advised thank you letter had been received from the Cycle Club and a thank you letter from ROM in respect of 90th birthday medals

A Focus Group in respect of survey last year on Youth Justice will take place on Wednesday 14th September at Municiple Chambers Dumfries from 12.30-14.30. A paper will be presented of Youth Justice information that has been developed in response to community councils participation. Joyce Wylie will attend

Notification of Traffic Regulation order in respect of Wood Avenue around Elmvale School (Already discussed in Police Report)

Joyce advised the meeting she had spoken to Gus McIntyre from CLD. A Newsletter was passed round. He would like to come to a meeting to speak to Community Councillors.

Joyce also advised that Irene Hurst contacted her regarding the work carried out on the windows at the town hall. She has arranged for Property Services to come and inspect the work.

Councillors Report

No Reports

Members Report

Marion Stewart: Concern raised about the number of businesses using the pavement outside there business to display there stock and the Electric Cigarette shop using a bill board to advertise their stock. This is encroaching on the public pathway. Posters are again appearing on street furniture, mainly the Arts Festival. Marion will contact Council to speak to Greig Douglas

Bunty: Nothing to report

Sylvia Moore: Sylvia produced photographs of the cemetery where graves have been repaired following sinking and/or another burial in the plot. This is a very poor job and is very unsightly. She will send in a CCES to Amanda.



Sylvia also reported pot holes at butt Street and Violet Bank Cottages. A CCES should be sent to Amanda.

Allan Weild: Allan advised he has still not heard back following a CCES submitted on 12th July regarding Disabled Parking at Fish Cross. Joyce advised that reply has maybe gone to Neil, she will chase this up. 3 Minsca projects still to be completed. 2 will be completed later this year, (Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Lights) and another bench to be purchased. Following a discussion it was agreed this should be sited somewhere near Watch Hall.

Allan raised his concerns about Community Councillors no attending meetings and reminded the meeting of the constitution that Community Councillors should attend at least half of the meetings in the financial year. He was also concerned that some Councillors/Community Councillors do not put in apologies

Walter: nothing to report

Rhona McCarton: Nothing to report but felt that someone should contact Tommy and enquire about his health.

Joyce Wylie: Joyce advised that she had attended the Regeneration meeting and they are now moving on to the phase of improving the High Street.

Joyce advised she had attended a meeting on the Day of the Region. It was agreed that this should be the same day at the Harbour Festival (17th September) the Rotary will run a bus from Tesco via High Street to the Harbour. Applications are available for organisations to take part in the day.

Public Forum Alison Menzies thanked the Community Council for their support in respect of the Safe Cycle to School route. This proposals are now back with the Council Planners and the Councillors to agree a revised proposal.

Terry Smith advised the meeting there has been planning permission submitted by the Cycle Club to site, on a temporary basis, a container on the land next to the Pavilion at the tennis courts. He believes this is the first stage of land grabbing of the area when they could easily use existing containers sited on the old Nursery site. The Cycle Club have a SLA agreement with the Council. Alison Menzies advised that residents from Seaforth Avenue are concerned that the container will impact on the outlook from their properties and also that the land was gifted in 1945 by the Minto family to the people of Annan on the condition that there will never be buildings put on the land. Residents have submitted objections to the Planning Permission and are looking for the Community Council to support them. Joyce Wylie advised the residents that they should contact their local Councillors about the matter as they will be the people either agreeing or not the planning permission. The Community Council will try to get a copy of the Minto Trust agreement.



AOCB

Marion advised the result of the Garden competition this year was:

1st Mr Tom Whitehill, Roscobie, Carlisle Road Annan

2nd Mr and Mrs McDonald, Plumdon Park, Annan

3rd Mr Neil Carlyle, 6 Wellington Street, Annan

Commended Mr Ian McArthur Blair, 19 Preston Gardens.

Commercial Winner United Reform Church.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: 12 September 2016 at 7pm