



## **Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

Present:

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

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

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

**Apologies:** Neil MacIntyre, Alan Kay,

**Minute of 8/08/16** the minute, was prosed by Sylvia Moore and Seconded by Rhona McCarton

**Matters arising from minute of 8/08/16. :** Marion asked what the arrangements were for the new parking facility for football fans at the Caravan Park. John Ramage replied he did not know anything about it and that nothing could be done until there is hard standing in the area.

**Police Report:** No Report

**Community Safety Report:** Robert Piercy advised on the following:

1. Fly tipping in Fieldside
2. Three traveller's caravans in John Bells car park. They were spoken to and left after three days did leave a bit of rubbish but not much.
3. Abandoned vehicle in George Street, Vehicle removed to an address in the town
4. Issues with campervan in Butt Street and John Bells car park. No issue as not breaking the law and nothing suspicious reported where it was parked
5. Report of drug misuse in Waterfoot Road. After investigation there was no evidence found but will keep an eye on the playing field there.
6. The alleyway between Wallace Crescent and Addison Place seems to have become a problem for dog fouling with up to 19 full bags being dumped there. A clean up has been arranged and low viz patrols will be in area.
7. Neighbour dispute on the outskirts of town. This is being investigated by Bryce Kelly
8. An address in Shawhill road is being pestered by people leaving Dog Fouling bags at the property. This is being watched carefully.
9. Fly tipping in Lindsay Court. Sofa and 2 mattresses. They have now been uplifted.
10. Reports of youths causing ASB in Kimmeter Wynd area and Craignair Park area.
11. Report of youths being seen in Newington School possibly up to no good
12. Further reports of youths making their way to the everholm with alcohol.
13. Elm Road, reports of 10/12 youths hanging about the area are causing concerns as property has been damaged in the past.
14. Millpark Crescent reports of up to 15 youths regularly in area thought to be drinking in one of the flats causing annoyance to local residents



15. Turnberry Road group of youths reported to be smashing bottles. Locals are concerned about their vehicles.

A heated discussion took place regarding bins. The Community Wardens are hitting a brick wall when asking for more bins/dog bins in the town. They are told there is no money for bins. Councillors agreed with this statement and said that they were struggling to service the bins they had. Marion suggested that if the Councillors consulted with the community they represented they would find that most of the complaints are about dog fouling and rubbish. Surely the Councillors should be fighting for the wishes of the townsfolk and could the existing bins not be emptied by the Waste Collection vehicle when they are on their routes. Councillor Marshall suggested that a survey be carried out, similar to one done in Moffat to identify where bins are and where there are gaps.

**Treasurers Report:** Allan reported as follows: Web account £1596.55, ordinary account £5609.36. Some of this is ring-fenced for Minsca projects. £2931 available.

### **Presentation by Jamie Ferguson and Colleague, Dumfries and Galloway Council**

Jamie advised the Council wanted to re-establish the Paths Group (sub-group of Regeneration Group) The NHS and Education are also represented on the group. Alan Kay is our rep on the group. £5000 is available to the group to follow on from the successful Beat the Street Campaign run in Annan last year. The group has suggested a permanent legacy of last years campaign by instigating a 1 mile walk in the town incorporating part of the rout taken in Beat the Street.

Peter advised the meeting that a similar scheme is set up in Dalbeattie who also took part in the campaign. They have re-established a well know path in the town on a permanent basis for people to keep up the routine of walking.

The funding that is available could be used to set up the legacy in Annan and publicise it to encourage the people of Annan to walk more and enhance the community spirit generated during the Beat the Street Campaign. It was agreed that Alan Kay should remain the Community Council's rep on this group and report back on developments

### **Joyce introduced Alan Thomson, Development Officer – Annan Harbour**

Alan outlined to the meeting his role and some of the projects he will be developing within the group.

### **Correspondence**

Marion advised on a letter received from the Roads Department regarding the Street Naming of the residential development off Solway Street. The name suggested is Seaforth Gardens. This was unanimously agreed.

A Letter had been received from Buckingham Palace thanking the Community Council for their good wishes to the queen on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and sending us all her best wishes.



## **Councillors Report**

**Councillor Marshall** advised the meeting of the following discussed at the recent Regeneration Meeting:

Progress on derelict buildings at: **William Hills**, The outside of the building has been painted but no progress in finding a tenant for the remainder of the lease. **Erskin Church**. The Council is to push forward with this. **Carrs Premises**, The owners are actively trying to sell this site.

Station Gateway and Gateways at other entrances of the town were discussed and there will be consultation on Public Realm.

John Ramage asked Councillor Marshall if the Council could approach Carrs to ask if the vacant land at the top of Port Street could be used as a temporary Car park until the area is sold. Councillor Marshall replied that it would be unlikely.

**Councillor Ogilvie** advised the meeting on the following:

Large piece of work is due to start on Annan High Street which could cause disruption. Annan Play Park. A land search has been instigated to find the owner of the land at Newington to enable development to begin.

Post Office is due to relocate to McCalls on the High Street.

The Day of the Region is set for the 17<sup>th</sup> of September and Key Groups will take part at Hecklegirth School and the Academy.

Common Good – A letter has gone to Marine Scotland regarding compensation in respect of fishing rights.

**Councillor Richard Brodie** advised the meeting on progress regarding Beckfoot Right of Way. There have been 68 responses to the survey and it is now in the hands of the Council's legal department. A report will be produced and make recommendations on the way forward, and hope it will be a positive case. A meeting took place with Mr Butler. Lots of people interested in promoting Right of Way's.

Annan Harbour Festival will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of September. The Rotary Club are funding transport via Tesco's, The Queensberry, and the Harbour. This will run all day.

Councillor Brodie has spoken to the Council re the recent work at the cemetery and they agree the work was not to their usual standard the work will be re-done properly.

## **Sylvia Moore**

Sylvia has been asked by tourists what there is to do in Annan and there does not seem to be anything to hand out. Following a discussion it was suggested that tear off maps could be provided in certain locations.

Sylvia reported that Richard Masters the access Officer is to arrange to clear the path at

Sylvia asked the councillors for an update on the Back of the Hill – No decision has been taken yet.



Bunty Taylor  
Nothing to report

Walter Hunt  
Nothing to report

Lewis Douglas  
Asked the meeting what had happened to the window of the Charity Shop in Bank Street. He was advised this had been vandalised on Saturday night

Allan Weild  
Reported that there had been no response to his CCS requests regarding the Disabled Parking bays outside Colin James. The Councillors will now take this issue up.

Joyce  
Joyce advised John Steele had complained to her about an open Toby at the Fish Cross. A CCS request has been raised.  
Joyce also advised that the path at Back Lady Street was overgrown again.  
Joyce advised the meeting she had been in DGHP offices on the High Street one day and was concerned about the degree of privacy there when a customer had to discuss sensitive information at reception in front of the public. She felt this was degrading for clients. MS to write to DGHP regarding our concerns.

Rhona  
Asked if concrete bollards/balls could be placed at the parking side of the monument area to stop people parking on this area. Following a discussion it was agreed the councillors will investigate

## **AOCB**

Joyce advised the meeting she had been contacted by the press following the notice that parts of Annan were the most deprived areas in Dumfries and Galloway. A discussion followed and councillors advised how deprivation was measured.

## **Members of the Public**

An issue was raised by a member of the public regarding people practicing golf at the cemetery. It was agreed that this was unacceptable and the Community Wardens will keep an eye out there.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date of next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm 2016  
Guest Speaker will be Gus McIntyre from the Hub, Ednam Street.