



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

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

Present:

**Community Councillors:** Joyce Wylie, Bunty Taylor, Sylvia Moore, Allan Weild,

**D&G Councillors:** Councillor Richard Brodie

**In Attendance:** Rod Edgar Annandale Observer, John Ramage, Christine Mathews, Peter Mathews, Robert Peircy, Mark Sindal

**Apologies:** Rhona McCarton, Lewis Douglas, Alan Kay, Marion Stewart, Walter Hunt, John Bonner, Councillor Sean Marshall

**Minute of 14/11/16** the minute, was proseed by Allan Weild, seconded by Bunty Taylor

**Matters arising from minute of 14/11/16 :** CC Tommy Woodman in hospital with Heart Attack, card sent.

**Police Report:** PC Leggett attended and gave the following report:-

5 Assaults (4 domestic) 1 assault to severe injury, 5 S38 offences (domestic), 5 S38 offences, 1 Possession of a knife in public place, 1 arrest on European Warrant. 3 Breach of Bail (domestic), 1 Breach of Bail, 4 Thefts, 1 Drug Offence, 6 Vandalism. 3 MV Thefts, 1 Fraud, 1 Vehicle set on fire, 2 HBWI.

Numerous calls of youth disorder in Rose Street/Douglas Gardens area. Also Port Street/Bank Street. Several youths have been identified as responsible for door knocking/throwing eggs and efforts ongoing to trace all individuals involved.

**Significant Incident** Just after 0130hrs on the 11/11/16 the RBS premises at Langholm was broken into and a large sum of cash stolen. Extensive enquiries are currently on-going and on the 4/12/16 a 36 year old male from County Durham area was arrested and charged with the offence.

The constabulary is also undertaking two community operations at this time:

**Drink Drive campaign, Shop Safety, People Safety, Home Safety, Winter Road Safety, and Business Safety.**

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

1. Dog barking report in Moat Road currently under investigation
2. Litter complaint in Kimmeter Wynd with regards to overflowing bin. Advice given
3. A needle was found in the male toilets in Downies Wynd. This was safely disposed of
4. 2 separate complaints of dog fouling in Douglas Gardens. New signage has been put in place
5. Burnt out caravan in McMurdo Road removed by DGHP
6. Fly Tipping reported at recycling area at Tesco. On investigation all items had been removed (most likely by the staff at Tesco)
7. One needle removed from disabled toilet at Downies Wynd
8. Fly Tipping at Battery Street. This has been uplifted



John Ramage was then co-opted onto the committee as a non voting member. Proposed by Joyce Wylie and seconded by Bunty Taylor. Allan indicated that Mark Sindal may be interested in becoming a non voting member and it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Allan reported as follows: Web account £1517 ordinary account £8219. In general account (including money for seat) Window dressing competition roughly the same number as last year, good response but more could take part. Big companies don't take part. 1<sup>st</sup> Lucky Date, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dumfries Canine Rescue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Café Royal. Christmas light switch on was well attended and thanks should go to all involved for such a well organised event.

### **Correspondence**

David and Oliver Mundell had been in touch regarding the New Boundaries for the Westminster Elections, comments required.

Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
Commission for Parliamentary Reform (John McCormack) looking at how the Scottish Parliament could communicate better with the Public or community groups.

Annan Walk leaflet available but no reference to Annan Harbour action group. Meeting on Thursday.

Launch of public resilience group with leaflets.

### **Councillors Report**

**Council Brodie** attended a Salmon Fisheries Association meeting in Berwick on Tweed, Common Good suffering, agreed to bring it up with Scottish Government and seek compensation. Looking for scientific evidence, looking for consideration from England, stats etc., looking for Community Council support. This was agreed and also heritable right to access fish.

Education, Council cuts Support for Learning in schools, difficulties using reserve funds up to Christmas but just found out this will be extended to April, but has to be funded. 5% reduction to each school. £250,000 integrated child service cut.

### **Members Report**

**Allan Weild** - Nothing to report

**Sylvia Moore** - path at Beckfoot, report to be presented to Councillors from Solicitors. Graves at the corner plots being run over by vehicles, Richard to investigate.

**Bunty Taylor** - Nice to see the High Street back to normal but traffic lights were off on Monday but quickly fixed.

**John Ramage** - Although some councillors voted against the keep clear sign at bottom of Downies Wynd it is working very well and helps free flowing traffic.

**Joyce Wylie** thanked Marion for attending and helping at the CC Federation meeting.

Salt Bin at Millennium Bridge should be moved nearer the bridge. Also the bin at the back of the Hill was missing, however it was revealed there were 3 other bins evenly spread.

There was a request for a salt bin at the top of Hecklegirth at the Sawmill.



### **Public Forum.**

The new layout of the High Street was good once you get used to it. The old bus garage was to be demolished for Social Housing. Not enough parking at station/delivery office. Also cars causing a problem at school.

### **AOCB**

**Christine** indicated that there would be a Torch Light walk to celebrate the solstice from Barnkirk Point. Bus available from the Queensberry, best to register.

**Peter** advised that there would be a path group meeting on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> December 12.30 – 13.30pm. Allan and Sylvia said they would try to attend.

**Mark** indicated that the Tennis Club now has funding for start up again in the spring. Electronic gates a possibility and that the pavilion was in the process of being repaired.

It was asked what Stuart Hamilton's new job would entail. It would be Community Liaison and improvements

Ally way from Murray Street carpark down to the High Street at the Café Royal has been getting used more frequently because of the High Street works. This is not ideal but hopefully the new road layout would sort this out.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting 9th January 2016 at 7pm