



## **Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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

Present:

**Community Councillors**: Joyce Wylie, Marion Stewart. Alan Kay, John Ramage, Walter Hunt

**D&G Councillors**: Councillor Sean Marshall

**In Attendance**: Rod Edgar Annandale Observer, Robert Peirce, Community Safety Officer. PC  
Iain Leggett, Mark Sindall

**Apologies**: Allan Weild, Bunty Taylor, Sylvia Moore

**Minute of 12/12/16** the minute, was proseed by John Ramage seconded by Joyce Wylie

### **No Matters Arising**

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

2 Assaults (1 domestic) 1 within licence premises,  
2 Telecommunications Offences, 5 Theft related incidents, 8 Vandalism.5 Breach of the Peace  
(1 was domestic) Thefts, 1 Fraud, (Male and Female took taxi from Dumfries to Annan and left  
without paying, 2 Bail related incidents.

### **Community Issues**

Nationally between 2/12/16 and 2/1/17 a total of 19000 drivers were tested for alcohol whilst driving and 625 were shown to be over the limit. Of these 46 were as a result of having had a drink the previous night (local figures not yet available)

It is now an offence to use, posses or acquire an air weapon in Scotland without holding a licence, though if they are an existing firearm or shotgun certificate holder after this date they will still be able to use and posses air weapons until their firearm or shotgun certificate expires.

Questions for PC Leggett:

Walter enquired about people hanging around the Central Hotel and vandalism there. PC Leggett responded by advising the meeting if anyone sees persons acting suspiciously there to contact the police. Sean Marshal advised that the Regeneration Officer will make contact with the owners for information on what is happening there.

John asked a question about Air Rifle and was advised that they can still be handed in at Police Station although technically it is an offence to have one without the appropriate licence.

Alan enquired what someone should do if they find a property left open by the tenants who had gone away for the holidays. PC Leggett advised not to enter the premises but to contact the police who would investigate.



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

1. Dog fouling complaint in Newington Road
2. One FPN issued for dog fouling in Waterfoot Road
3. An issue with allocated bins in Port Street
4. Dog Fouling complaint in Fernlea Crescent
5. Dog fouling complaint in Butt Street
6. Fly Tipping complaint from Douglas Gardens, a roof light and Perspex glass was found in a garden that would appear to have been blown off another property
7. Small amount of fly tipping in Loreburn Court
8. Extreme amount of Dog Fouling at and after the underpass in Hospital Road

**Treasurers Report:** Allan sent in a written report as follows: Web account £1517.65, Ordinary account £7531.37 (including money for seat)

Allan attended a Paths Committee meeting to discuss the "Mile Walk". It was agreed it would include landmarks of interest, similar to Beat the Street. Allan will attend the next meeting as the work has to be concluded within a timescale to attract the funding.

**Co-op Mark Sinddall**

A motion was proposed for Mark Sindall to be co-opted onto the Committee as a non-voting member. This was proposed by Alan Kay and Seconded by Marion Stewart

**Resilience Plan:** A discussion took place on where we were with the launch of the plan as time was getting on. It was agreed there would be a meeting arranged to discuss the launch before we proceed. Marion agreed to do this. The date is 23/1/17

**Correspondence**

Marion had no correspondence

**Councillors Report**

**Councillor Marshall:**

At the last Regeneration meeting the Travel Go Group was reinstated

Recognition that the Erskin Church is back on the market

Regeneration Officer to assist the owners of The Central with a way forward for the building

The large Depot at Station yard has been sold to a Social Landlord

Consultation to begin on Parking situation in Annan.

A working party from Maryport would like to meet with representatives from Annan regarding their town centre regeneration scheme. It was agreed members from our Regeneration group will offer to meet.

**Councillor Ogilvie:**

Councillor Ogilvie advised he was disappointed the last Common Good meeting had been cancelled as a claim for compensation had already gone in. Another meeting is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. Could as many people attend as possible.

Councillor Ogilvie a bit concerned with the proposals to change Football Club from a social club to a community run club. He is concerned about the legal issues as the Football Club and the Caravan club are owned by the Common Good and this should be made clear to the meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> January. Common Good assets need to be safeguarded.



## **Members Report**

**Walter** – Nothing to report

**John** – Reported that the Keep Clear sign on the High Street, near the traffic lights, has been a great success for motorists coming out of Downies Wynd.

**Alan** – Why are Christmas lights still switched on? Sean will look into this.

**Mark** – Would like to form an interest group to consider setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Following a discussion it was agreed that Mark would arrange a meeting with Sonas who could probably assist us with this.

**Marion**- Reminder letters have been sent out to 9 advertisers who have not paid for this years advertising on the notice boards. Marion advised all but one on the flower tubs has now been sponsored. A meeting will be arranged at Harthill to discuss how the savings will be used in the community. A new design for the sponsorship plaques to be done to include the Community Council Crest

**Joyce** – Joyce has sorted out the problem with the salt bin

## **Public Forum.**

No business.

## **AOCB**

Marion reported that the work on the Tennis Pavilion has been completed to a very high standard and is now ready for the Cycle club to refurbish inside.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm