



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 13th February 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, John Bonner, Sylvia Moore, Bunty Taylor, Allan Weild, Rhona McCarton

D&G Councillors: Councillor Sean Marshall

In Attendance: Rod Edgar Annandale Observer, Robert Peirce, Community Safety Officer. PC Alan Wilson, Jamie Nicholson Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Apologies: Councillor Ronnie Ogilvie, Councillor Richard Brodie, Mark Sindall

Minute of 09/01/17 the minute, with amendments to Councillor Marshall's report was proposed by Walter Hunt seconded by Alan Kay

Matters Arising

Sylvia reported that despite Marion's statement that the Pavilion was complete the Tennis Club still do not have access. Jamie Nicholson responded saying the Pavilion although complete at the time of the statement it had not been signed off until today. She advised the Service Level Agreement for the Pavilion was with the Cycle Club and not the Tennis club although she believes the Tennis club will have access to tea making facilities.

Police Report:

PC Wilson attended and gave the following report:-

6 Vandalisms, 1 Telecommunication offence, 9 Assaults (2 of which were domestic) 12 Breach of the Peace (2 were domestic) 4 Thefts including the theft of a propeller from Annan Harbour, 2 Fraud, Two men took a taxi from Annan to Ecclefechan and left without paying. Also male got a taxi from Springholm to Annan and ran off without paying, 1 Bail related offence, 1 Civic Government offence, 2 Drug related offences, 1 Offensive weapon. 1 Culpable and reckless 2 Road Traffic offences. Male person reported for various road traffic offences including drink driving, having brought attention to him by driving without lights on and wearing a "Scream Mask" Elderly female driver reported for driving over the roundabout at Tesco Annan and colliding with a bollard.

Community Issues:

1 Air Weapons. It is now an offence to use, purchase or acquire an air weapon without a licence.

2. February 13th sees the launch of National Livestock Worrying week.

PC Wilson advised the meeting he is now responsible for Annan Academy and is encouraged by the systems the Rector has in place there. He will be talking to S1, S2 and S3 pupils about Sexting. It is also hoped something will go out to include parents in this issue.

Questions for PC Wilson

Alan asked if there was a timescale for information going to parents. PC Wilson advised this will come from School.



Community Safety Report:

Robert Piercy advised on the following:

1. Fly tipping in outskirts of Annan near Wintersheugh. A Mattress was uplifted and disposed of
2. Fly tipping between both A75 entrances to Annan. A Couch, 2 bed bases and a broken unit. All collected and disposed of
3. Dog fouling complaint in Springbells Road. It was claimed a young male was allowing dog to foul most night. Got address of male and gave warning.
4. Fly Tipping in Lady Street, A long plastic pipe had been left by the road side. Uplifted and disposed of.
5. One FPN issued for litter dropping at Harbour.
6. Abandoned vehicle in Queensway being investigated.
7. Abandoned vehicle at train station being investigated
8. Abandoned Caravan in Queensway. After investigation it was removed
9. Dog Fouling in Springbells Road leading to warning letter being sent
10. Fly tipping in Esk Place consisting of a bed base, couch, two chairs and lots of varied pieces of wood. All reported to DGHP along with the fact the whole area is very messy and covered in litter.
11. FPN for litter at Harbour (not cctv assisted)
12. Fly tipping reported in Waterfoot Road
13. Dog fouling complaint in North Street. Further signage to be put up
14. Parking complaint on High Street as a vehicle being purposely parked in front of business with the intent of disrupting it. Have asked to roads department to check the amount of signage. Will inform the police as they have responsibility for on street parking.
15. Abandoned vehicle in Justinlees Farm, vehicle uplifted and disposed of
16. Complaints of the old Council building at Stapleton Road being used as dumping ground because fence is down.
17. Fly tipping in Wood Avenue, two black bags possibly left by accident when bins were emptied.
18. Fly tipping in Waterfoot Road, a mattress has been dumped.
19. Fly Tipping at rear of Flowerstock, a three piece suite and fridge freezer.
20. Further complaints of dog fouling in lane between Shawhill Road and Hillview Crescent, although on investigation none was found
21. A child's scooter has been thrown into a tree at Stapleton Road.

As always Robert advised the meeting if anyone has issues to contact him

Councillor Marshall advised the meeting that Easttriggs Community Council are thinking of putting up Banners/ Stencils in some areas to deter dog fouling. Alan Kay advised the Council he works with also do this.

Treasurers Report:

Allan gave the following report: Web account £1517.65, Ordinary account £6727.97 Marion advised that 5 businesses had not paid for advertising on the boards. These should now be removed. Alan Kay will contact the Cinema before we seek other businesses for the spaces.

The Library

Councillor Marshall gave a report on the issues surrounding the relocation of the Library. 2 years ago as part of the Budget Savings it was agreed to integrate Customer Services, Library and Registration Services in all areas of the Region. The old Library is not fit for purpose for all three services mainly because it is not a central location.



This is a temporary solution until the Capital project for the Victoria Halls/Market Hall area to be used as a location for these services and others. It is not ideal but hopefully the sale of the existing Library land for development could fund the work at this location. Bunty and Sylvia visited the Town Hall to see the proposed layout. There is still not as much room as the existing library and Bunt asked what the cost would be to repair the current library. Sean reiterated that the cost was not the issue it was the locating of three departments together in one location. Marion asked that it formally be noted that the Community Council has great concerns regarding parking at the Town Hall. There is not enough parking at present never mind introducing another service there. Marion was also concerned about other community interests in the old Library. There has been at least one expression of interest made. Councillor Marshall advised the meeting that the Council will be looking to achieve the maximum benefit to the community for this land.

Common Good Meeting

John and Joyce attended the Common Good meeting on 1st February. The following issues were discussed:-

Jubilee Gardens – there were four options on the table for work that needs done at Jubilee Gardens

1. Community Payback asked to do work
2. D & G Enterprise to do work at a cost of £8000
3. Not to do work due to costs
4. Community Council adopt the project and use local workmen to do work then approach D & G Council seeking funding from various funding streams .

Option 4 was unanimously agreed. It was also agreed to acquire new signage for the Gardens. Rhona already has one quote for the work and will get two more quotes. She will also email Sean asking him to use some of his Councillor funding to help.

Salmon Fishing

30 Licences to be issued for half price £41.95

The Scottish Government dragging their feet on compensation for loss of income to the Common Good Fund. Hopefully a package will be available by end of February.

There is a proposal to open up some Stake Nets as a scientific survey. This is at an early stage and may be problematic.

Garage Rent and John Bell Field

It was agreed to raise the rents to both of these assets by 2.2%

It was agreed to have for the Next Common Good meeting a comprehensive list of all Common Good Assets. This is urgently needed as we have no funding coming in to the Common Good Fund other than from rents and we must maximise our income from these assets.

Correspondence

Joyce had correspondence from Mrs Proudfoot regarding a grant to help send athletes to the Special Olympics. It was agreed to give £500.



Councillors Report

Councillor Marshall: advised the meeting he had attended Annan Academy Parent Council meeting where it was agreed that signage be erected for the Drama Building at Annan Academy prior to the official opening.

Councillor Marshall suggested that the Community Council work collaboratively with the newly elected councillors to identify roads and footpaths that need attention

Written report from Councillor Brodie was received.

Members Report

Joyce: Advised the Community Payback Team will prepare the bit of ground where the new seat will be situated. She also advised she will have a meeting with John Steel regarding plastic flowers.

Bunty: Nothing to report

John B. Nothing to report

Walter: Nothing to report

John R – Advised he had to report street lights out in his area and was impressed with the system and the interactive map available to do this.

Alan K– Requested that the person responsible for the implementation Community Empowerment Bill be invited to one of our meetings to advise us.

Allan W. Advised he has great concerns that Annan Football Club want to change their constitution to become a Community Benefit Society. He had spoken to Henry McClelland Chairman of the Club who confirmed that their intention would be to crab the land the football club stands on under the Community Empowerment Bill. This land is Common Good land and we need clarity on what the position would be if this comes to fruition. Allan also advised he had submitted a CCS regarding the paved area around the tree at the Fish Cross as two elderly people had fallen this week.

Marion- Reported that nearly all of the plant boxes on the High Street have been sponsored. She suggested that the one at the top of Port Street be taken away as it is badly damaged.

Rhona asked when the next federation meeting was as she wanted to attend..

Public Forum.

No business.

AOCB

There was no time to discuss the outcome of the recent Community Council Resilience meeting this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm and Joyce thanked all for attending.

Date of next meeting 13th March 2017 at 7pm