



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 8th May 2017

Allan Weild, Chairman, welcomed all Community Councillors, Councillors and members of the public. Allan congratulated Sean Marshall and Henry McClelland on being elected Council members for Annandale South

Present:

Community Councillors: Walter Hunt, Marion Stewart. John Ramage, Allan Weild, Sylvia Moore, Joyce Wylie, Lewis Douglas

D&G Councillors: Councillors Sean Marshall and Henry McClelland.

In Attendance: Rod Edgar Annandale Observer, Robert Peirce, Community Safety Officer. Constable Alan Wilson, Jamie Nicholson

Apologies Alan Kay, Mark Sindall

Minute of 10/04/17 the minute was proposed by Sylvia Moore seconded by Allan Weild

Matters Arising

Marion gave feedback from Alan Kay regarding Dog Fouling Banners. Sean and Jamie will follow this up with the Council.

Allan advised Mark Sindall had completed, and submitted, the necessary paperwork to become a full member of the Community Council and asked for a vote from the members to ratify the membership. This was carried .

Police Report Vandalisms 8, Telecoms,1 Assaults 12 (7 detected 5 ongoing, Breach of the Peace 12, Theft related incidents 2, Fraud 1, Theft by HB or HBWI 1, Civic Government Offences 3, D & I 1, Communications Offences 1, Stalking 1. **Road Traffic** Speeding 8, Careless driving 1, Tacograph Offences 1
Construction & use offences 1, No insurance 1, No driving licence 1.

Community Issues: Message in a Bottle initiative launched by The Lions Club. This is a Simple and basic way of keeping your basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency. Drink/Drug driving campaign from 10th April for one week. The campaign will be both intelligence led and high visibility patrols. Constable Wilson also made the members aware of a worrying game originating from Russia called the Blue Whale Challenge. This is an internet game that has led to suicide

Questions for Constable Wilson

Walter asked if the police had concluded the initiative for pupils at Annan Academy to advise on the risks of putting explicit photos on the internet. He said the pupils have been done but the parent meetings have still to be carried out.



Community Safety Report: Robert Piercy advised on the following:

1. Warning letter issued to an address on Shawhill Road with regards to dog fouling
2. Neighbour dispute in Dykes Avenue with regard to right of access because of work being carried out at one of the properties. A council pull the bin out service will be arranged to solve the problem
3. Reports of youths kicking a football against a property in Shawhill Court. This is mainly happening after 10pm Advice was given to call the police as soon as it starts..
4. Fly tipping on the outskirts of Annan including bedside chests and picture frame. No evidence found
5. Fly tipping in Esk Place including a double mattress, bed base and cushions. All reported to DGHP
6. Fly tipping on outskirts of Annan consisting of two empty drum like containers. Both were uplifted and disposed of.
7. Dog fouling complaint on Queensway as no information available we can only monitor
8. Fly tipping at end of Stapleton Road including a mattress and couch along with a couple of plastic chairs. Land ownership being investigated
9. Complaints of youth nuisance in Hillview Crescent including some going into gardens and making signs to CCTV cameras in gardens. We will monitor the area,
10. Complaints of dog fouling in a shared access in McNeish Drive. DGHP to be informed as one of the occupants is a tenant.
11. Fly tipping of a fridge on Springbells Road. No evidence so uplifted and disposed of.
12. Fly tipping reported in Woodman Avenue along the pipe-line consisting of Grass Cuttings and two plastic bags. Bryce is investigating land ownership
13. Noise complaint in Muirfield Gardens involving loud music. Currently being investigated by DGHP.

Following a discussion on issues around Esk Place and Hillview crescent it was suggested that we resurrect a community task force (similar to Kimmiter Anti-Social Behaviour Initiative), involving, DGHP, Police, Residents, Jamie Nicholson, and Lewis to be the CC representative.

Sean also advised the members that Dog Fouling at underpass still as bad. Owner wanted to block off access however, was told there still needed to be pedestrian access. Robert will make contact again with the owner and Sean will review with Martin Ogilvie getting a camera there.

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

Treasurers Report: Allan gave the following report: Web account £1319.20, Ordinary account £5883.12

Allan advised of the dates for the Young Citizen interviews. Allan and Joyce will do interviews this year. The garden competition will be 1st of August. Michael Neilson will be judge. Joyce to arrange.

Correspondence

Letter received from Annan Day Centre regarding a grant to help towards their annual holiday. It will cost £472 for two members of staff to attend. It was agreed to give £500.



Councillors Report

Councillor Marshall advised that the first full meeting of the Council will be 23rd May

He advised that the Twinning signs will be coming down.

The Regeneration Steering group have been in dialogue with Maryport Community and a tour is arranged in Annan for them next week

Councillor Marshall advised that two thriving businesses are eager to obtain units at the Business Park at the edge of town but only one remains. He advised that Scottish Enterprise are to be pressed to purchase more land to accommodate all interested in units that could bring employment to the area

Stapleton Road Depot has to be demolished but before anything can be done funding must be identified.

Cunningham Housing Association are to develop Carrs site in the town. Other greenfield sites identified in Master Plan but the Regeneration group will also point out other empty properties in the town

Councillor McClelland. Thanked the members for the opportunity of attending his first meeting and advised he will make it to as many meetings as he can and give support to the community.

Members Report

Lewis: advised of large pot hole in Bruce Street. (Marion will do CCES) report

John R: Asked that the Twinning Signs be put in Museum. Jamie will attend to this.

Walter: Nothing to report

Allan W. Nothing to report

Sylvia: Reported that Newbie Path is in a terrible state. Hoddom and Kinmount own land. Marion will do CCES to Richard Masters from D & G Pathways. Sylvia also mentioned the Erskine Church issue following glass falling out the windows. Jamie to progress. Sylvia read out a letter of thanks from Bunty.

Joyce: Advised that she had obtained two flower cages for the cemetery from Flower Stalk who had ceased trading. Following a discussion it was agreed that she would progress where these should be kept and how the public would know how to borrow them.

Marion: Advised that she too had a suggestion about the flower cages to be used for funerals. Could some of the money from Minsca be used this year as part of the Community Council's projects

Public Forum.

No reports

AOCB

Allan advised we were still looking for a Treasurer and Vice Chair. Marion agreed to ask Alan Kay if he was interested in Vice Chair.

The meeting closed at 9.10 and Allan thanked all for attending. There will be no meeting in July.

Date of next meeting 10th August 2017 at 7pm