



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 14th August 2017

Allan Weild, president opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance

Present:

Community Councillors: Walter Hunt, Marion Stewart. John Ramage, Sylvia Moore, Joyce Wylie, John Bonner, Mark Sindall, Alan Kay

D&G Councillors: Councillor Dick Brodie

In Attendance: Rod Edgar Annandale Observer, Sgt. Anna Boyd, Jamie Nicholson, Mr James Cox, and Mr Scott Anderson Loreburn Housing Association.

Apologies Councillor Sean Marshall

Minute of 12/6/17 the minute was proposed by Mark Sindall seconded by Alan Kay

Matters Arising

Allan Weild asked if we had got the cages for the cemetery? We are still trying to find someone who would make them. It was suggested we contact the "Man Shed" in Ecclefechan. Marion to contact Shap for information.

Allan also asked the position with painting the Mile Stones. Marion to contact Jack O'Hara and Jamie will ask Roads Department if they will do them.

Change name in last paragraph to read Mr George Chalmers and not Mr Cowan.

Allan asked for an update on the issue of the path at the Back of the Hill. Jamie advised that this was not an adopted path therefore the Council would not maintain it.

Allan asked for an update on the Dog Fouling Banners. Allan will follow this up with the Community Safety Unit to establish whether there has been a reduction of dog fouling in the area where the banner is sited and to ask where they thin additional banners may be useful.

Police Report

Vandalisms 12, Assaults 18, Breach of the Peace 9, Theft related incidents 18 (continuing to see an increase on online and fraud related incidents) Theft of Motor Vehicles 4 (all mopeds and within 10 days) Theft by HB or HBWI 3, Communications offences 1, Breach of Bail 1, Hate Crime 1, Civic Government Offence 2. **Road Traffic** Careless driving 2, Construction & use offences 2, No insurance 2, No MOT 1, Not wearing a Seatbelt 2, Drink Driving offences 1, Parking offences 3. Speed checks were carried out in two locations by Community Officers on B721. Hollinlea – 100 vehicles checked. 8 above 40 mph and 3 above 45 mph, Eastriggs – 69 Vehicles checked. 4 above 30 mph

Significant Incidents/Occurances

Misuse of Drugs – Warrant executed 1, Supply cases reported 2, Possession case reported 3.



Sgt Boyd advised the meeting that Section 2 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act went live on Monday 3rd July. This Act deals with non-consensual sharing of images (photos) on Social Media and can lead to a sentence of 5 years in prison.

Mr James Cox for Customer Services Department of the Council gave an update on the Library move. The tender process will finish on 17 August 2017. From then there will be a 3 week lead in period and work is due to start on 25th September for 9 weeks. Staff will be decanted 1 week before start, Customer Services will move temporarily to the existing library building and Registration will move to Ednam Street. Completion of work should be 24/11/17 with one week to migrate staff and books etc into Town Hall and open for business on the 4/12/17.

Councillor Brodie advised there was to be a last minute challenge by three of the four local councillors who hope to persuade Committee to consider an alternative position for the Library.

Mr Scott Anderson from Loreburn Housing addressed the meeting:

Mr Scott gave an update on the proposed Station Road Site. He brought drawings for members to look at that described the proposed development.

This development will be for specialist housing for wheelchair users and people with learning difficulties. There will be one two story block of flats. The drawings showed 9 one bedroom flats 4 downstairs for wheelchair users and 5 upstairs. There will be an internal lift. Mr Scott advised the layout may change as Social Services have asked that some of them have two bedrooms. Planning has been submitted and hopefully work will start early 2018 and be completed in late 2018.

Allan Weild thanked Mr Anderson for his presentation and he agreed that the Community Council could have a site visit before the flats are allocated.

Treasurers Report: Web account £1,398.82, General account £8425.45. Allan advised all bills were paid and this years Minsca Money had just been paid into the account. The projects identified under Minsca will be processed as soon as possible.

Correspondence

Marion advised Robert Piercy the Community Safety Officer has changed jobs and will no longer be attending our meetings.

Marion advised an email had come from Christine Clarke from the Third Sector offering to review our constitution. Marion advised this process is ongoing at present by the Council and we will be arranging a meeting with Karen Anderson who will assist us with our input to the process.

Marion advised a meeting had been arranged with the British Legion (Annan) branch to discuss the Remembrance Day Service. It was agreed that John Bonner, John Ramage attend from the Community Council. Meeting at Ex Service Club on 16/8/17 at 7pm.

Marion advised a note had come through from Shap advising the next meeting of the Community Support Group will be 7th September at 9.30am

Marion advised an invitation had come from the Tennis Club to attend the official opening of the new courts by Judy Murry on the 21st August. Allan, Marion and Sylvia will attend.

Marion advised the next meeting of the Federation will be on 5th September at Kirkpatrick Fleming.



Councillors Report

- Councillor Brodie reported following the latest flooding in Annan we need to put pressure on Scottish Water and the Council regarding maintenance of drains etc. Following the flooding 2 years ago action was agreed with both parties that has not been carried out. Jamie will organise a meeting with Scottish Water and the Community Council will be invited to attend. Councillor Brodie advised the out of hours contact for the Council is just the normal number for them.
- Councillor Brodie advised there is still no timescale for the demolition of Stapleton Road Depot. Complaints are coming in again about pigeons
- Elm Road; Councillor Brodie advised he had a meeting with John Howell and new proposals will be going out to consultation.
- Greencroft Wynd: Councillor Brodie advised this issue will go back to Area Committee for a decision.
- Safe Crossing Project: The Council are looking at a simplified plan for this project.
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Members Report

Alan K: Alan asked for an update on the roundabout at Atwalls shop. He advised the meeting he had contacted the Council who say the fence causing the obstruction is higher than is legally allowed. The owner of the house said he would lower the fence but nothing has been done. Alan also advised of a very large pot hole at the Roundabout at the top of Hospital Road and Preston Gardens. A CCES will be submitted.

John R: advised he was dismayed at the state of the area around Hillview crescent with litter. Walter advised it is Parks Department who are now responsible for street cleaning. John also advised one of the barriers at the Bus Terminal in Annan is bent and is causing difficulties for passengers going on and coming off buses. (CCES to be submitted)

John B: Nothing to report.

Walter; a submission has been made to Scot Rail for funding for new planters and hanging baskets for next year.

Joyce: Garden Competition held. Winners were Mr McArthur Blair 1st, Mr McDonald 2nd Mr Whitehill 3rd, Special awards went to Mr Neil Carlyle and Mr Les McQuade. United Reform Church won the Commercial section. Joyce advised the seat has now been placed at Watchhall and people are using it. Joyce also advised Jamie had identified the owners of Back Lady Street as the Council. CCES has been submitted to have the area tidied up. Joyce advised that Alan Kay and herself will be going to Maryport with Councillors for a visit following their visit to Annan.

Mark: Nothing to report

Sylvia: Reported there are overhanging trees at the cemetery causing Memorials to be very unsightly (CCES to be submitted). Sylvia also advised the bus is now stopping at Tesco. She spoke to the manager who did not have a problem with a bus stop at Tesco. It was agreed to write to Stagecoach requesting the Town bus stop at Tesco as part of their normal route. Sylvia reported the Annandale Way is very overgrown and covered in weeds the whole way round. (CCES to Richard Masters.) Sylvia asked Councillor Brodie for an update on Beckfoot



Farm Right of Way. Councillor Brodie advised this is still with the Legal Department to look at the best way forward and hopes there could be negotiations with the Farm owner.

Marion: Advised she had been asked by a member of the public about why there are very few street signs on the Closes and Courts of Annan. The member of the public gave her a plan of all the Town Centre Closes and Courts. Following a discussion it was agreed to take this to the next Regeneration meeting and hopefully this can be included in any development of the High Street. Marion advised she had submitted a CCES regarding Back Lady Street following complaints from a number of people.

Jamie Nicholson: Day of the Region is 15th/16th September this year. Tesco are looking for local projects for their Tesco Bags for Help. The Community Council can submit an application. Following a discussion it was agreed to fill the form in and money given could be used for Jubilee Gardens

AOCB Marion advised she will not be at the next meeting. Mark agreed to take a minute of that meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date and Time of next meeting: 11th September 2017 at 7pm