



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 11th September 2017

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

Present:

Community Councillors: Walter Hunt, John Ramage, Sylvia Moore, Mark Sindall, Alan Kay, Rhona McCarton

D&G Councillors: Councillor Richard Brodie, Councillor Ian Carruthers

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

Apologies Councillor Sean Marshall, Marion Stewart, Joyce Wylie

Minute of 14/8/17 the minute was proposed by John Ramage seconded by Alan Kay

Matters Arising

Allan W advised that x2 quotes have been received for the cemetery cages. Compass quote = £150 & Men's Shed = £135. The committee agreed to award the funding to the Men's shed. Alan Weild will inform the groups.

Mark advised the group that Marion and Alan W will be the point of contact for the cemetery cages going forward.

It was advised that CCES reports have been submitted as previously discussed for pot holes, overhanging trees in Lady Street, Silverlaw Gdns and Annandale Way.

It was noted that no update had been received regarding the roundabout at Atwals – **Action**: Marion to update on progress at next meeting

Police Report Vandalisms 4, Assaults 8, Breach of the Peace 0, Theft related incidents 10, Theft of Motor Vehicles 1, Theft by HB or HBWI 3, Communications offences 3, Breach of Bail 1, Hate Crime 1, Civic Government Offence 3, Threatening & Abusive Behaviour 1, Domestic non physical 4 Physical 2 Drug Offences 1, Reckless conduct 1, Fires raising 1, Offensive Weapon 1, Fraud 1- **Road Traffic** Careless driving 1, No MOT 1, Drink Driving offences 1, Parking offences 2, Speeding 18, Taco graph Offences 1

Significant Incidents/Occurrences

Attempted Robbery – in Annan, male tried to steal a lone female's handbag. A local male has been reported for this offence

Spate of thefts – following a recent spate of thefts in Annan, 3 local persons have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.



Community Information

The one punch campaign - is being launched by Police Scotland. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the consequences that one punch can have on two lives - the victim and the attacker. The campaign hope to encourage people to think about the consequences of the actions and the effect alcohol can have on behaviour.

John R asked PC Wilson if the pub watch was continuing and was advised that it was and PC Legget is leading on this area.

Seat belt legislation – In March 2017 new legislation in relation to child seats and restraints was introduced and since then the police have been made aware of a number of concerns regarding the child seats and restraints. Local officers have been trained to provide appropriate advice on this area via Police Scotland V Division. An excellent on line resource www.goodeggsafety.com can be accessed to answer most of the public questions

Community Safety Report: Robert Piercy advised on the following:

1. Fly tipping reported in Matheson terrace, Turnberry crescent, Waterfoot Rd, Millpark Cres and Turnmuir Dell,
2. Dog fouling complaint in Solway Street, early morning watches being carried out, complaint in Port St, leading to a letter being sent, Further complaints from Annan Cadets, and Thorburn Cres, letter being sent, complaints from Johnstone St, Thomas St, McMurdo Rd, Solway St x 2 & Scott's St, a fixed penalty notice being given to someone in Waterfoot Rd
3. Abandoned vehicle complaints x3 in Port Street, and abandoned vehicle complaints from Standalane, Newington Rd and Hallmeadow Place.
4. Two FPN issued for a littering offence in Annan Harbour.
5. Animal nuisance issue in Ednam St leading to a letter being sent.

Alan K asked about the remaining x3 dog fouling banners and where these should be located. It was also noted that dog fouling along Hospital Rd had reduced and this was possibly due to the advertising. **Action:** It was agreed that Alan K would locate the remaining banners and suggestions for location, included North St (Football Club) or railings on North St near daffodil field.

Minsca Fund Presentation to Skyline Arts

On behalf of the Community Council Alan W presented Michelle Myatt with a cheque for £500. The funding would be used to support performing art classes, assist with uniforms and help with scholarships.

Treasurers Report

Alan W advised the committee that no one has come forward to undertake the treasurer role. No change to the Web account £1,398.82, General account £7667.50. Alan W advised that all bills had been accounted for.



Correspondence

Mark advised an email had come from SW Scotland Community Rail Partnership Launch, Belle Doyle has been appointed as a Development Manager who will be looking to support and promote community involvement in the railways of SW Scotland and Belle was keen to attend a future council meeting. **Action:** Marion to invite SW Rail to a future meeting

Community Council engagement evening hosted by D&G Council taking place on 12 Sept for anyone interested. However, it was noted that Karen Anderson to be invited to council meeting to discuss these issues. **Action:** Karen Anderson to be invited to future meeting.

A Kimmeter task force group is being established and a representative from community council has been requested. Rhona agreed to attend.

A celebration evening is taking place on Friday 15 Sept to launch the Day of the Region. Alan W and Rhona agreed they would be attending.

Alan W reminded the committee about the Archives opening times, poster previously circulate to committee.

Alan W informed the group the community safety application for the Jubilee Gardens was unsuccessful as it did not meet the project priorities. It was agreed to submit a Tesco community application. **Action:** Alan W to submit Tesco application

Councillors Report

Councillor Brodie

- Reported that the roads dept are aware of the barriers at the fish cross and are currently working on a solution.
- Highlighted that a flood meeting is being co-ordinated, the group will include, Scottish water, Council, Fire, & Community Council representatives. **Action:** Marion to link with group to feedback dates/times of meeting
- New signage up at Tesco roundabout to deter vehicle going the wrong way and heading to Watchhall
- Harbour festival taking place 23 Sept 12-16.30
- Right of way group meeting last Thursday in September
- Beckfoot – legal discussion ongoing
- Library – discussed future possibilities with schools, however due to timeframe and concerns re pupil safety this will not be taken forward and existing library move will be continuing

Councillor Carruthers

- Advised group that he will be making every effort to attend future community council meetings and apologies due to recent attendances because of other council duties
- Scheme establishment discussed, Councillor Carruthers suggested that the community council engage with this as suggestions will be looked at favourably.



- Car parking – these issues are occurring in high density areas such as Hallmeadow, Douglas Gardens and there are opportunities to develop a works programme that could improve parking in these areas. It is hoped area committee will support this approach and Councillor Carruthers will feedback on any updates
- Federation Community Council – feedback from the new DGRI by Julie White, NHS D&G Chief Operating Officer highlighted the links between the new hospital and the community hospitals and what the future could like. It was suggested to invite a senior member of the local NHS management team from Annandale and Eskdale (A&E) to provide an update on the future strategy. **Action:** it was agreed to invite a member of the A&E NHS team to a community council meeting
- Winter service review – report due 2018 which will have an impact on resource locally. It was advised that the community council should invite someone to discuss the report and update progress at future meeting. **Action:** invite member of the winter review team to council meeting to provide an update
- Consultation on Elam Rd – Wed 3 Oct from 4-7pm at Elmvale School & Thursday 14 Oct 10-2pm at Town Hall, Annan

Members Report

Alan K: highlighted concerns regarding the underpass near hospital road. There have been complaints of no lighting as a result of vandalism. It was agreed that this area should be lit, especially during the winter months. **Action:** it was agreed to submit CCES report for light protection covers. Councillor Carruthers also agreed to highlight this at appropriate meetings.

John R: raised concerns regarding future location of the new play park at Newington weroc, near the leisure centre. Majority agreed that this would appear to be a sensible location due to the infrastructure at Newington leisure centre. Alan W will attend future play park meeting. John also highlighted concerns regarding the lights at the east end of the bypass, and advised that funding could have been better utilised by improving the lighting of the lamp posts.

Walter; had receive a complaint that following sports events – sports tape, other rubbish items are being left at the Annan river sports fields. **Action:** Jamie agreed to pass this on to Sports and leisure for possible actions

Mark: highlighted the meeting with the SHAP community support group. The aim being to develop a project proposal for project officer to scope, test and implement a sustainable neighbourhood/community support scheme for the local area. Mark requested that there may be a requirement to identify funding and would the community council support this going forward. Mark informed the group he will be working with partners to develop the proposal. **Action:** Mark to forward minutes of the meeting and the project proposal when complete.

Rhona: Highlighted the trip hazard at Princess Avenue. It was noted someone had already had a serious fall as a result of the uneven path. Individual has already reported to local housing association, and nothing been done as yet. Rhona requested an update on the development of the Central Hotel. **Action:** CCES for Princess Ave to be reported and Councillor Brodie to update on progress with Central Hotel.

Sylvia: noted that on the planning application a change of building had been highlighted for Warmambie House, Station Rd. No such place. **Action:** Councillor Carruthers agreed to follow up. It was also noted that on a couple of occasions McCall buses had been making refreshment breaks and parking in the Bruce car. Sylvia had highlighted her concerns to relevant bus drivers. Path near millennium bridge, towards the road bridge was becoming over grown.

Action: CCES to be reported. Tidal wave rubbish at Seafield is a continuing problem **Action:** Richard Master via the Countryside Rangers is following up, this should be monitored and



feedback if no change. It was also noted, that on the high street, corner road of near M&Co has a loose flag and in wet conditions water is retaining. **Action:** CCES to be reported

Alan W – advised we should have a young person’s representative on the group. **Action:** Alan W waiting on the Rector to confirm.

Jamie Nicholson: Day of the Region is 15th/16th September this year.

AOCB

It was noted that through the Marine Scotland Scottish Fisheries funding has become available and Alan K & John B will represent the council on the sub group.

It was agreed at the next meeting the group should form a list of speakers to be invited to future meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date and Time of next meeting: 9 October 2017 at 7pm