



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

Allan Weild, president opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance on this very cold evening

Present:

Community Councillors: Allan Weild, Marion Stewart. Sylvia Moore, Alan Kay,

D&G Councillors: Councillor McClelland

In Attendance: PC Iain Leggett, Joseph Annandale Observer

Apologies Councillor Sean Marshall

Minute of 13/11/17 the minute was proposed by Sylvia Moore seconded by Alan Kay

Matters Arising

Alan Kay reported that he and Marion Stewart attended the Disabilities Olympics at the Easterbrooke Hall. It was a great night and very humbling. The Community Council were presented with a commemorative paperweight and certificate in recognition of our donation to the fund that allowed the Dumfries and Galloway group to enter. Alan suggested that we have a display cabinet in the Museum or Library to display gifts received.

Marion asked Joseph from the Annandale if a correction could be put in the paper regarding the flower cages. The article said the cages were donated by the Man Shed instead of Annan Community Council.

Police Report P.C Iain Leggett presented the report:

Vandalisms 3, Assaults 5, Theft related incidents 6, Theft by HB or HBWI 2, Theft of Motor Vehicle 2, Threatening and abusive behaviour 1, Communications Offences 2, Drug Offences 1, Fraud 2, Breach of Bail 2, Civic Government Offences 1.

Road Traffic, No insurance 1, No MOT 1, No Driving Licence 2, FPT issued for crossing solid white line, Report submitted for driving with two bald tyres 2.

Three persons have been arrested and reported to PF for being involved in the house fire at Northfield Park.

Significant Incidents/Occurrences

Hi Vis patrols will be carried out over the festive season in relation to licensed premises checks and combatting retail crime.

The festive Drink Drive campaign will be carried out over festive period.

“The Herbert Protocol” – Vulnerable and missing person Incident Form is designed to make sure if someone is missing the police can get access to important information about that person as soon as possible. We know this is a very distressing time for those involved and being asked by police officers to recall all sorts of different information can add to this distress. These forms and this information they contain is designed to help a rapid and appropriate response.



There will be an increase in the number of Armed Response Police Officers to be trained in the use of in firearms and Tasers training.

Questions: Alan Kay asked PC Leggett if patrols could check out parking on double yellow lines on Prestonfield Road as cars are obscuring vision of on coming traffic heading for Hospital Road.

Community Safety Report

No report

Treasurers Report: Web account £1390.82, General account £5851.45. Allan advised all bills were paid.

Correspondence

Still waiting for response for a number of CCES requests.
Area Committee minutes for 27th November were circulated
Marion to circulate list of CCES request each month

Resilience Plan

Alan suggested a special meeting on a Saturday or Sunday early in January to complete the plan and arrange to buy equipment.

Councillors Report

- **Councillor McClelland** gave the following report:
- Consultation so far for the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils will go to full Council on the 12th December. If approved phase three will follow
- Legal Opinion for the Fishing Compensation is still outstanding however the sub-committee for Common Good applied for funding from Area Committee for the project for Half Netting. The total is now £37,000
- Councillor McClelland also attended the Civic reception for the Disability Olympics and agreed it was a special night.
- Following a tour of the New Library with Derek Crichton Councillor McClelland advised that staff felt there would be better interaction with the public now glass has gone.
- Elm Road consultation result is due soon.
- Newington Play Park group have received a significant sum from the Council towards the Project.
- There was also a visit to Kate's Kitchen who will hold their Turkey dinner next week

Members Report

Marion: Nothing to report

Sylvia: of the 6 Garages at Drummond Road 3 are vacant but are in such a state no one wants them. Sylvia asked who is responsible for the maintenance. A.W. will contact DGHP

Sylvia noted the top of a light on Victoria Walk has been missing for some time. Marion to do CCES



Sylvia also reported complaints from shops about the state of the lane beside the Sue Rider shop. She asked if gates could be put up to stop people using it for illegal activities. Marion to do CCES although it was thought this was a fire escape for the Café. Dicks Well Wynd and Slip Road from bypass has big pot holes. Allan will report to pot hole line. Sylvia asked Councillor McClelland if he would find out what is happening with the tree at the Fish Cross.

Alan Kay: Alan asked how you get access to the Defibrillator at the Queensberry Hotel. Allan Weild advised there is a number to ring and they will give you the code to get in.

Results of Window Dressing competition: 1st Mental Health Association Charity Shop, 2nd Chinese Restaurant, 3rd Hoggit Creative. Alan also advised they decided to do judging at 4pm as it was dark then.

Alan advised that most of the pot holes are caused by utility companies not properly back filling after they had completed works and they only have a 2 year guarantee. Alan spoke to Oliver Mundel who took the issue up with the Roads Minister Humsa Youseff and has now been advised there is a proposal to extend the guarantee to 6 years.

Allan Weild: Allan advised the whole community were disappointed that RBS in Annan was closing and had asked in the branch why. He was advised this was because of the low numbers using the branch on a regular basis.

Allan advised he will remove the wreaths from the War Memorial; He also advised he had sourced more railings to go round the memorial and hopefully hold all of the wreaths next year. Allan also advised he was looking for different premises that have disabled access therefore in January Marion will only book the existing venue until April (the AGM)

AOCB Allan asked for suggestions for speakers for future meetings? It was agreed to ask DGHP and Cunningham Homes.

Joseph advised that Amanda Kennedy had replaces Rod as Chief Reporter and Joseph will be attending Community Council meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date and Time of next meeting: 8th January 2018