



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 13th November 2017

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

Present:

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

D&G Councillors: Councillor Marshall, Councillor McClelland

In Attendance:, PC Vicky Young, James Fox, and Julie Pepper

Apologies Walter Hunt , Councillor Brodie, Robert Piercy, Kayleigh Proudfoot

Minute of 9/10/17 the minute was proposed by Mark Sindall seconded by John Ramage

Matters Arising

Allan advised he had still not been able to contact Aaron Fox regarding the storage of cages.

Police Report P,C Vicky Young presented the report:

Vandalisms 12, Assaults 6, Theft related incidents 9 including, Theft by HB or HBWI 4, Theft of Motor Vehicle 1, Threatening and abusive behaviour 5, Communications Offences 2, Drug Offences 2, Culpable and reckless conduct 1, Fire raising 1, Fraud 3, Police and Fire (Scotland) Act – Resist arrest 1 Female reported for harbouring a child.

Road Traffic, No insurance 2, No MOT 1, Drink Driving offences 1, Parking offences 2. Speeding 2

Significant Incidents/Occurrences

During the early hours of Monday 6th November a vehicle parked in front of a house at Northfield Park in Annan was discovered on fire and quickly spread to the house causing significant damage. Nobody was injured however enquiries were carried out by Police and Scottish Fire and Rescue Services.

Police are investigating a report of a 79 year old woman in Kirtlebridge of having found a man in her house late on the evening of 7th November. The man fled from the address, having stolen a sum of money. A vehicle with a loud exhaust was heard leaving from outside.

Councillor Marshall and McClelland advised that Alan Wilson, DGHP, Jamie and Nicola Everett Had a walk around the Kimmeter area as part of the Kimmeter Regeneration Group. A number of actions have resulted from this.

Councillor McClelland reported there is to be a prosecution on the incident when a car mounted the pavement and destroyed one of the planters.

Community Safety Report

Robert was unavailable tonight but sent in a written report that is attached to the minute.

Following a discussion it was agreed to ask Robert to provide the information in a different format.



Allan Weild, Chairman presented a cheque to Julie Pepper for this years Christmas Light campaign and thanked her and her colleagues for all the hard work put into the displays. The town looks great for their efforts.

James Cox Reported to the meeting on the progress of work at the Town Hall. He reported that work had slipped by one week and will now open on the 11th December. Therefore the current arrangements will stand at the old Library until the 5th of December and a mobile library will be in place for one week. The opening hours for the library will be: Monday 9am – 7pm, Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 9am to 7pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Treasurers Report: Web account £1340.82, General account £6889.87. Allan advised all bills were paid. Allan advised the Resilience report has to go back to the Council by February therefore it was suggested a separate meeting be arranged to finalise details. Allan will arrange.

Allan Weild introduced Alison and Debbie from Community Learning and Development who gave us information on The Year of Young People.

There will be 9 significant events in the area over the year.

The launch of the event will take place in Annan on the 12th of January 2018 starting with a Lantern Parade from Annan Academy to Annan Athletic Football Club where there will be lots of entertainment for the public including a Fireworks Display. There will be around 300 young people taking part aged between 8 and 25 years. All schools will be invited to participate. Newington and Annan Academy have already signed up. Annan Academy will lead the parade. The young Citizen could be involved in the event too.

Alison and Debbie also gave information about the other services they provide. Allan Weild gave a vote of thanks.

Correspondence

Invitation to visit new DGRI on either 15th at 7.15pm or 24th at 1pm. Allan Weild, Joyce Wylie and Alan Kay to attend on the 24th. Marion will confirm.

Invitation to attend Civic Reception for Disability Olympics at Easterbrook Hall Marion Stewart and Alan Kay to attend.

CCES regarding Isherwoods:- Reply there is no discrete funding for lowering pavements but will put bid into DDA.

Councillors Report

- Councillor McClelland apologised for his non attendance and gave the following report:
- Following Common Good meeting Councillors will take legal advice on whether we can challenge the outcome. No word back.
- Harbour Group Action Group is building another 2 boats and pupils from S1 will get the opportunity to help.
- Annan Academy is hoping to re-establish the Year Book and could ask local businesses to contribute.



- Following recent flooding it was discovered Amir Spice on the High Street had a fat burger that caused some of the problems. Scottish Water has now sorted the problem.
- Councillor McClelland suggested if we are looking for a speaker to invite the Blood Bikers.
- Councillor McClelland also congratulated the organisation of the Remembrance Service.

Following a discussion the Councillors present agreed to go back to the other Councillors and suggest there is rotation of the Local Councillors to attend the Remembrance Service rather than the Chair of Area Committee that no one knows.

Councillor Marshall apologised for his non attendance and went through his written report. (This is attached to the minutes)

John Bonner gave a report on the Remembrance Day Service. He advised the day had gone to plan and wished to thank John Ramage and his son for their input and also Councillor Archie Dryburgh for pulling together everyone to draw up the programme

Heather Paul gave a presentation the meeting on the Litter Picking project she and members of the League of Churches have undertaken. Heather described the areas they are targeting and the equipment used by volunteers. She also advised that Daniel Carey from St Johns' Church and his son have been very dedicated to the project as his son is using this as Part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. Heather advised she hopes to go into schools after the festive season to speak to pupils.

Members Report

Unfortunately there was no time for members report.

AOCB Allan advised the Window Dressing competition would take place on 8th December and Silvia Moore and Alan Kay would be the judges this year.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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