



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 12th February 2018

Allan Weild, president opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance on this very cold evening. There was no heating in the Hall. No one from the Council notified us of this.

Present:

Community Councillors: Allan Weild, Marion Stewart, John Ramage, Mark Sindall, Walter Hunt, John Bonner, Sylvia Moore

D&G Councillors: Councillor McClelland

In Attendance: PC Iain Leggett, Joseph Gartly Annandale Observer, Robert Piercy, Safety Officer

Apologies Jaimie Nicholson, Joyce Wylie

Minute of 8/01/18 the minute was proposed by John Ramage seconded by Mark Sindall

Matters Arising

Walter advised still a problem with parking in Wood Avenue and could not get through with Gritter.

Police Report P.C Iain Leggett presented the report:

Vandalisms 7, Assaults 6, Theft related incidents 13, Theft by HB or HBWI 5, Threatening and abusive behaviour 7, , Drug Offences 2, Breach of Bail 2 Attempt to Pervert, 2, Offensive Weapon 3, Telecommunications Offence 1.

Road Traffic, No M.O.T 1, No insurance 2, Careless Driving 3, Speeding 5, Defective Tyres 1, Drink Driving 3, Disqualified Driver 1.

Community Information: P.C Leggett gave the members important information regarding Sheep Worrying, particularly at lambing time.

Matters brought to Police Attention by Council:

Continuing problems with parking and dropping off at Newington Primary School. PC Leggett advised the Community Council may wish to write to the Education Department.

Community Safety Report

Robert Piercy presented the following report:

Dog Fouling is still a big issue, although there are now two more information banners up in the town advising people to report and dog fouling, so hopefully this will help.

There has been 2 incidents of abandoned cars, various neighbour disputes and fly tipping have also been reported.

Treasurers Report: Web account £1356.82, General account £6146.97. Allan advised all bills were paid.



Allan Weild welcomed Gordon Williamson from DGHP who gave us the following information:

Mr Williamson is the only Community Participation officer in DGHP and covers the whole of the region. He is involved in many community projects within communities. DGHP funds Residents and Tennent Participation Associations including one in Annan. The Association meets monthly. DGHP are currently working on a project in Annan in with the Council, Community Council, Police and Sonas to support the community around Muirfield Gardens.

John Bonner reported back to the Community Council following the Common Good Sub-Committee.(dedicated Fishing Meeting) John Warwick and Barry Turner were also in attendance. John reported that the money allocated to the Royal Burgh of Annan Common Good Fund from Marine Scotland would be used to Commission a Film of the history of Haff Netting within the Royal Burgh that will also include a project for schools. John advised he was asked if Annan.org could host the film when it is produced. This was agreed.

Correspondence

Request for funding from Minsca Fund from St. Columba's Nursery - Agreed £250 (from our own funds as Minsca money already allocated this year)

Request for funding from Erin Johnstone for school supported trip to Kenya – Agreed £50

Mark will research samples of funding criteria that can be adopted for use by the Community Council

Report from the Council following damage to trees in Newington Park, Standalane. Council advised 3 trees are taken down and 9 have work carried out to remove damaged branches and reduce overall height.

Councillors Report

- **Councillor Marshall** gave the following report:
- Flooding – Still waiting for approval of substantial work by Scottish Water on Water and Sewage System in Annan
- Regeneration – Annan High Street and Town Centre project. Over the next few weeks' promotional work being undertaken to get feedback from shops and businesses. There will also be a two day public engagement meeting in March or April with solid proposals by middle of the year
- Max McCall from Planning department is coming to next Regeneration Meeting to discuss the Erskin Church building. The owner has now removed all loose materials and the building is safe.
- Road Surfacing - Part of Standalane to be resurfaced in next few weeks. Scott Street and Port Street resurfacing in next financial year



Members Report

John Ramage: John reported there are no signs for the new Library. Councillor Marshall will take this forward

Newington School – John reported that Hardip Atwall has offered plot he owns to Council for sale or rent to provide parking area for school

Market Hall- No heating for Day Centre, no notice given. Vulnerable adults attend the centre. Marion to do CCES.

John suggested all Community Councillors have I.D. cards. – He will bring samples to next meeting

Walter: Nothing to report

John Bonner: John gave report from Common Good sub-Committee on fishing applications this year, increase in garage rents and rent from John Bell field. No response from legal department whether we can sue Scottish Government regarding loss of income. A report will be coming to a future meeting regarding income from leases from Annan Football Club and others.

Mark: Nothing to report.

Sylvia: Sylvia complained again about the state of the River Path. Unfortunately this is a private path and Council will not do any work on it. It is up to the owners. (see note from Joyce)

Sylvia has had numerous complaints about rabbits at the cemetery eating flowers. Following a discussion it was agreed Marion will do a CCES asking what preventative measures are undertaken in cemeteries such as Annan to reduce damage to flowers by Rabbits.

Sylvia reported that Community Payback will hopefully do work on Summergate Walk.

Sylvia also reported that the pot holes at the bus terminal have still not been sorted. Sylvia advised to phone pothole ling at Council.

Marion: reported feedback from CCES's from last month.

Joyce: Met with Community Payback team at Cemetery regarding the River Path and steps to cemetery. They will clean up both. Went to Victorian Walk, they will clean that up too. Joyce then went to the underpath at Hospital Road and Community Payback has a bench in stock and will supply and fit for £40. Alan Kay to let Joyce know where he wants it.

Joyce has emailed John Pickles regarding the Community Resilience Plan. Annan Town sign next to Tesco has come off the pole. The Community Council renewed the signs some time ago. Sean advised the signage will be renewed under the Town regeneration project.

Allan Weild: Allan advised Bags of Help from Tesco has been approved for work at Jubilee Gardens it will run from 1st March until 30th April,

Allan emailed Royal Bank of Scotland regarding removal of ATM's - got the standard business reasons reply.

Allan advised Alison Telfer had sent a list of Youth Groups in town

Allan reported all Resilience items purchased.

Allan advised Brian McClafferty has sent the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy. He has circulated it to Community Councillors.

AOCB None

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date and Time of next meeting: 12th March 2018