



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 9th April 2018

Alan Kay, Vice Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Present:

Community Councillors: Alan Kay, Marion Stewart, John Ramage, Mark Sindall, Sylvia Moore, Rhona McCarton

D&G Councillors: Councillor McClelland, Councillor Richard Brodie, Councillor Marshall

In Attendance: PC Iain Leggett, Joseph Gartly Annandale Observer, Jaimie Nicholson

Apologies Allan Weild, Joyce Wylie, John Ramage

Minute of 12/03/18 the minute was proposed by Sylvia Moore seconded by Mark Sindall

Matters Arising

Mark and Jaimie will meet to consider samples of application forms for funding RBS – Regeneration Steering Group wrote to RBS re. Closure of Annan Branch. Reply was not keeping the branch open or the ATM's. However they did say they would be open to discussions on what should happen to the building. Alan Kay asked what that meant. Could it be free for community use or possibly a Community Empowerment project? More needs to be discussed with RBS.

Police Report P.C Iain Leggett presented the report:

Vandalisms 6, Assaults 9, Fraud 1, Theft related incidents 5, Threatening and abusive behaviour 4,

Road Traffic, Hit and run RTC 3, Fixed penalty tickets 2 (no seatbelt and no road tax) Careless driving 1, Parking offences 3.

PC Leggett advised Hate Crimes are a priority for Police Scotland with campaigns running on a yearly basis to raise awareness and encourage reporting. Special target audience is 11 to 18 year olds

From 1st March 2018 the three banks in Scotland withdrew all paper £5 and £10 notes from circulation. Retailers can refuse to take old paper money but banks will still honour the old style money and change it.

Banking Protocol – a multi agency initiative between law enforcement, Banking institutions and Trading Standards.

The aim is to identify vulnerable victims who are in the process of being defrauded of funds from their bank accounts by unscrupulous criminals and to intervene to prevent these crimes. Alan Kay thanked PC Leggett for his report and asked if there were questions.

Councillor Marshall raised the issue from taxi companies of Buses parking in the Taxi Rank leading to Graces Banking. PC Leggett advised he would look into this

Community Safety Report

No Report



Treasurers Report: Allan was on holiday, however the audited accounts were available for this meeting with balances as follows: - Web account £1311.02, General account £5426.45.

Correspondence

Marion advised the meeting the new Data Protection regulations come into effect on 25th May and the Community Council needs to be properly registered with the ICO.

Marion produced a list of responses from CCES's submitted this month.

Minutes of the Area Committee on 28th March were available for perusal.

Councillors Report

- **Councillor Brodie:** gave the following report
- Pinneys Decision to close Stapleton Road site – Councillor Brodie very disappointed with this decision. A Task Force has been set up consisting of Scottish Government, Regeneration Teams, Council and Scottish Enterprise. They will meet on Friday. Advised the meeting Pinneys did not bid for Deli or Ready Meals to Marks and Spencer and these contacts have gone to Two Sisters in Carlisle and Company in Uddingston. There will be a public meeting in the Market Hall on Wednesday the 13th March.
- Councillor Brodie advised the meeting he is dealing with an issue at the Swimming Pool where the advertised process for new session applications was not followed. He has had numerous complaints. He is speaking to department.
- Education – Early Years child care is being increased and Hecklegirth, St Columba's, and Sparklers to provide extra hours from 2019.
- **Councillor McClelland** gave the following report:
- Pinneys – Young's Seafood decided not to tender for the two contracts because the price of raw product had increased and M & S would not put increase on to customers, therefor, they would have been supplying at a loss. Recruitment Agency has 700 workers 65% of them live in Annan Area. 85% of all workers are Polish workers.
- Councillor McClelland agreed to give the Community Council £500 of his Discretionary Grant.
- Elm Road project – Committee agreed proposals
- Haaf Net sub committee Group met. Videos plus minutes from meetings as far back at 1679 have been uncovered to be included in the history of Fishing. Area Committee agreed grant up to £37,000
- **Councillor Marshall**
- Pinneys – Councillor Marshall has written to the Chief Executive and will be holding special surgeries for Pinneys employees. There has been positive interest for inward investment and trying to persuade Pinneys to retain the Salmon business in Annan. There will be big consequences for the economy and a massive impact on the High Street. There will be the statutory 45 day consultation process and the Action Group will be meeting on a weekly basis.
- The underpass at Hospital Road has been flooded due to drainage blockage. Work will be done on this.
- Councillor Marshall will be speaking to residents in Longmeadow Avenue to discuss the Elm Road Housing Development.



- Resurfacing of Port Street will take place this financial year.
- Sign for the new Library in hand.
- Play Park group met last week and are looking at Charitable Status and hoping to get development contribution from Windermere Road project for Play Park.
- Stapleton Road Depot Demolition is 3 to 4 weeks into the project. There have been complaints about asbestos however; all asbestos was removed from the site after the fire at the Weyroc.

Marion stated on behalf of the Community Council we were disappointed with the distribution of grants reported from Area Committee in the paper this week. The Councillors at the Common Good Sub-Committee requested that the Community Council take over the maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens from the Council and apply for a grant to complete the work. We did this and were unsuccessful therefore no work has been done on Jubilee Gardens. Following a discussion it was agreed to apply to Area Committee for a grant as there are some funds still available.

Members Report

Rhona: Many complaints about pot holes in particular those in Bruce Street that drivers cannot miss.

Sylvia: Sylvia advised the meeting that Bunty was 90 years old last month. She sent a card with our congratulations.

Sylvia also asked about future meetings. Marion advised we were looking at the Fire Station and she would let members know.

Mark: Reported on meeting of the Community Support Group. Progress taking shape at Muirfield Gardens and Rose Street. Door knocking took place introducing the group and residents came to a meeting. Outcome was that they did not know how to get in touch with services available therefore some sort of information sheet could be produced and distributed. Next meeting will be arranged as a social event at the Firth. Still a long way to go.

Marion: reported feedback from CCES's from last month. Marion also advised a grant had been put in for the repairs to the Town signs (£800)

Alan: Alan advised there has been progress on lighting the underpass at Hospital Road. Road Network Company will initially repair and Council will take over maintenance for future.

Jaimie Nicholson: The Centenary Grant has been put in. Officers will be meeting to discuss swimming lessons issue.

AOCB Young Citizen Event. Alan Kay and Mark Sindall agreed to do the interviews for this event. Marion will make the arrangements

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 14th May 2018 at 7pm in the Chambers at the Town Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm