



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 14th May 2018

Allan Weild Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance to our new venue at the Town Hall Chambers

Present:

Community Councillors: Allan Weild, Alan Kay, Joyce Wylie, Marion Stewart, John Ramage, Mark Sindall, Sylvia Moore, Rhona McCarton, Walter Hunt

D&G Councillors: No Councillors in attendance

In Attendance: PC Callum Duignan, Joseph Gartly Annandale Observer, Jaimie Nicholson

Apologies Councillor Marshall

Minute of 9.4.18 the minute was proposed by Alan Kay seconded by Rhona McCarton

Matters Arising

Sylvia asked if there was any progress on “Haste Ye Back” being put on the sandstone pillars with the coat of arms. Marion will contact Nichola Simpson or Lynn Everett

Marion enquired if we had registered with GDPR. Allan advised re-registered on 3rd May. Jaime will find out if we need controllers

Allan advised we had received two donations of £500 from Councillors from their Discretionary Grants for the Jubilee Gardens

Police Report P.C Callum Duignan presented the report:
Vandalisms 11, Assaults 5, Fraud 3, Theft related incidents 8, Threatening and abusive behaviour 7, Robbery 1, Drugs offences 2, Stalking and Harassment 1,

Road Traffic, Driving with provisional licence and no insurance 1, Failing to stop 1, Cause and permit someone to drive knowing they have no insurance 1

Significant Incidents/occurrences

From 7th May Armed Response Vehicles officers will now support colleagues and the public by responding to a wider range of incidents with an emphasis on public protection, vulnerability and speed of response. This will include incidents where their enhanced medical skills are of great benefit to the public, where appropriate, they will also support local and national campaigns such as drink driving. The revised deployment will not detract ARV officers from their primary purpose.

PC Duignan read out a letter to be sent to businesses on the high street regarding parking outside premises. PC Duignan asked for confirmation from the Community Council and elected members that they were happy with the letter. This was unanimously accepted.

Questions



Marion asked about “cold calling” as she had had a complaint from an elderly resident regarding someone trying to put pressure on them to buy windows. PC Duignan advised there were no laws against cold calling but if anyone felt threatened they should contact police.

Allan reported numerous complaints about speeding in North Street and parking at when school athletics programmes were on. PC Duignan said he would report this back.

Community Safety Report

No Report

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported the following balances: - Web account £1385.40 General account £5955.68 £1000 of this is ring fenced for Jubilee Gardens and the War memorial bench has to be ordered.

Correspondence

Marion advised we have an invitation to a Garden Party at St Columba’s Play Group on Wednesday 13th June from 6pm to 7pm. We will accept invitation.

Marion advised we had received confirmation of two small grant awards from Area Committee Discretionary Grant Awards £1000 for the Centenary Celebrations Event and £800 for renewing the Welcome to Annan Signs.

Councillors Report

No Reports

Members Report

John Ramage: John asked that everyone gets photos taken tonight for I.D. badges. John also advised the benches at the memorial need painted. He suggested the Community Council volunteer to do this. This was agreed.

Alan Kay: Alan Kay asked if the WEB Site advertising could be reviewed and the information updated. Allan advised advertisement charges range from No Charge to donations of £25 - £100 per year. It was agreed to review.

Sylvia: Sylvia advised she had had complaints that the running track gate is left open and people are using it. Jaime advised this is correct because it is a public facility and not an ADAC facility. Sylvia also advised pot holes at Hecklegirth and very deep and very large due to the traffic at the Sawmill. Sylvia advised to phone the Pot Hole Hot Line.

Rhona: Rhona asked when the Garden competition is this year. Joyce will organise with help from others.

Joyce: Advised the meeting George Moffat Community Payback Manager has organised and completed work on steps at cemetery, the seat being sited at underpass and the clearing of Victoria Walk. Our thanks were expressed for this work. Planters are now ready for the station.

Mark: Circulated a grant application sample for discussion. Following the discussion and a couple of suggestions this was agreed.



Jaimie Nicholson: Advised the Community Conversation will take place on 12th June in Victoria Hall at 6.30pm. Jaime also advised the Playpark Group has now been constituted to Charitable Organisation and they asked for a member of the Community Council to attend their meetings. Next meeting on Monday.

Marion: Advised arrangements for the Young Citizen Award are as follows: Interviews 23rd and 24th May (Alan and Mark) Award Ceremony at Town Hall on 28th May.

Allan: Advised Colin McKenna has moved on from his post and that is why he was not at last meeting. Resilience Plan now complete as Cabinet and other equipment now purchased and just to be placed in Market Hall. Lynn Sharp from Scottish Government contacted Alan and asked to Showcase Annan Community Council Scotland wide. This was agreed.

AOCB Marion attended the meeting at Annan Town Hall on 2nd May arranged by the Working Group. Paul Wheelhouse was in the Chair. An update was given on the situation to date stating Pinneys position is that operational costs are too great for them to continue with the business. There are five potential new companies interested in the site, two of whom have already visited the site. Advised no threat to Seafood's at Port Street. The Action Group consisting of Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, and The Council are meeting twice weekly and fortnightly meeting with workforce.

It was a very interesting meeting, very informative and certainly in my opinion all factions working hard to resolve the situation.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 11th June 2018 at 7pm in the Chambers at the Town Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00pm