



## **Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Allan Weild Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Allan welcomed Randell Adams, Sherry Adams and Andrew Adams from Arkansas who were visiting the town

Present:

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

**D&G Councillors**: No Councillors in attendance

**In Attendance**: PC Alan Wilson, Joseph Gartly Annandale Observer, Jaimie Nicholson, Robert Piercy Community Safety Officer

**Apologies** Councillor Brodie, Mark Sindall

**Minute of 14.5.18** the minute was proposed by John Ramage seconded by Joyce Wylie

### **Matters Arising**

Attendance should read ? and not Joseph Gartly

Allan asked for an update on the "Haste ye Back " signs. This will be discussed at tomorrow's Community Conversation meeting

**Police Report** P.C Alan Wilson presented the report:

Vandalisms 7, Assaults 13, Fraud 2, Theft related incidents 19, Theft by HB 6, Attempted theft by HB 2, Robbery 1, Drugs offences 3, Fire raising 1, Communication Offences 2, Offensive Weapon 1, Urinating in Public 1, Breach of the peace 8.

22 year old male reported for various crimes of dishonesty following a number of incidents over the past weeks. Local male also reported for a number of dishonesty offences including thefts from motor vehicles. Over the past few weeks a number of vans have been broken into throughout Annandale and Eskdale and beyond. PC Wilson advised that although there has been lots of incidents of theft over the last month most of them have been committed by two individuals who have now been reported. PC Wilson reminded everyone we should take care to lock up our homes and our cars. At this time of year lots of windows are left open.

### **Significant Incidents/occurrences**

PC Wilson circulated a report from Scottish Partnership against Rural Crime giving advice on various issues including "Who is Renting your Property", What to look out for" and "What the public can do"

PC Wilson also circulated advice about "Cold Calling " areas and how to set one up

### **Community Safety Report**

Robert Piercy gave the following report:

- 1 Fly tipping in Dykes Avenue
- 2 Fly tipping reported in Seafield Road



- 3 Noise complaint regarding dog barking in Kimmeter Place
- 4 Issue regarding garden fire in Greenknowe Avenue
- 5 Trailer dumped in grounds of Annan Academy
- 6 Dog Fouling issues in Springbells Road, Stapleton Road and Riverside Walk
- 7 Fly tipping reported near to cemetery
- 8 Noise complaint regarding dog barking in Hallmeadow Place

Marion asked if the “Dog Fouling” banners have had any effect? Robert replied yes, incidents have certainly been reduced in areas where there are banners up. Marion asked if we need more? Robert replied no we have enough at the moment as the Community Safety Officers are rotating where they are put.

**Treasurers Report:** The treasurer reported the following balances: - Web account £1338.42 General account £5147.66. £1000 of this is ring fenced for Jubilee Gardens and the War memorial bench has to be ordered although Allan is having trouble getting a reply from them. Joyce will try to contact them. We have two small grants still to come in and the money from the Tesco Community project.

### **Correspondence**

Marion reminded members about the Garden Party. Rhona and Marion will attend

Invitation from Cunningham Homes to meet with them at 1pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, prior to a public meeting. PC Wilson will also attend.

Notice from Andrew Hay Community Safety regarding and Engagement Day to be held on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> June from 9am to 4pm in the Foyer at Tesco.

Email from Eastriggs, Dornock and Creca Community Council regarding them being dis-established due to low member numbers. Following a discussion it was agreed we are okay for full member numbers but we have 4 Co-opted members and advice is we should have them as full members. Jaime will find out how we go about this.

Email from Emma Berger on behalf of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway requesting our support on the “Dual the A75 Road” campaign. Following a discussion it was agreed to support the group. Marion to send email confirming this.

Allan has received correspondence from an Annan Academy teacher and pupil regarding a project to reduce the number of plastic bottles being used in Annan Academy and therefore reducing the amount of plastic entering our waterways. S3 pupils have written the Sir David Attenborough and have received a letter from him commending them for their efforts. S3 pupils are already collecting plastic bottles but their aim is to supply all pupils with a re-useable bottle with the school logo and their name on it. The cost of the project is about £1650. They are requesting a donation. Following a discussion it was agreed to donate £500 towards the project and hopefully we will get publicity for the Community Council.

### **Councillors Report**

No Reports



## Members Report

**John Ramage:** John distributed ID badges to all Community Councillors in attendance. John also advised the trees at Aberlour Trust building in Hospital Road are overhanging the pavement and causing pedestrians to walk on the road.

**Alan Kay:** Nothing

**Sylvia:** Sylvia was hoping for an update on the Beckfoot Right of Way but as there were no Councillors there Marion will email Richard Brodie for an update. Sylvia reported the gate at the Viaduct Walk is broken and cattle are straying on to the walkway. She contacted Richard Masters who advised he will try to get it replaced.

**Rhona:** Nothing

**Joyce:** Advised the meeting George Moffat Community Payback Manager has agreed the Cemetery path will be cut back by the Community Payback Service in April and September. The Garden competition will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. The judges are Peter and Val Russell from Eastriggs Gardening Club.

The 10 new Station Planters are all in place and planted along with 6 of the old ones. Thanks go to Walter Hunt and his wife Diana who planted up all the tubs and Garry Hogg who transported all of the compost to fill them. Thanks also to Bill Black who put up the Hanging Baskets at the station

**Walter:** Been very busy with the work at the station

**Marion:** Advised winner of the Young Citizen competition this year was Aimee Carruthers from Newington School. Marion asked if there was a criteria written down anywhere for the competition as some issues arose during the process. Marion suggested to the Head Teachers of the schools that we meet them after one of their Cluster meetings to discuss the competition so everyone knows what the criteria is. Allan suggested a sub-group be set up consisting of Community Councillors who have interviews pupils and come up with a new criteria. This was agreed.

**Allan:** Advised the Resilience plan is now complete with all equipment secured in the cabinet at the Market Hall.

**AOCB** Marion congratulated Marie Dunbar and Stuart Thompson following announcement of their OBE in the Queens Birthday Honours List.

Marion also advised Annan Community Council will be hosting the next federation meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> July in the Lesser Victoria Halls.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm venue to be notified.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm