



## **Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Allan Weild Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. 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**: Annandale Observer, Jaimie Nicholson, Bill Elliot & Adam Warner Scottish Water.

**Apologies** Councillor Marshall, Mark Sindall

**Minute of 9.7.18** following a correction to the minute it was proposed by Joyce Wylie seconded by Walter Hunt

### **Matters Arising**

A decision on the area around the Tree at the Fish cross has to be made by the local councillors The bench that was at the Library is now at the depot at Lockerbie until we decide where we want it put. Following discussion it was decided to locate at the junction of the low road to Powfoot.

Sean Marshall is dealing with the road markings at the roundabout at Standalane.

**Police Report** P.C Ewan Fraser presented the report:

Vandalisms: to vehicles 3 to house window 1, Fraud; 1 over the phone 2 over internet, Culpable and reckless behaviour:1, Assault: 6 (of which a person responsible has been identified and reported to PF), Offences against animals: 1 (kicking dog  
Telecoms Offences: 2, (1 domestic related), Taxi Fraud: 1, Threatening and abusive behaviour: 6 ( persons identified and reported to PF), Drinking in the street: 1.

**Road Traffic**, Road traffic collisions 3, Failing to wear seatbelt 1, Speeding on A75 5.

### **Significant Incidents/occurrences**

Prowlers: The police continue to ask the public to report anything they think suspicious at the time it happens, calling the next day means we have often missed the opportunity to catch those responsible. If you believe a crime is in progress call Police Scotland 999.

P C Leggett had a good response to our Facebook live appeal and we intend on using this feature more often

### **Presentation by Scottish Water**

Bill Elliott addressed the meeting giving an update on the work being carried out to prevent a repeat of the flooding that has recently been a problem in Annan. Bill advised a substantial amount of money has been set aside over the next couple of years to carry out work around Rose Street, Charles Street area and other areas in Hospital road.



They are carrying out site investigations now including installing wider pipes to carry flood water away and in two weeks they will start to carry out borehole work to gain information about the ground where they intend to site a Storm Tank similar to the one they put in Newington Park and hopefully this will sort the problems.

Adam advised the meeting on the work Scottish Water is also undertaking with the Council Planning Department and local home builders to advise them on up to date theories on how to prevent flooding. He advised this has been well received and both the Council and developers have signed up to their suggestions for improvement.

### **Community Safety Report**

No Report

**Treasurers Report:** The treasurer reported the following balances: - Web account £1317.17 General account £10,178.17 the memorial bench has to be paid out of this and also includes ring fenced money for Jubilee Gardens.

### **Correspondence**

Joyce received a request for funding from Louise Smith Dancing Troup who is raising money to attend the Dance Championships in Canada next year. Marion to send out a funding application.

### **Jaime Nicholson Ward Officer:**

Jaime asked where we were with the Resilience Plan. Allan advised plan complete now that cupboards had been purchased and all emergency equipment purchased. The Cupboards are sited in the Market hall and all Community Councillors have a key to access equipment if necessary. Marion to send final copy to Jaime. Jamie advised we will be notified of Budget Consultation arrangements.

Annan Play Park Group is becoming an APPS and has now arranged a lease on the current land. Money available for the project is the £125,000 from the Council plus another £36,000 and an unknown sum of money from Developers.

Jaime asked the Community Councillors if they had any ideas for a Community Ward event to let her know. Sean Marshall has already put forward a suggestion

### **Councillors Report**

No Reports

### **Members Report**

**John Ramage:** John advised of a flooding problem at Kimmeter Place. Marion will do a CCES to report this). John also suggested that the Song Annan Queen of the Border be resurrected as the anthem for the Riding of the Marches.

John also raised concerns about the report in the paper following a discussion on the number of Alcohol Licences being issued in Annan. (John to email the local Councillors)



**Alan Kay:** Alan Kay will be the Community Council rep on the Play Park Group  
Alan also advised the meeting that he felt the CCES system is not working as he had reported a broken drain cover in Hospital Road in April, May and August and the work has still not been carried out. Alan will contact the Head of Department to make complaint

**Sylvia:** Sylvia advised she had had complaints about a hedge at 29 Newington Road overhanging the pavement and causing an obstruction. Marion to write letter to DGHP.  
Sylvia also advised she was not happy she did not know about the trees at Corner Stone being cut down. She requested that a print out is given to her as she does not have access to a computer. She was advised that planning applications a listed at the Library and also notified in the local paper.  
Sylvia also advised the meeting that Bunty Taylor a past long serving Community Councillor had sadly died. She did not know the arrangement for the funeral yet. Marion will send card to the family and members who can would attend the funeral.

**Rhona:** Nothing to report

**Joyce:** Advised the meeting Mrs Thorpe, 25 Victoria Road won the small garden competition.  
The WW1 Commemorative seat has arrived  
Joyce attended the Day of the Region meeting  
Joyce gave a vote of thanks to Mrs Hunt for her assistance with the planting at the station. She also suggested an outside tap is fitted at the station to make it easier for watering.  
Joyce advised she had purchased an extra large fire pit for the WW1 celebrations. She requested a meeting to discuss further arrangements. We will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> October in the Billiard Room at the Blue Bell at 3.30pm.

**Walter:** Nothing to report.

**Marion:** Advised she had been contacted by a number of people regarding the state of slabs at the walk way behind the houses in McMurdo Road. A lady was seriously injured there when she tripped over a raised slab and ended up with two broken arms and serious facial injuries. She reported to CCES and was advised it was responsibility of DGHP. The complaint was passed on. There has been no response so far.

**Allan:** Advised August will be our annual month off from business.  
Scott Irving has invited us to the Fire Station for a presentation on updates to equipment for the Fire Service. Our meeting next month will be at the Fire Station on 8/10/18  
Allan gave keys to all of the Community Councillors for the Resilience cupboards in the Market Hall

**AOCB** None.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at Fire Station in Standalane.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm