



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 8th October 2018

Allan Weild Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at the Fire Station in Annan. Present:

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

D&G Councillors: No Councillors in attendance

In Attendance: Joseph Annandale Observer, Jaimie Nicholson, Jack O'Hara, Ruby McGregor, Annan Academy

Apologies Councillor Marshall, Joyce Wylie, Henry McClelland

Minute of 10th September 2018 following a correction to the minute it was proposed by John Ramage and seconded by Rhona McCarton

Matters Arising

John asked for a correction to the members report under John Ramage. The request should have read "Queen of the Border" be put on all road signs for Annan to ensure this reference to the border town is not lost.

Co-option new member: Annan Academy proposed a new youth representative as Nichola Proudfoot had now left the school. Yvonne McGregor was nominated and following a vote was co-opted with voting rights on to the Community Council as the youth representative.

Police Report: P.C Alan Wilson presented the report:
Drugs offences 3, Theft 5, Theft by shoplifting 4, Prowler 2, Assault 11, Breach of the Peace 4, Vandalism 5, and Fraud 4.
50% of these have been detected and have positive lines of enquiry for many others

Road Traffic: Hit and Run 4, Speeding 7, Driving licence offences 1, and Carless driving 1. North Street was closed for a time on 3rd October following a road traffic collision whereby damage was caused to a mains gas pipe.

Significant Incidents/occurrences

There has been a positive outcome following the theft of ATM from Co-op at Gretna.

Allan Weild thanked PC Wilson for the report.

Presentation by Scott Irving Fire Scotland with overview of new Tender

Scott Irving and Kenny Simmons gave the members of the Community Council a comprehensive overview of the new tender that is proposed for Annan and Stranraer. This is a much smaller tender to those currently used at the station. The tender will be able to access some areas that the currently tenders are unable to access because of their size. They hold the same equipment as the larger tender plus a very important new piece of equipment that allows



Fire Fighters to tackle fires externally. This was a very impressive demonstration and information on how it can be used. There will be no reduction of personnel as a result of the new smaller tender replacing a larger one and all personnel will be fully trained on the new tender. It is expected the tender will be in use in Annan from January 2019.

Community Safety Report

No Report

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported the following balances: - Web account £1342.42
General account £9,016.97 which includes ring fenced money for Jubilee Gardens.

Correspondence

Marion advised that correspondence had been received from the Council regarding the consultation process for the yearly budget. It was agreed that Marion will look at the document and report back to the next meeting.

Jaime Nicholson Ward Officer:

Jaime asked if we had had contact from Eastriggs Community Council regarding how to set up a Facebook Account and Web site. Allan advised that he had passed this on to Saskia and asked her to assist.

Councillors Report

No Reports

Members Report

John Ramage: John asked for the possibility of the location of one of our seats to the right of the Kissing Gate at the cemetery. Following a discussion we agreed to site one of our seats at the turning from Howes corner to Powfoot and that the cemetery could be the site for the other as we now have two seats following the 100year anniversary seat now being in position. John also advised he will attend a meeting at Ex-Service Club on 25th October to discuss Remembrance Sunday arrangements. John had asked permission from the Community Council for the Riding of the Marches committee to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day. There was no objections. John also asked the Community Council to support the Day Centre in their proposals to use the land at the old library to build a new day centre for Annan. Following a discussion John was advised that the Community Council had agreed to support the relocation of the Library to the Town Hall on the understanding that the old site would be sold at market value and the money received be ring fenced for the development of the Market Hall. It was however recognised that there was no timescale for this and the Council's priorities could have changed.

Alan Kay: Alan advised there was still no movement on the cover for the drain at the back of Springbells House. Alan also advised there has still been no movement from the Council on replacing lights at the underpass in Hospital Road despite having assurances from both the Council and Transport Scotland that they had reached agreement on a way forward. Jaime will follow this up.

Sylvia: Nothing to report

