



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 12th November 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, Mark Sindall, Ruby McGregor

D&G Councillors: Councillor Carruthers, Councillor Brodie, Councillor Marshall

Apologies: Walter Hunt

In Attendance: Fiona Reid Annandale Observer, Jaimie Nicholson, Rev.David Whiteman, Annan Old Parish Church.

Apologies Councillor Henry McClelland

Minute of 8th October following a correction to the minute it was proposed by Rhona McCarton and seconded by Mark Sindall

Matters Arising

Joyce asked if the Community Council were supporting the Day Centre project. It was agreed to deal with this issue under AOCB

Police Report: P.C Ewan Fraser presented the report: Attempted Murder 1, Theft 2, Theft by shoplifting 3, Theft by Housebreaking 1, Assault 10, Domestic incident 1, Breach of the Peace 2, Threatening and abusive behaviour 4, Vandalism 8, Fraud 3, Fireraising 1 and Sexual Exposure 1. 50% of these have been detected and have positive lines of enquiry for many others

Road Traffic: Dangerous driving 1, Careless driving 1, Obstruction 1.

Significant Incidents/occurrences

A 45 year old man has been arrested for attempted murder after an incident which occurred in Thomas Street in Annan on 14th October 2018. The male has been remanded in custody.

On 3rd November a 72 year old female had a purse stolen from her hand bag at 18.40pm on Butts Street, Annan. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 3rd November 2018 three vehicles were reported to be on fire on Port Street, Annan. Enquiries are ongoing.

PC Fraser advised the meeting as the nights get darker earlier Police Scotland are reminding the community to review their home security. Kits are available for £5 at the police station to mark any valued items in the home.

Allan Weild thanked PC Wilson for the report.

Community Safety Report

No Report. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.



Adoption of the Amended Scheme for Community Councils: The new Amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway was presented to the meeting, accepted and signed by Allan Weild, Chairperson and Alan Kay Vice Chairperson.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported the following balances: - Web account £1542.42 General account £9,016.16. that includes ring fenced money for Jubilee Gardens. There are still some outstanding expenses for the Battle's over event.

Correspondence

Marion advised that correspondence had been received from Louise Smith Dancing School requesting a grant to help with their trip to Canada to attend the Wold Championships. £500 was proposed by Marion and unanimously voted to approve by the members.

Marion advised the meeting of the annual request from the Christmas Lights Committee to support their event. Allan proposed £500 and unanimously voted to approve by the members. Marion presented correspondence from the Community Warden section of the Council advising us of a restructure of their service.

Marion advised correspondence had been received from Economic Environment and Infrastructure regarding the introduction of a 20 miles per hour speed limit at Greencroft Wynd in Annan from 14th December 2018.

Marion also advised we have received correspondence from Environment and Infrastructure regarding an MSP Bill that if passed, would change the default speed limit on some restricted roads from 30 mph to 20mph. Local Roads Authorities will be involved in identifying of appropriate roads and the decision making process should the Bill be passed.

Councillors Report

Councillor Marshall gave an update on the following: The Cally Bridge roundabout has now been repainted, Signage for the Library ongoing, Taxi Rank outside D & G media has been resolved, Beckfoot Access Officers discussed alternative routes with owner and still no resolution, they will try again before taking legal action. Pinney's Site, Task Force is still meeting and a property has been identified for Scottish Enterprise to have a local office in South West Scotland to support the Pinney's project and other businesses. There is still interest in the site.

Councillor Carruthers: Asked the meeting if we had arranged a community event to discuss the budget for Dumfries and Galloway Council. Following a discussion it was agreed to use the Annan on-line facility to give Community Feedback.

Councillor Brodie: Advised the High Street Regeneration proposals are published for Community consultation,

Councillor Brodie advised the Council has to save £40m pounds this year and gave information on workforce reductions and that there is a no compulsory redundancy policy in the Council, Annan Fisheries – Coastal netting will end although there is some hope that Annan will continue to Catch and Release Salmon, Annan Harbour Group – Man Shed now up and running, Elm Road – has been redesigned but still needs some work.

Jaime Nicholson Ward Officer:

Jaime advised the meeting she will attend the meeting at Dumfries on the 22nd of November but this was separate from the Budget Community Tool that can be used for consultation. She will co-ordinate our feedback from Annan Online.



Members Report

Allan Weild: Allan thanked Joyce for all her hard work organising the “Battle’s Over” event. It was a great success with a good attendance at the event. It took a lot of organising and hard work. We did not get as many people as we thought at the Ex Service club for refreshment but other than that it was great.

Rhona Mc Carton: Nothing to report

Ruby McGregor: Ruby advised the meeting that the Senior show at Annan Academy this year is The Sound of Music. She asked the Community Council for assistance when it comes to advertising in the hope it will increase the take up of tickets. The productions from the Academy are very professional and cost many thousands of pounds to put on. Allan Weild said as a start we will advertise it on Annan online and to make sure materials get to Saskia when available.

Joyce Wylie: Joyce confirmed she is our representative on the Chapelcross Stakeholders committee.

John Ramage: John advised the Armistice day service went well although Annan Old Parish did not have any of the organisations at their service. John apologised and ensured this will be rectified for next year. He also advised the Benediction was missed. John advised the meeting the school beacons at Newington School are not working, someone has cut the wires. He will do a CCES

Sylvia Moore: Nothing to report

Marion Stewart: Nothing to report

AOCB A discussion took place regarding Annan Day Centre using the Community Empowerment Bill to purchase the land at the old library to build a fit for purpose Day Centre as they have outgrown the Market Hall. Allan Weild advised the meeting that the Community Council has no issue with the Day Centre and applaud them for the work they do in the community however, the position we find ourselves in is that the Community Council agreed to the move to the Town Hall of the Library on the understanding the land would be sold at market value for development and the money ring-fenced for the redevelopment of the Market Hall site.

Councillor Marshall confirmed this was the situation then and there had been precedence set within the Council in Kircudbright. Councillor Carruthers advised he is in support of the move and that although this was the agreement at the time things move on. Councillor Brodie is in agreement with the proposals. It was agreed to keep a watching brief on the project.

Rev. David Whiteman the new Minister for Annan Old Parish Church introduced himself to the meeting and gave us some information of his background. He advised he had enjoyed the meeting and hoped to attend further meetings if available.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 10th December at 7pm at the Fire Station.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm