

## Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Allan Weild Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm welcoming all in attendance at the Fire Station Annan

Present:

**Community Councillors:** Allan Weild, Walter , Alan Kay, John Ramage, Joyce Wyllie

**D&G Councillors:** Ian Carruthers

**Apologies :** Ruby, Mark Sindal, Marion Stewart.

**In Attendance:** Abbey Morton Annandale Observer, Jaimie Nicholson, PC Allan Wilson, Steven Bryson.

**Minute of 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Proposed by Alan Kay, Seconded by Joyce Wyllie.

**Matters Arising:** John Ramage gave his apologies for the last meeting as his email didn't go through.

Jaime Nicholson asked about the budget consultation and was told that it would follow soon.

**Police Report:** PC Alan Wilson presented the report, 4 Drug offences, 7 Theft, 1 theft by house breaking, 12 Assaults, 3 Threatening and abusive behaviour, 7 Vandalism, 3 Fraud, 2 Breach of bail, 1 Sexual exposure, 2 Telecommunication offences, 1 Civic government offence.

**Road Traffic:** 3 Careless Driving of which 2 were issued with FPT, 1 No insurance, 1 Drink driver, 1 Defective Tyres.

Allan Weild thanked PC Wilson for his report.

Allan then introduced Sandie Ross ABS project coordinator who explained that her company was targeting certain streets in the Annan area to fit external insulation to houses of certain categories. The insulation would be fitted free and was government funded. Alan thanked Sandie for her presentation and said that we would keep in touch as the work is being carried out.

**Treasures Report:** As the treasurer wasn't in attendance no report was given.

**Correspondence:** In the absence of the secretary Allan mentioned that the Federation meeting would be tomorrow Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at Lochmaben. Also the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector roadshow would be held in the Market Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Alan also mentioned that the Solway west Marine Plan were looking for input from any interested party on the Solway coast.

**Councillors Report:** D&G Councillor Ian Carruthers brought up the following topics; The Council was looking for input from CC about budget savings, they were also asking the public about cuts in services. He went on to explain the government funding that the council received, he said that it may take volunteers instead of paid workers like Heather Paul and her team of litter pickers.

There was a discussion on the Common Good Fund, rents and asset transfers, no applications have been made to date. He then went on to explain the recycling system and that most of the recycling was being done at the eco deco plant but the public need to be educated on its principles. The CC was quite proud of the personal reusable drinking bottles supplied to Annan Academy.

**Ward Officer:** Jaime Nicholson informed the committee that according to emails it was desired to keep the tree at fish cross, although repair of the base would be difficult, suggestions about rubber matting and a TPO was also considered.

### **Members Report**

**Joyce Wyllie:** Joyce had an enquiry from Don Barty regarding who John Bells Field was named after and where the old mine had gone to at the entrance to Gracies Banking, Joyce was endeavoring to find answers to his request. She also asked if there was footpath available while the work at the top of Port street was being carried out she was assured that the footway would be maintained at all times. Joyce indicated that the money received from Scotrail had been agreed but was not going into the bank and was bouncing back, Alan said that there were 2 sort code numbers, one being electronic.

**Walter Hunt:** Walter said that the white line at the traffic lights at the top of Butts Street needed repainted as vehicles were stopping too close to the main road causing vehicles turning difficulties, CCES being looked into the situation. He went on to mention abandoned cars being left all over the town, Police to investigate.

**Alan Kay:** Alan told the meeting that there was going to be a meeting at the underpass regarding the lighting tomorrow 15<sup>th</sup> at 11-1130. The waste ground at Springbells near the industrial units has had someone on with horses and he thought that the ruts they were causing could cause injury to children playing there.

**John Ramage:** John mentioned the damaged kerb at Tweedie Terrace and North Street, it was thought that this was being damage by HGVs cutting the corner. Alan recommended extending the double yellow lines to enable a safer maneuver.

**Allan Weild:** Allan reiterated that the Federation Meeting would be held in Lochmaben at 7pm tomorrow 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Public Forum:** Steven Bryson brought up again the safety of the children attending Newington Primary school and reminded the meeting that a child was in collision with a car recently. A lengthy discussion took place and suggestions such as Railings down the whole side of the school in Hospital Road or making it one way during school starting and finishing times plus enforcement of parking restrictions in Springbells road to ensure the local bus and emergency services a safe passage. All these items were discussed and Councillor Carruthers intimated that this was the duty of the Police and the local authority he also suggested that we arrange a public meeting for interested parties.

**AOCB** There was no other business.

As there was no other business Allan thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7pm Annan Fire Station.