



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 8th April 2019

Allan Weild Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at the Fire Station in Annan,

Community Councillors: Allan Weild, Marion Stewart, Rhona McCarton, Walter Hunt, Joyce Wylie, John Ramage Ruby McGregor

D&G Councillors: Councillor Richard Brodie,

Apologies: Alan Kay, Mark Sindall Councillor Marshal and Councillor McClelland, Jaime Nicholson

In Attendance: Amanda, Annandale Observer, PC Iain Leggett, PC David Irons

Minute of 11 March 2019 Following a correction the minute was proposed by Rhona McCarton and seconded by Joyce Wylie

Matters Arising

Joyce advised the Station Hotel had offered the use of their tap in the beer garden. Walter, however thought it would be better if we had one actually on the platform in case he disturbed people in the Beer Garden. This was agreed.

Marion reported the Haaf Net group had agreed to pay £400 for advertising. This was agreed and we have the money. Allan Weild suggested we have a presentation from the Haaf Net Group.

Police Report: P.C Iain Leggett presented the report: Theft 6, Theft by shoplifting 2, Theft by Housebreaking 3, Assault 10, Domestic Assault 3, Threatening and abusive behaviour 11, Vandalism 15, Fraud 2, Breach of Bail 1, Sexual Offences 2, Drug offences 1.

Road Traffic: Construction and use 1.

Significant Incident

PC Leggett reported a Robbery took place in the early hours of Saturday morning in Butt Street, where a taxi driver reported that he had been threatened and had money stolen from his taxi. Shortly thereafter two further incidents were reported. Persons having broken into a flat in George Street and an attempted break in at the Cinema in Lady Street. A number of police resources attended these areas and about 7.45am two males were apprehended by Police in relation to all the incidents after a disturbance within a domestic property.

Police continue to liaise with the victims of offences and Community Officers will be carrying out patrols throughout Annan and the wider community to offer further reassurances. The public have been a great assistance during this enquiry and we continue to look for their support and the use of the 101/999 to report any suspicious incidents.

Walter Hunt advised PC Leggett that taxi's are still sitting on the pavement at the Commercial for long periods of time. Allan also advised PC Leggett of motorists using the bus station to cut through to the Bruce area. Allan reported the signage is not good there and could maybe be



improved to alert drivers that there is no entry at all at the bus station from Butt Street. Allan also advised he had read that parking on the pavement is to become illegal. PC Leggett advised it is allowed at the moment as long as the car is not causing an obstruction for pedestrians

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported the following balances: - Web account £1193.03 General account £7,579.81 Rhona advised that Steven Maycock will do the new signs for the Jubilee Gardens. Joyce advised we are still waiting for three signs already paid for from Mr Maycock and one not paid for the Boys Brigade planter. Rhona will liaise with Mr Maycock to progress these matters.

Correspondence

Marion advised the meeting we had been notified of a licence application from Annan Athletic Football club for their premises now that it is no longer a Social Club. Only one issue needed clarification and Marion will contact the Licence Department to query this.

Marion advised the meeting she had a card from Sylvia Moore tendering her resignation from the Committee. Following a discussion it was Agreed that Rhona would purchase a gift and we will have a presentation.

Councillors Report

Councillor Richard Brodie brought us up to date with progress of the Haaf Net Working Group. All of their projects are nearly complete including a lovely seat at the Fish Cross, a book called Sally the Salmon and a film by John Wallace regarding the history of Haaf netting. All Community Councillors were invited to attend the launch of the projects and names should be given to Alan Kay.

Councillor Brodie advised a request has been put to Education Department regarding the cuts proposed. Reductions in teacher numbers, Composite classes rising from 19 to 25 and very little support for pupils with additional learning needs have not gone down well. The reduction of rural schools to one teacher schools like Brydekirk is also a big problem.

Councillor Brodie reported that DG1 is nearing completion at a cost of £40M and a reported £1.1M yearly running costs have been advised.

Allan Weild reported to Councillor Brodie the Headstone Tax has not gone down well in the town with Annan online getting hundreds of hits regarding this, none of which were complementary. Councillor Brodie reported that most other Councils in Scotland already have this "Tax" however the Federation of Stonemasons are asking where they got the £120 as they believe it is around £48 elsewhere. Marion asked how the community can be assured the £120 collected from the community of Annan is actually spent to improve Annan Cemetery and not just absorbed in the Council coffers.



Members Report

Joyce Wylie: Joyce advised she had contacted regarding the door at W H Smith and the access for disabled people who need to get to the post office. People in wheelchairs cannot open the door, Marion to write to the Post Office requesting they improve disability access to the post office. Joyce also advised the Fire Station manager had asked that we do not park in the car park in case there is a fire a firefighters are unable to get in. This was noted.

Walter Hunt: Nothing

John Ramage: John asked if there had been any progress with the problems at the Black Sheds. Councillor Brodie said he would ask the Rights of Way officer who owns the land to enable us to contact them. John commented that the seat at the Fish Cross is very nice. He also asked if we could get a Brass Plaque in remembrance of Bunty Taylor to be put on one of the Community Council's seats. This was agreed and Marion will progress through Allwoods.

Rhona McCarton: Rhona advised that Sean was able to start work in the Jubilee Garden now. Marion asked her where the gate had to go to enable her to get a price. Joyce asked Rhona about dog training in the Jubilee Gardens as she had a complaint people could not get in because dogs were being trained. Rhona advised there was no dog training.

Ruby McGregor: Ruby presented the grant application form from Annan Academy Gymnastic Team to replace Leotards. They needed £500 to purchase these. Following a discussion it was agreed to award a grant of £250.

Allan Weild: Allan suggested a meeting to discuss the Young Citizen event. It was agreed to meet at 1.30pm on Monday the 15th at Marions.

Marion Stewart: Marion asked members to think of anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of the Community Council because she was concerned regarding numbers.

AOCB No other business

The meeting closed at 8,40pm

Date and Time of Next meeting. 13th May at 7pm at the Fire Station, Standalane.