



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 13th May 2019

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

Community Councillors: Allan Weild, Marion Stewart, Walter Hunt, Joyce Wylie, Ruby McGregor

D&G Councillors: Councillor Sean Marshall, Councillor Henry McClelland

Apologies: Alan Kay, Mark Sindall, Rhona McCarton

In Attendance: Amanda, Annandale Observer, Jaime Nicholson, PC Ewan Fraser

Minute of 8th April 2019 Proposed by Walter Hunt and seconded by Joyce Wylie

Matters Arising

Awaiting word from Scot Rail re access to hut at station for tap.

Marion apologised for not contacting the post office regarding the door for disabled people. She will get on to this immediately.

Marion to contact Allwood's regarding a plaque for Bunty for the seat at the Town Hall.

Police Report: P.C Ewan Fraser presented the report: Theft 9, Theft by shoplifting 2, Theft by OLP 1, Theft by Housebreaking 1, Assault 10, Threatening and abusive behaviour 8, Vandalism 7, Breach of Bail 1 Fraud 1, Sexual Offences 1, Drug offences 4, Communication offences 1, Drunk and Incapable 1, Offensive Weapon 2, Police Assault 1, Firearms 1,

Road Traffic: 9.

Significant Incident

PC Fraser advised Operation Spotlight had proved very successful in Annan as a quantity of drugs and offensive weapons have been seized.

PC Fraser advised the meeting of a change to the Contact Assessment Model currently used. Police Scotland handles on average three million 999 calls and 101 calls every year and wants to do more to ensure every call gets the right response. That is why they are introducing a new model of assessment to ensure their focus is and always will be to protect the public and those most in need in our communities.

Treasurers Report: Rhona is on holiday therefore there is no written report. We will catch up next month.

Correspondence

Allan advised we had received a letter from the residents of Port Street regarding the Jubilee Gardens. Following a discussion it was agreed Allan will arrange a meeting with the residents and Community Councillors at the Jubilee Gardens.



Allan advised the Minsca Forms for 2019 need to be submitted. Allan will complete and submit including a bin for the Jubilee gardens.

Allan advised we have had a request for funding for Riding of the Marches. It was agreed to give the same as last year

Marion advised the meeting we have had correspondence regarding consultation from the Scottish Government regarding Short-Term lets. Marion advised the consultation ends on 19th July 2019 and anyone interested in participating should log on to Shorttermlets@gov.scot.

Marion advised the meeting she has had correspondence from ACTS regarding the cut to their funding and requesting a grant. She sent them the Grant Form and is awaiting the return.

Councillors Report

Councillor Sean Marshall brought us up to date with The Business Forum who met on the 30th of April. 14 High Street businesses attended and believes this has now got some momentum and other meetings will be arranged.

Councillor Marshall also brought us up to date following the Regeneration meeting. The list of main issues had been drawn up including, Tourism, Improvement to Roads, Parking, Coastal Paths, Housing, Derelict Buildings with the Events area put on hold at present. Sean also advised that we must make sure that Annan gets its fair share from the £1.2M Town Centre Development fund.

Annan Play Park – Work has started on the Play Park with drainage due to be done in the summer. Lease has been confirmed.

A discussion took place regarding the proposed Kate's Kitchen move.

Councillor Henry McClelland – Councillor McClelland advised the meeting the next phase of money through the Solutions Team is due in 2020. Borderlands Heads of Terms being signed soon and Strategic Partnership can then draw money down. We are expecting information soon regarding a new employer at Stapleton Road site.

Councillor McClelland gave an update on the new Pinneys site owners. They have started recruiting key staff and hope by August/September to be employing around 120 staff. Grant Funding from the Scottish Government will only be given when milestones are met. Councillor McClelland reported on the Haaf Net project that was officially opened at Annan Museum. He advised the meeting that he was very impressed with the amount of information on show and the photographs were very good as was the film and "Sally the Solway Salmon" book produced.

Councillor McClelland also reported a large hole at the harbour site. The Council has done a temporary repair with full repair on this year's budget. Phase 3 of Port Street still not on programme. He also informed the meeting the barrier at the John Bell field has been damaged. This has been reported to the Council. Joyce advised Councillor McClelland the Brydekirk Road just passed the cemetery is in a very poor state of repair.



Members Report

Joyce Wylie: Joyce advised she had attended the Chapelcross Stakeholders meeting representing the Community Council. She advised the presentation from John Grierson, Director on progress was very informative.

Walter Hunt: All Flower tubs at the station have been put in place and planted up.

Ruby McGregor: Ruby advised the school Gymnastic team had not received the grant agreed at the last meeting. Marion will chase this up with Rhona. Ruby also advised the Senior Show starts on 29th June and asked if we could assist with encouraging people to attend. It was agreed that Ruby gets a poster to Saskia as soon as they are available to go on to our Web Site

Allan Weild: All issues previously discussed

Marion Stewart: Marion advised the meeting both complaints to the Water Board have now been fixed and wanted to record thanks to Scott Fraser from Scottish Water for his assistance.

Alan Kay: Alan, in his absence, asked if he could raise the issue of a waste bin at the new Murray Court development. It was agreed to put this forward. Alan also asked if the possibility of a Calendar made up of the photographs from the Haaf Nett project could be done and sold for our funds at Christmas. This was agreed.

Jaime Nicholson: Jaime asked the meeting if the Task Force could use the Annan on Line and Facebook facility to get information circulated. This was agreed. Jaime also advised following the Regeneration meeting and the proposal for a Coastal path that a representative from Annan Community Council could be nominated to join Eastriggs and Gretna with this project. Following a discussion it was agreed that Allan and Joyce would be our reps.

AOCB Marion circulated the new Criteria and application form for the Young Citizen event. Marion will make the arrangements. Allan, Marion and Ruby if she is available will do the interviews

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date and Time of Next meeting. 10th June at 7pm at the Fire Station, Standalane.