



Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 10th June 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, Alan Kay, John Ramage

Apologies: Councillor Marshal, Jaime Nicholson, Ruby McGregor.

In Attendance: Amanda, Annandale Observer, PC Alan Wilson

Minute of 11 March 2019: Minute was proposed by Joyce Wylie and seconded by Walter Hunt

Matters Arising

Marion has ordered a memorial plaque for Bunty Taylor.

Joyce has been in touch with the Community Service Dept. who have agreed to do some work at the Jubilee Gardens.

Police Report: P.C Alan Wilson presented the report: Theft 8, Theft by shoplifting 12, Attempted Theft by Housebreaking 2, Assault 8, Domestic Assault 3, Threatening and abusive behaviour 7, Vandalism 10, Fraud 1, Drug offences 6, Communication Offences 2, Offensive weapon 1, Police Assault 1.

Road Traffic: Construction and use 3, Careless Driving 1, Dangerous Driving 1. Drug Driving 1, Drink Driving 2, Using Mobile Phone 1, Driving Licence 1.

PC Wilson advised it is a busy period at the moment with local galas and festivals etc.

Marion asked PC Wilson what the situation is with people parking on chevrons in front of the disabled parking area at the fish cross as a local worker parks there every day she is at work all day. This causes obstruction for disabled drivers. The worker told Marion the police said it was okay. PC Wilson will look into this.

Walter asked PC Wilson for an update on the Central Hotel as broken windows and falling glass is still causing a problem. PC Wilson advised that police are making regular patrols and monitoring the situation

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported the following balances: - Web account £1075.04
General account £7,946.81.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to give £500 to Riding of the Marches. It was also agreed to give £100 to Paul Cowan towards advertising his sculpture trail. Councillor Brodie and Councillor McClelland agreed to match this.

Rhona advised that work had now started on the Jubilee Garden. Rhona will price 2 Picnic Tables. Joyce advised the Community Service Team will do a clean up, cut trees and bushes and paint the railings. The two seats will be taken away by Community Service and refurbished.

It was agreed the honorarium be paid to office bearers.



Correspondence

We have received a thank you letter from Sylvia following her retirement from the Community Council.

We have been notified of a new email address for CCES: CCESmailbox@dumgal.gov.uk

We have been notified that Best Start Grants are now available. This is a one-off payment of £250 for new P1 pupils from low income families. Children born between 1/3/14 – 28/2/15 are eligible.

The first meeting of the Coastal path group will be on 13/6/19 from 2pm to 3.30pm

Councillors Report

Councillor Richard Brodie advised the Harbour Festival will take place at the end of August and will be bigger and better than last year. The raft race will take place on 29/6/19. Councillor Brodie would like to develop the idea of Annan as a Heritage Town. Annan is not marketed as a tourist hub when there are many excellent examples of things that can be marketed such as, Robert the Bruce, Robert Burns, the Distillery and the new Sculpture trail. Councillor Brodie hopes to set up a Business Group in Annan and will send out further information to Community Councillors.

Councillor McClelland advised the meeting that the Borderlands project is well on course and it is important that the Head of Terms is signed in the next few weeks as if there is a new government it may be ditched. Councillor McClelland advised it is important that we get a significant amount of money from the next round and the SSE Partnership will be working hard to this end.

Councillor McClelland advised the Haaf Net project hopes a second phase will be viable but they need to apply to the Living Town Centre Fund for part of the £1.2m towards the costs.

Members Report

Joyce Wylie: Joyce advised she had attended a meeting at Chapelcross where Mr John Grierson gave an update on the latest position with decommissioning. She then had a tour of the facility

Walter Hunt: Walter advised there is still no plaque on the Boys Brigade flower tub. Rhona will follow this up.

John Ramage: John advised the meeting that nothing has happened about the old telephone box near Atwall's store. John also advised the meeting of two large pot holes outside Atwall's store. He will advise the Council through CCES.

John also asked the Councillors if the Public Toilets are still cleaned by the Council as he had a number of complaints about the poor state of cleanliness. Councillor Brodie advised the toilets are cleaned and any complaints should be given to the Council



Rhona McCarton: Nothing

Allan Weild: Nothing

Marion Stewart: Nothing

Alan Kay: Alan advised the meeting the Council ground between Hospital Road and Prestonfield Road is very overgrown and the boundary fence between the units and DGHP housing is in a poor state of repair.

Alan also advised that there are still no lights in the underpass despite assurances this would be done. He is progressing

AOCB: No other business

The meeting closed at 8,40pm

Date and Time of Next meeting. 7pm on 8th of July at the Fire Station, Standalane.