



## **Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

**Community Councillors:** Allan Weild, Marion Stewart, Joyce Wylie, Ruby McGregor, Neil Carruthers, John Ramage, Alan Kay

**Apologies:** Rhona McCarton, Walter Hunt, Moira Weild, Councillor Marshall,

**In Attendance:**

PC Glendinning

**Minute of 14<sup>th</sup> October:** The minute was proposed by Joyce Wylie and seconded by Allan Weild

**Matters Arising**

Discretionary Grant form completed by Allan Weild and submitted

**Police Report:** P.C Glendinning gave the following report: Assault 4, Breach of the Peace 10, including Threatening and abusive behaviour, Vandalism 8, Drug possession 5, Drug supply 2, Breach of bail 4, Offensive weapon 2, Theft 5, Fire raising 1, Theft by shoplifting 3, Stalking/harassment 1, Fraud 2, Police assault/Resist arrest 1.

**Road Traffic:** No insurance 1, Mobile phone 1, Disqualified driver/No insurance 2, Careless driving 6.

**Suspicious Incident:** At 2100 hours on the 13/10/19 a male was seen within the garden of a property on Princess Avenue, Annan. The homeowner noted that the front door had been opened by a person unknown, however access was not gained due to the presence of a security chain. No person has been identified as being responsible.

**Offensive Weapon:** About 0100 hrs on the 18/10/19 officers were made aware of youths within the car park at Aldi and appeared to be in possession of a taser. Shortly afterwards a group of youths were traced in Church Street, Annan and one male found in possession of a torch that had been adapted to be a taser. He was arrested and held in custody to appear in court on the 21.10.19.

PC Glendinning gave the meeting an overview of the introduction of mobile working on 10<sup>th</sup> of December within Dumfries and Galloway Division. This will enable officers to use mobile

devises to remotely access police systems which will increase officers' time working with the public and on incidents or conducting patrols and preventing crime.

Allan Weild thanked PC Glendinning and asked for any questions.

Councillor Carruthers asked what impact this new way of working would have on police assets (police stations). PC Glendinning replied this was not known at present.

Alan Kay asked how a torch could be converted to a taser. PC Glendinning said it is done through information on the internet resulting on it becoming a prohibited weapon.

Councillor Brodie asked if there was any news of when local police will have body cams. PC Cummings advised there was no further news on this issue.

Councillor McClelland ask if the fireworks incident in Hillview Crescent had been a targeted act. PC Glendinning confirmed this.

Marion Stewart asked if letters had been sent to shop owners regarding parking on the High Street. PC Glendinning confirmed this had been done.

Neil Carruthers advised PC Glendinning he had reports from St Columba's School regarding intruders at night hiding in the grounds and leaving drug paraphernalia behind. PC Glendinning said he would report this.

Allan Weild thanked PC Glendinning for standing in at short notice.

### **Co-option of Walter Hunt, 3 Fernlea Crescent, Annan. as Community Councillor**

Allan Weild nominated Mr Hunt and Marion Stewart seconded Mr Hunt. Mr Hunt was unanimously appointed at a Community Councillor for the Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council.

### **Appointment of Sub-Groups**

The following sub-groups were approved.

Common Good – Allan Weild and Alan Kay

Chapelcross Stakeholders Group – Joyce Wylie

Coastal Path Group – Joyce Wylie

Business Forum – Allan Weild

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

Allan Weild agreed to prepare a list of Assets

### **Councillors Report**

Councillor Carruthers advised the meeting a Common Good meeting would be arranged for the 5<sup>th</sup> of December to discuss Annan Athletic. He also advised that the Ladders are to be replaced at the Harbour.

Councillor Brodie expressed his thanks on behalf of the History Group for the cheque received from the Community Council. Members of the group are working hard towards a Summer History Festival. He also advised the meeting that the Stake Net AGM is next week. He further advised the group had raised £69,000 plus £2000 from the Common Good Fund to enable them to take the Government to court for the loss of their livelihoods as a result of the banning of stake net fishing.

Councillor McClelland advised the meeting that SEPA had raised concerns regarding reactive waste in water at the site. He further reported the Business Forum wanted someone from the Community Council to be involved regarding the Christmas fair. He also advised that £60,000 had been granted for a feasibility study of the Albert Hall project. The Community Councils' views will be sought at a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Councillor McClelland advised

consultation on Street Scene will be 6<sup>th</sup> of December and Budget Consultation on 21<sup>st</sup> November. He had complaints regarding the pavements in Addison Place and advised if enough in budget this year they will be repaired if not it will be next year. Councillor McClelland advised he had reports of ASB in Hospital Road and reported this. He further advised that Alpha Solway is still hoping to move to the Weyroc site.

## **Members Report**

**Joyce Wylie:** Joyce advised she had been approached regarding getting some kind of seating at the Bus Station. She will contact Community Payback to get a price. Joyce advised the meeting she hoped to be better organised next year with the Poppy Appeal but as it was short notice she felt arrangements had gone well. She thanked all who had helped and the Cadets for their good work.

**Ruby McGregor:** Ruby advised the meeting the Head Boy at Annan Academy had approached her regarding a grant for Basketball Kits for the Team. She will get a form completed and bring to next meeting.

**Neil Carruthers:** Advised the meeting he will attend the local schools Parent Council meetings to introduce himself as a Community Councillor. A discussion took place regarding the policy on drain cleaning in the town and the impact this has on flooding.

**Alan Kay:** Reported to the meeting he was having difficulty with DGHP regarding complaints about fencing at properties in Hospital Road. 180 meters of fencing is down and residents are fearful of intruders. He asked the Councillors present if they have any leverage on this matter. The Councillors said they did not but just to keep pressing for it to be repaired.

**Allan Weild:** Has received a request for funding from the Christmas Lights Group. £500 was approved

**Marion Stewart:** nothing to report

**John Ramage:** Advised the far away lights at the under path are out. Alan advised the Council is now responsible for replacing the lights.

**AOCB:** Following a discussion on the Budget Proposals it was agreed that a Formal Written response will be given by the Community council. As many members as possible should attend the Budget meeting at Newington Leisure Centre.

John gave a report on the Remembrance Parade on Sunday. Everything went well but the Young Citizen needs to be advised of what his role is regarding the parade. The meeting was also advised that a Mrs Rome from Canada laid a wreath on behalf of her family for her father whose name appears on the Cenotaph

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

**Date and Time of Next meeting.** 7pm on 9th of December at the Fire Station, Standalane.