



## **Minute of Royal Burgh of Annan Community Council 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Allan Weild Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance at the Fire Station in Annan. Allan reminded members of the requirement to be quorate for our meeting so that we remain established as a Community Council. We require 6 Community Councillors to be quorate. He also welcomed our regular visitors from America

**Community Councillors:** Allan Weild, Marion Stewart, Ruby McGregor, Walter Hunt, Alan Kay, Moira Weild, Rhona McCarton, John Ramage, Neil Carruthers

**Councillors:** Councillor Richard Brodie

**Apologies:** Joyce Wylie, Councillor Marshall and Councillor McClelland

**In Attendance:** Charlotte Mackay, Annandale Observer, PC Duignan, Randall, Cherrie and Andrew Adams, Gavin Jones Solutions Team

**Minute of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** The minute was proposed by Alan Kay seconded by Ruby McGregor

### **Matters Arising**

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**Police Report:** PC Duignan presented the police report covering two months: Theft 2, Theft by shoplifting 10, Assault 13, Threatening and abusive behaviour 4, Vandalism 3, Drugs Offences 9, Fraud 3, Police assault 4, Road Traffic offences 5.

PC Duignan advised the meeting of the need to be vigilant to telephone fraud. A male was contacted by telephone and advised he was due monetary refund from a bank overcharging him. He was told to pay a sum of money to have this money released back to him. In total the man has been defrauded of £3922. Enquiries into this matter are ongoing.

PC Duignan was advised that a number of parking tickets were issued to staff from the town hall after being advised to remove their cars due to flooding. The Community Council are pleased the Police are taking action on parking however in this situation could these tickets be looked at again.

Gavin Jones was introduced by Allan Weild to give us an update from the Solutions Team.

Following the Annan Regeneration Steering Group workshop held on 7<sup>th</sup> February Gavin circulated the Strategic Objectives of the Annan Town Centre. This was very informative. Gavin also updated the meeting on the other work the Solutions Team are involved in including helping Business Start-up including grant support, and they also hold surgeries they hold on Mondays from 12 noon to 2pm for public drop in's.

**Treasurers Report** : Main Account £4509.78 and the Web Account £938.05. Rhona reported the Jubilee Gardens is now complete and just waiting for the benches to go there. Councillor Brodie will make enquiries about new signs. Allan thanked Rhona for her work on the gardens project.

**Correspondence**: Marion notified the meeting of a review of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Strategic plan to be carried out for this area by Craig McGoldrick. A Survey is available on line for anyone who wishes to participate. Marion also advised of a survey on the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres. Marion circulated the information on how to take part.

Marion received a letter from ex Community Councillor Sylvia Moore regarding the incident at the underpass at Hospital Road that was reported in the local newspaper. Sylvia gave information to the us regarding the underpass being a right of way. Alan Kay agreed to take this up with the Council.

### **Councillors Report**

Councillor Brodie gave the meeting an update on the progress of the History Town programme for the summer period including a draft Activity Programme. He also asked if the Community Council could give a letter of recommendation to the Group. This was agreed.

Councillor Brodie advised the meeting the Bus Shelters at the bus station are being repaired a seat is being put there too.

### **Members Report**

**Joyce Wylie**; In her absence Allan asked the meeting if there were any suggestions on how to celebrate VE Day. A number of suggestions were made including the Army Recruitment Team doing a display in the Centre of Town. It was agreed that members would come back to the next meeting with suggestions. She also advised the Benches for Jubilee Gardens were in hand and a suggestion that the bench at the Bus Station be against the wall at

**Walter Hunt**; Walter advised the meeting of the poor state of repair of the roads within the Cemetery. Councillor Brodie will take this up. He also asked that a deeper hole be made at the Town hall so that the Christmas Tree does not break in the wind. Councillor Brodie will take this up too.

**Moira Weild**; Nothing to report

**Alan Kay**; Alan reported that DGHP had repaired the fences at Springbells.

**Rhona McCarton**; Nothing to report.

**John Ramage**; John reported that the Phone Box at Winterhope Road is in a really bad state and there is no longer a phone in use there. Can this be removed.? Marion to write to BT. He also asked advised about a flooding problem at Fairfield Place Loaning on the High Street. This is a busy crossing on the main footpath. John to do CCES

**Ruby McGregor;** Ruby advised she will be going off to University later this year and it was agreed she will canvas for a new Youth Representative from the school. They need to be over 16 years old

**Marion Stewart;** Marion suggested the community Council do something with the ground around the tree at the Fish Cross. Various solutions were discussed including, membrane being put down with either artificial grass or rubber matting. Councillor Brodie agreed to take advice from the Council

**Allan Weild;** Allan advised the Minsca money will be due and the group should think of suitable projects for this money. He also advised the AGM will be coming up so we need to prepare a Newsletter.

**Neil Carruthers;** Nothing to report.

**AOCB;** Moira thanked the Community Council for the flowers and card Allan and Her received following the death of her dad.

**Date and Time of next meeting;** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm in the Fire Station, Standalane, Annan.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm