

Approved Minute of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Warddykes Primary School

**Present:**

**Members:** Sandy Beedie, Marc Ritchie, Ian Adair, Lesley Nicoll, Emma Parsons, Maureen Beedie, Jim Shaw, Ian Cameron, Laura Kinloch, Graham Smith, Lyndee Adair

**Minute Secretary:** Shaun Parkinson

**Local Councillors:** Cllr Alex King and Cllr Lois Speed

**Communities Officer:** Mhairi Dickson

**Police Scotland:** Pc Darren Burnett

**Also In Attendance:** 6 Members of the public

**Meeting:**

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** The chair welcomed all those present including the new members of the community council; this is the first meeting since the recent election.

**Apologies:** Community Councillors: Karen Oliver, Lisa Webster  
Cllr David Fairweather, Cllr Brenda Durno

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Page 4 Payment of £9450 (Deposit for High Street Sign) not paid out at present. Lesley Nicoll proposed and seconded by Ian Adair and the CC agreed that the September 2018 minutes be approved.
3. **Guest Speaker:** Bill Brandie Inverkeilor Fuel Group explained to those present that he runs a group for oil fuel and that by grouping together and placing one order he can get reduced prices on the fuel. The group has been running since 2011 at present there is 67 members there is no charge to join the group. He does a price comparison with the fuel companies and finds the best price possible and an order is placed for everyone that needs fuel, it is up to the individual person to pay the fuel company. Mr Brandie is going to get information to pass on to the CC and the communities officer to allow people who don't know about the service to join if they wish, CC to discuss to see how they can help going forward.
4. **Matters Arising:** The communities officer informed a meeting set up with a member of the public to discuss the feasibility of setting up a group to make a dedicated Arbroath Website. Also informed on a couple other outstanding matters and will update at future meetings when information is available.
5. **Correspondence:** The chair advised a letter was received from Kirsten Hair in regards to a previous meeting which 3 of the CC members attended, she has proposed another meeting to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November at Forfar community campus. Correspondence has been received about the new Westway retail park, the developers are willing to come and speak to the Community Council about the development which the CC welcomed.

## 6. Local Councillor Update:

### Cllr Alex King

- Has a lot of work ongoing but all were confidential nature and he could not discuss

### Cllr Lois Speed:

- Housing – huge demand across Angus for more suitable accommodation.
- New Angus care model making more ways to access the service and more community services.
- Has visited many of the schools in Arbroath to see the differences in teaching and education across the board
- Cllr Speed talked about the newly introduced parking charges in the town however a lot of mixed reviews some people happy to pay for parking in the town and others very unhappy and say it's too expensive and people are choosing to park in the side streets making them very congested. She did comment that the council is facing many financial challenges across the board including job cuts, council needs an income but doesn't want to damage people's livelihood. Sandy Beedie also added that he hadn't seen a difference in the high street since the parking charges have been introduced.

## 7. Christmas Lights:

**Lights being put up** – The CC has taken possession of all the Christmas lights and are being currently stored at condor, many need to be sorted out before they are used as they are all tangled. New lights have arrived for Keptie Street and 2 cherry pickers have been organised with electricians to start putting the lights up on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Existing bunting on high street may have to be taken down by CC when putting up the lights. Sandy Beedie advised that we are still waiting for the insurance for putting the lights up but the same risk assessment will be used as last year.

**Switch on Night 30<sup>th</sup> November** – RNA will be providing the music, Fun Fair will also be there, Carol Singers, Pipe Band, Santa also various dance studios and the market will return this year with around 16 or 17 stalls all selling local produce. Ladyloan Ps is going to be advertising the event by putting it on their seesaw app also the insurance has been organised for the event night.

## 8. Treasurers Report:

Balance carried forward from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 £37,189.53

### Breakdown:

Money out Xmas light fund:

Angus Council £198.00

Angus Council £54.00

Lyndee Adair hire of van for moving Xmas lights £90.00

Money Into Xmas light fund:

£500 charity donation from Red Lion bingo

**Made up of:**

CC funds £31,077.02

Xmas light funds £5155.51

Skate park money £1115.00

**Total in the bank £37,347.53**

**9. Police Report**

Pc Darren Burnett introduced himself and gave a brief safety message to be on guard during the dark nights making sure all sheds and garages are secure as the darker nights can encourage potential thieves. Pc Burnett encouraged people to report all crimes.

Police Report 5<sup>th</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

There have been 127 reported crimes in the Arbroath area in the last month.

- 30 Road Traffic Offences
- 29 Assaults (26 have been detected and individuals have been charged 3 remain undetected)
- 20 Thefts
- 8 Vandalisms
- 29 Assaults (26 have been detected and individuals have been charged 3 remain undetected)
- 37 Misc offences (drugs/breach of peace/bail offences/telecommunication offences/fraud and urinating)
- There have been 3 break-ins or attempted break-ins. One to the high street shop Arkive where high value clothes and jewellery were stolen. The other two were to a garage and a vacant property.

i) Youths Causing Annoyance

A continuing problem across the town, smaller groups continuing to congregate around the supermarkets, Mayfield shops and both the bus and train station. Community officers are doing regular patrols in these areas.

ii) Egg Throwing

Slight rise in this due to the Halloween period although previous years have been worse. Work ongoing to tackle this.

iii) Road Policing

Several complaints about anti-social driving including speeding in the Queens drive, Woodville and Colliston areas, these areas are being closely monitored.

iiii) Bike Team

Pc Burnett went on to talk about the dedicated bike team which they have which at present consists of one member, the bikes make it much easier to get to places which can't be accessed. The police have 3 other members willing to undertake the training required for bikes however due to lack of funding for accessories they are unable to take this training at present and are looking to try and get funding for the necessary accessories.

## **10. AOCB**

### i) Andy Stewart Court

The work that was promised has been carried out however has not been completed properly; Sandy Beedie has suggested that he will put it forward to the group Arbroath in Bloom to finish the task. He is going to update the CC when he has an answer.

### ii) Police Response Time

A member of the public brought up an issue about the police response time, A lady called the police with a serious issue and had to wait for 5 hours for a response. Pc Burnett explained that all calls that come into the police are given a 1 to 5 grade depending on the seriousness of the issue. Another member of the public brought up that she had nothing but admiration for the police as when she reported an issue the response time was very quick.

Cllr Alex King left the meeting ahead of discussion of planning issues.

## **11. Planning**

9 Planning applications have been received

5 were for extensions to properties

1 for 38 new houses at Newbigging Drive

1 for an extension to an industrial unit at Peasiehill Road (Elliot Industrial Estate)

1 for Angus decorating centre (East Muirlands Road)

1 for construction of battery electric storage facility

Also Keptie friends have come forward to the CC asking for them to put planning in for them to have a storage shed, it will be a wooden shed and it is planned to have CCTV to deter any potential thieves. A vote was cast and all of the CC decided to go ahead with it.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm at Timmergreens Primary School. A notice will be placed in the library, local papers and the Community Council Facebook page.