



ARBROATH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minute of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at Hayshead Primary School

Present:

Members: Sandy Beedie, Marc Ritchie, Ian Adair, Emma Parsons, Graham Smith, Lyndee Adair, Lesley Nicoll, Maureen Beedie, Ian Cameron

Minute Secretary: Shaun Parkinson

Local Councillors: Cllr Lois Speed

Police Scotland: Pc Darren Burnett

Also In Attendance: 1 Member of the public

Meeting:

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** The chair welcomed all those present to the meeting.

Apologies: Community Councillors: Karen Oliver, Lisa Webster, Jim Shaw, Laura Kinloch
Cllr David Fairweather, Cllr Brenda Durno, Cllr Derek Wann, Cllr Alex King
Communities Officer: Mhairi Dickson

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Spelling mistake on local councillors update (Page 1) Cllr Lois Speeds name spelt wrong. Marc Ritchie proposed and seconded by Ian Cameron and the CC agreed that the December 2018 minutes be approved.

3. **Matters Arising from previous meeting:** The homeless man from the High Street is no longer homeless. Cllr Lois Speed advised that she cannot discuss individual cases. However in response to questions and comments regarding homelessness highlighted that Angus Council Homelessness team were there to support and assist. Cllr Speed stated that anyone experiencing homelessness should report/ be signposted to the Homelessness Team/ Access Office/line. Cllr Speed expressed that homelessness is sometimes not just a housing matter and that sometimes Health & Social Care supports are needed and that Trauma and Loneliness and Isolation can be major factors that contribute to some of the issues that homeless people experience.

4. **Correspondence:** The CC has not received any correspondence to report.

5. **Local Councillor Update:**

Cllr Lois Speed:

- Travelled to Edinburgh to attend Council & Government meetings in December.
- Visited the new Muirfield Primary School and got a tour round the new school.
- Visited the new Ladyloan Primary School both schools seem very happy with the new buildings.
- Visited Angus Independent Advocacy to speak to staff.
- Had a catch up with Forfar Children and Learning, no incidents to report over the festive period.

- Had a group admin meeting with the rest of council members, big topic for discussion was parking issues. New parking habits have been noticed also more public transport being used. Suggestion of changing card meters to coin meters making it easier for people to pay however there is still free parking across the town.

6. Community Council Cooption:

Votes will be counted after tonight's meeting (8th January 2019).

7. Treasurers Report:

CC Balance carried forward: £31,077.02

CC Transactions £40.00 minute Secretary

Balance: £31,037.02

Xmas Light Fund

XL Balance carried forward £5,801.93

No transactions

Skate park money being held £1115.00

Total in bank £37,953.95

8. Police Report

Pc Darren Burnett introduced himself and talked about the new control room system which will be being introduced, this will involve front line staff assessing the threat, risk, harm and vulnerability on first point of contact. This system is hoped to improve help for vulnerable people and make more effective use of police resources.

All staff has now been trained in domestic abuse. The festive period has been a busy month in Arbroath and has seen a rise in crime compared to previous month;

Police Report 5th December 2018 – 7th January 2019

There have been 193 reported crimes in the Arbroath area in the last month.

- 39 Road Traffic Offences
- 44 Assaults
- 22 Thefts
- 23 Vandalisms
- 65 Misc offences (drugs/breach of peace/bail offences/telecommunication offences/fraud and urinating)

i) Pop Up Bairns

These were deployed last month to both Inverbrothock and Hayshead primary schools. They have received allot of positive feedback from the local communities and schools. These will be moving to different schools during January, then a tour of the rest of Angus.

ii) Pop Up Police

Two pop up police officers have now been received. These will be deployed in problem areas to tackle speeding vehicles.

iii) Foot Patrols

Officers have been carrying out focused foot patrols around hot spot areas to deter youths and to reassure the community. They have also been monitoring the issue raised at the last meeting about cyclists not having lights on their bikes and wearing dark clothes

9. AOCB

Christmas lights due to come down on Friday (11th January). There is also a meeting to be held next Wednesday (16th January) with Jim Cameron, to discuss the issues with the Christmas lights. As some of the lights were not working when the CC received them.

It has been made known publicly across Facebook that the CC March meeting will be discussing the Christmas lights & tree issues, there has been many suggestions made for different Christmas trees for next year. This is open for discussion to the public at the March meeting.

A suggestion has been made to hold a fundraiser to raise money for the police bikes as the CC have no money to fund this at present. A few suggestions were a bike run or race night.

Next CC meeting the developers from the new retail park at Elliot will be coming to discuss the plans and answer any questions about the development.

Sandy waiting to speak to David Fairweather regarding the Skate Park money, he will provide an update when he has spoken to him.

A suggestion has been put forward to get cherry picker training for CC members; Lesley and Ian are going to look into costs for this.

A member of the public mentioned the history of the Elliot train crash as there has never been a memory plaque put in place to commemorate the event. Marc is going to look into this and speak to British Rail.

10. Planning

- A few planning applications,
- Plans lodged for Retail Development
- Perts on High Street wish to change their sign and pain the building
- Plans lodged for the 2 sheds for Keptie friends
- Rest were personal plans and extensions

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7pm at Arbroath Academy. A notice will be placed in the library, Local papers and the Community Council Facebook page.