MINUTES OF THE MEETING  30 January 2019

Present:  Heather Kelly (Acting Chair), Roy Christie, Elaine Findlay, Graham Galloway, Irena Krasinksa-Lobban, Brenda McIntosh, Audrey Middleton, Jeanette Reioch (Secretary)

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary), PC Barrie Taylor, Officer Judi Young (SFRS), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Julie Bell, Cllr Angus McMillan Douglas, Stewart Ball – Head of Communities, Angus Council, Jane Stork – Communications Manager, Angus Council, Ian Whyte – Public

Acting Chair, Heather Kelly, opened the meeting by wishing everyone a “Happy New Year.” Jenni has had surgery today - everyone wished her well.

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<td>1.  <strong>Apologies:</strong> Jenni Brown, Frances Havenga</td>
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<td>2.  <strong>Minutes of 28 November 2018 meeting:</strong> Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Irena and seconded by Roy</td>
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| 3.  **Police Report:** See Attachment  
**PC Barrie Taylor reviewed the Police Report.**  
The speed limit in Kirriemuir is 30 mph. Brenda highlighted cars in the Slade Road area regularly breaking the speed limit. PC Taylor said he is aware that certain areas of the town are experiencing such issues. It is in his remit to monitor these areas in the near future.  
Audrey reported disturbances outside of the Forfar Ice Rink on a Friday evening, involving around 20 individuals. PC Taylor said this has not been reported to the Police but he will look into it.  
PC Taylor circulated posters on the current “Community Line” campaign on drug problems. |
| 4.  **Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report:**  
**Officer Judi Young reviewed the SFRS Report:**  
26 November 2018 to 26 January 2019:  
**Home Fire Safety Visits undertaken:**  
8 x High Risk Visits  
18 x Medium Risk Visits  
9 x Low Risk Visits  
**Community Safety Activities:**  
1 x Operational Intelligence Visitation  
2 x People Who Help Us visit to School/Nursery Groups  
1 x Day in Co-op delivering SFRS Festive Safety Messages and promoting Home Fire Safety Visits |
1 x Fire Safety Talk to Glamis Friendship Group

Incident Activity:
17 x FAA (false alarm activating)
3 x FAM (false alarm malicious)

5. Councillors’ Reports:

Cllr Ronnie Proctor:
- Very busy as Provost.
- Visited Piper Dam to open the European Tug-of-War Championships.
- Attending various committees – Primary Schools, Community Councils, Education, etc.
- Education: A new school is, hopefully, planned for the SW corner of Angus.
- Cllr Proctor is a convenor on the flooding group.
- The budget meeting was held that day, 30 January.
- Cllr Proctor highlighted a young Friokheim boy, James Anderson, 14 years old, who has a history of being bullied, now voluntarily grits streets in his home town. He has been widely recognised and commended for this and Angus Council has given him his own small gritter. Heather suggested James would be an ideal candidate to talk to schools and pass on his success story.
- Attended an accommodation meeting at Fairlie House.
- Dealing with veterans' issues and housing issues.
- Met with the lady who is investigating resurrecting the twinning. She may attend the next KCC meeting.
- Congratulations to the Christmas lights committee for an excellent event!

Cllr Angus McMillan Douglas:
- Meeting took place that afternoon on the Angus Budget.
- Cllr McMillan Douglas is on the COSLA Group and has had meetings with them.
- A number of negotiating meetings with the Scottish and UK Governments.
- The Cities Deal has been signed and Angus is benefiting very well from this.
- Interesting development of offshore wind farms at Montrose and Arbroath. This will bring a lot of jobs to Angus. Planning permission has been granted.
- A lot of work on recycling and how we are going to help the environment.
- The 16 year old son of one of the members of the Inverarity Community Council is on the Scottish Debating Society.

Cllr Julie Bell:
- Cllr Bell has met with the Directors of the Bank of Scotland regarding the closure in Kirriemuir. Bank closure will go ahead but they are offering a 10 hours per week mobile bank service. Monday and Friday, 9.30 am, has been proposed from end of May. These days may conflict with public holidays? Any suggestions for location? The Bank of Scotland welcomes feed back from the customers. Cllr Bell has survey forms for customers to complete and submit. The mobile unit is accessible for customers with mobility issues. Economic Development has had regular telephone calls with the Bank of Scotland. Barrie Ewart will link up with other businesses in Kirriemuir and the Bank has agreed to hold discussions with the group.
- Attended Children and Learning committee on 29 January. Very good reports from two of the young people. Energetic young people who said they had gained a lot. The Year of the Young People.
- Cllr Bell has been invited to take part in the Glen Isla Project in Arbroath, with the
Cabinet Secretary, Humza Yousaf. The Project focus is on young offenders – costs to local authorities, emotional impact on children, etc.

- Recent surgery held in Kirrie Connections.
- Attended Headway in Dundee. Cllr Bell encouraged anyone who knows of someone who has suffered a brain injury to go along to Headway, at the Steeple in Dundee – a wonderful group. Headway is hoping to set up groups around Angus.
- Voluntary Action Angus has bought the Cross in Forfar.

6. Matters Arising:

**D1 Defibrillators update/Little Brechin details:** No update in Jenni's absence. Graham reported that Kirrie Connections is planning to install a defibrillator. He has been in contact with a charity who give defibrillators to Groups. They can set it up in a telephone box and are willing to come out and discuss this with Kirriemuir Community Council. All agreed a good idea. Graham will organise a visit to KCC. See Attachment “Project Guide V2.00 pdf” for details.

**P1 Invitation to KCC meeting of Angus Alive representative:** Cllr Proctor will arrange. (Update since meeting: CEO Angus Alive will be contacting the KCC Chair to arrange a visit to the KCC meeting)

**K Electrics re the Fountain pump update:** To be reported at the February meeting.

**M Extra salt bins for Maryton:** Done

**O Den House update/poor state of steps down to the Health Centre:** Cllr Proctor is still investigating the Den House. The steps to the Health Centre belong to NHS Tayside. Douglas Hill (Angus Council) sent someone to take a photograph. It is agreed the rail is badly rusted and Cllr Proctor has been in contact with the NHS. (Update since meeting: NHS Tayside has agreed there is a problem with the rail. They will repaint the metal handrail in the warmer weather)

**R Parking Attendant issue on Post Office land:** It was reported at the November meeting that, although the land outside of the Post Office had been confirmed as owned by the Post Office owner, a Parking Attendant had continued to enforce a parking ticket on his vehicle and others. Since the KCC meeting of 30 January, Cllr Proctor has submitted this update. *Angus Council has confirmed that cars can park on the area adjacent to the Kirriemuir Post Office, being private land. The Decriminalised Parking Enforcement Team confirm there was a misunderstanding which led to the further issuing of parking tickets. This matter has been resolved and is now closed.*

**V Significance of three stars on flag:** Done

**W Schools dedicated use of Websters Sports Complex update:** To be reported at the February meeting.

**X Angus Council's response to Parking Charges' complaints:** Cllr Proctor reported that a Member Officers Group has been formed to discuss suggestions and possible solutions.

**Y Resilience Funding update:** Graham highlighted a “Community Choices Fund.” Community Councils are eligible to apply. Funds available from £20,000 to £100,000. Brechin has recently benefited from the fund. Funds come directly from the Scottish Government. The application date for this year has not yet been announced. Graham suggested this as an Agenda item for the February meeting. All agreed. He will send Jean the online link for inclusion in the Agenda.
Minutes.  

Link received:  https://www.gov.scot/publications/community-choices-fund-guidance-and-application-forms/  

Z  Commencement of work on Tannage Brae:  Done  

B1  Annie Milne award nominations:

Graham wished to nominate Elizabeth Reid who has recently stood down from running a session at DD8 for the past eight years. She has also been involved in other projects such as the Craft Group.

Brenda wished to nominate Murran McKay, a spina bifida young lady in a wheelchair, who has achieved an enormous amount of fundraising.

Elaine will email the nominee application forms to Jean for distribution.


8.  Correspondence:  None to report.  Jeanette, as the new KCC Secretary, does not yet have the use of the KCC lap top.  Can Jenni please pass the lap top to Jeanette.


10.  AOCB:

10.1.  Jeanette reported that the speed sign at Maryton is not working. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.

10.2.  Roy reported on the Resilience Meeting. Next meeting is on 20 February at Brechin Campus. Outside agencies will be present – Fire Services, etc. A Resilience Meeting is scheduled for 26 February at Fairlie House. Neil McLeod has volunteered to put together a handbook guide for Angus Council. The Eassie and Nevie Hall is used as an example of a Resilience Centre.  A shelter for a disaster/emergency situation in the area.  Kirriemuir would be looking at school premises – they have all the amenities. Other properties are also being looked at, e.g. Northmuir Hall.

10.3.  Roy reported that the Waste Lorries are still using the car parks. Since the 30 January meeting, Cllr Proctor reports: Stewart Ball (Angus Council) will speak to the line managers regarding this issue. Cllr Proctor will update at the February meeting.

10.4.  Graham reported that there is an open public meeting at Kirrie Connections on 7 February at 7.30 pm, to discuss the future of their accommodation in the building. All welcome.

10.5.  Ian Whyte, member of the public, highlighted “Youth Work Provision.” There is funding available for the re-launch of a Kirriemuir Youth Project. This will be run similar to the Vault. All the skills are available. Ian advised that a meeting is planned for 28 February, 7 pm in Kirrie Connections to further discuss this project. Ian has discussed with Elaine Whittet. Kirriemuir is one of the few towns in Angus that has a custom made building “ready to go.” All agreed. Well done! Ian will return to the March KCC meeting with an update.

10.6.  Irena and Frances gave their apologies for the February meeting.

11. Date of next Meeting:  Wednesday, 27 February 2019, 7.30 pm in Fairlie House.  

Thanks to the Chair!

Heather welcomed Stewart Ball, Head of Communities at Angus Council, and Jane Stork, Communications Manager, Angus Council, who had come along to give an update on the Recycling situation.
Mr. Ball opened the Presentation:

- The last presentation to KCC, together with the public meeting in the Town Hall, outlined a plan to close Kirriemuir and Forfar Recycling Centres and build a new, improved Recycling Centre. This decision has since changed.
- In November 2017, Angus Council signed a contract with a company in Dundee to take all residual waste, the reason being the landfill ban proposed for 2021. Previously, this waste was sent to Restenneth, an Angus Council owned land infill site.
- Angus Council waste disposal costs have risen sharply.
- At the moment the worst performing area is the Recycling Centres. Angus Council used to “top the charts” for recycling, however, that has changed and the reason is the out-dated recycling centres.
- Four worst performing centres – Carnoustie, Monifieth, Brechin and Kirriemuir. Kirriemuir simply because of the size – a small centre. There isn't space for all the recycling skips.
- The soil and rubble is currently being collected and transported to Dundee. They take out the soil and rubble and charge Angus Council for this operation.
- This issue was investigated and it was decided to remove the general waste skip and replace it with a skip for soil, rubble and plastic. Materials that won't be accepted.
- Mr. Ball said he fully appreciated the removal of the general waste skip is causing concern. If the general public dispose of the general waste themselves then it will mean a trip to Forfar.
- Kirriemuir is one of the “quietest” centres – 1500 tons, compared to 3,000 tons in Brechin. 45% recycling and 55% is general waste. This is the reason for introducing change.
- Angus Council introduced a trailer ban a few months ago. As of Monday, the trailer ban is being reversed. A “Household Permit Scheme” is being introduced. If trailers are going to be used then the public can apply online for a free Household Permit. This is to discourage “commercials” taking advantage of the scheme. This system is in place in Dundee.
- “No pedestrians” in Centres remains a rule. The Health & Safety Executive has issued warnings with regard to pedestrians walking into Recycling Centres. Getting out of the car cannot be avoided.
- A leaflet from Angus Council is due to be issued this week to every householder in Angus. The leaflet will explain the changes to the Recycling Centres. It will itemise what can and what cannot go into the skips and what can and what cannot be recycled. Further information is on the Angus Council website.

Jane Stork reported:

- The Scottish Government has introduced new targets.
- Ms Stork highlighted the autistic girl who recently spoke at the Davos Conference on the environment. Her talk has been well publicised, well received and inspirational.
- The behaviour of the public is a problem with regard to putting everything in black plastic bags. This, she admitted, is something she also did. However, she said almost everything is now recyclable.
Most manufacturers will uplift old white goods, furniture, etc.
The public must all “become more waste aware and spread the message.”
Clr McMillan Douglas said Angus Council is totally committed to recycling as “the right thing to do.” It is also a very substantial key to the financial bottom line of public services. He continued to state that this Administration was instrumental in saving the Kirriemuir Recycling Centre.
The wall at the entrance to the Kirriemuir Recycling Centre has been reinforced which was one of the reasons the banning of trailers was revoked.

Questions & Answers & Comments:
Heather said she was pleased to hear the trailer ban had been revoked and said this will encourage people to recycle.
Mr. Ball stated that the Council recycling rate is all encompassing – all aspects are added together, including kerb side. 56% is the current rate. Recycling needs to be increased to increase this percentage.
Clr Bell raised the implications on community groups. A lot of waste is lying in lay-bys, long past the recycling stage. Mr. Ball stated that there is a lot of waste that can still be recycled. China will not take any more recycling so the market has collapsed. Paper Mills are going to the wall. It is a buyer's market at the moment that is why the company processing the Council's recycling is becoming much more particular.
Regarding “Litter Picks” Mr. Ball explained that these bags can be left at a pre-arranged location and will be collected by the Council. If the waste is in black bags then it will go into General Waste.
Mr. Ball explained that the general waste is gauged on weight. Thus soil and rubble is currently the main target because Angus Council is charged on the “original” weight received.

These Centres are manned so how is rubble and soil being dumped? Because it is still general waste. So this is not the fault of the public? Discussion ensued. It was stated that the public should have been alerted to a lot of these facts before, not after, the Council took action. At least give the public the opportunity to re-educate themselves on the recycling process. All agreed.
Mr. Ball confirmed that the Kirriemuir Centre is manned by one person. Roy pointed out that if that is the case then the size of the current Portacabin is not required and two further skips could be sited in that area. Mr. Ball said he would investigate this suggestion. ACTION: Mr. Ball
Irena pointed out that the size of the current skips, if filled with rubble, would be too heavy to lift. Mr. Ball said there would be smaller skips installed for the rubble.
There was a difference of opinion between members of the Community Council and Angus Council as to what can and cannot be recycled. It was pointed out that there is still a whole range of packaging that cannot be recycled, as printed on the manufacturers' packaging.
Regarding the trades depositing waste and rubble, Mr. Ball confirmed that they, too, would have to apply for a permit. The permit would allow them to make 12 visits a year. However, these 12 visits could run concurrently over a 12 day period. Ms Stork confirmed that the trades could then apply for a further permit for the remainder of the year.
Roy highlighted the fact that getting rid of General Waste would encourage fly tipping. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ball didn't think the public would engage in fly tipping. Heather spoke for the Community Councillors and said they would all disagree with that statement. This is evident at the moment with the amount of “tipping” in fields, etc. on the outskirts of the town. The possibility of fly tipping endorses the need in Kirriemuir for a
General Waste skip.

- Cllr Proctor said Kirriemuir should be pleased they still have a Recycling Centre, otherwise they would have to travel to Forfar.

Heather thanked Stewart Ball and Jane Stork for taking the time to give their Presentations to Kirriemuir Community Council.

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