

# Carnoustie Community Council



## 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 CARNOUSTIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Attending: D A Rorie, A Murray, E Oswald, P Manley, N Ross, L Marr, A Laing, J Roberts, M Forbes. Angus councillors: B Boyd, D Cheape, M McDonald. Also attending: P Lockhart, (S Norrie. briefly)

Apologies: A Rhind, D Taylor.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minute of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 was considered and accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings. Prop AM, Sec NR.

Angus councillors report: At long last there seems to be some action regarding doing something with the Kinloch site. Various AC committees need to consider the proposals but a formal decision should be announced in due course. AC are conducting a public consultation/survey about waiting restrictions and a one-way traffic management system for Thistle St Carnoustie. Members of the public are invited to take part, details are on line at the AC website. The application by the Men's Shed for a CAT of the Panmure Centre is progressing slowly. The Development Trust appears to have opted out of their role in this project.

Financial report: The report, circulated prior to the meeting, showed that at the end of January we have a healthy bank balance to fund our day to day expenses, continue our Covid relief in the community, and we have a small amount ring-fenced for the Christmas lights and street event for 2021. We are grateful to the Treasurer for keeping our finances in good order. The report was accepted. Prop. DAR. Sec. EO.

Planning report: AM had circulated the details of all planning applications to AC since our last meeting in November. Of the 17 applications lodged none was controversial or requiring comment from us.

East Haven report: We considered a comprehensive report from Wendy Murray regarding the consequences of AC deciding in 2015 that they would no longer provide street lighting for un-adopted roads in Angus. They will not replace nor repair street lights nor pay for the supply of power. There is no prospect of this policy changing. The report listed various options available to residents on un-adopted roads. Altogether this is a far from satisfactory situation, but those of us who have had to deal with the Street Lighting Partnership are aware this is par for the course for this AC department. The CC will monitor any developments.

CBF: The subcommittee dealing with this has not met since the last CC meeting. Some ideas and proposals have been sent to Craig Mullen at SSE for consideration and we await his comments.

Seagreen/SSE: AM and DAR attended a zoom meeting with senior representatives of SSE on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan and the contents of the two letters we had sent them were discussed. AM had circulated an account of this meeting to members of the CC. It was made clear to the SSE staff we had concerns about their procurement policies, tendering procedures for GB companies, the human rights of workers in some of the countries they deal with and some aspects, including environmental considerations, of the way they conduct their business. They listened to us, they explained the nature of the market they work in, and answered our queries. They stated they will mention our concerns when they next meet with other power supply company representatives. A further meeting is not planned. The CC wished to record our appreciation to AM for all the hard work he has put in with regard to our dealings with SSE over this and other aspects of the Seagreen project.

Town services: In his report EO mentioned the widespread appreciation in the town for this year's Christmas tree and street lights. Again we must thank the CGLMC for funding the tree, DJ Laing for supplying the vehicles and drivers, the Tea Hive and Franco's for hospitality, Ian Johnson our electrician, and the group of volunteers for all their hard work in putting up the lights. The TSB on the High St will close in April leaving the town with no bank. A few years ago we had three. The CC regrets this closure but can not prevent it. The Post Office remains but this is not the same. The level crossing at Barry station will be closed overnight on several dates at the end of January and early February for track repair and upgrade. A limited amount of vaccine has been delivered to the Carnoustie medical practice and vaccination of vulnerable groups has begun. The local foodbank is doing excellent work and the community is grateful for all their efforts. There was a good response to AC's parking questionnaire – thousands replied and we await the outcome later this year. Food is Free has risen from the ashes following an episode of arson at the Community Garden on Panda Lane. The local population responded magnificently with cash and personnel to repair the damage inflicted on this very worthy project.

Town Centre Fund: Our September meeting discussed several projects in town and some members expressed an interest in getting involved especially if it appeared there was little activity or progress taking place. One such project was the TCF. PM and LM have met with Councillor Cheape to discuss how the TCF activity can be re-vitalised, especially as the Development Trust is no longer taking an active part in the project. A newspaper article will appear soon asking for public support and someone to act as project manager. There is significant money available for the TCF but it is time-limited and the CC will monitor progress. We will also keep an eye on the R&A Legacy Fund, the Golf Heritage Trail, future Participatory Budget opportunities, and other projects where the CDT has taken a back seat.

Caterpillar/Butterfly: A comprehensive report had been circulated prior to the meeting and the council expressed their appreciation for all the hard work that had been put in by Wendy Murray, Pamela, Lesley and Natalie. Restoration of all the stones involved is complete. Colourful Carnoustie now agree the Rest Garden is the ideal site for the project, AC seem to be in agreement, and it appears planning permission is needed. Appropriate signage will be required for what will surely become a tourist attraction. The CC agreed previously to

underwrite the project to allow it to go ahead promptly and the estimated cost is now about £10k. Seagreen is happy for us to spend their £5k donation on this and NR has submitted an application for the balance to the NHS Tayside Community Innovation Fund. We are grateful for help with the project from J&P Technologies Carnoustie and the acrylic resin manufacturers. The CC will monitor the need for further fundraising as required.

Police: Police Scotland is conducting a survey asking the diverse community that makes up the local public for their opinion on the service the police provide. The local population is encouraged to take 10 minutes to participate online. The Police report showed there had been 500 calls to the control room from the Carnoustie area in the spell from 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 25 crimes resulted consisting of 1 drunk driving, 4 vandalisms, 9 thefts, 4 housebreakings, 2 domestic incidents, 1 fraud, 1 fire-raising, 1 racial incident and 3 assaults. The fire-raising, the incident at Food is Free, resulted in a young female being reported to the Fiscal. Despite these figures Carnoustie remains one of the lowest crime areas in Angus.

Christmas: DAR had circulated a brief account of what the Christmas subcommittee had been doing recently. Local people liked the tree and lights, some lights remain on in response to requests to brighten up the town at this depressing time, and all the lights will have to stay where they are meantime until we are permitted to work as a group to take them down and transport them to storage. The Christmas subcommittee will remain in existence and replace and improve lights as required, plan a festive event for 2021 if possible, and organise fundraising. The meeting wished to record our appreciation of Natalie's hard work throughout the year in securing very successful festive lights this past Christmas.

Correspondence: DAR informed the meeting of the AC consultation/survey about Thistle St waiting restrictions and one way traffic management system. When face to face meetings are eventually permitted we have been informed can use the Council meeting room upstairs in the Burgh Chambers, where we traditionally ought to be meeting, subject to any social distancing at the time. As mentioned earlier the TSB closes in April and as a bank customer the CC will be affected.

AOCB: Everything had been dealt with during the meeting.

DONM: The CC is due to meet again at 7pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm.