



Present:

ROYAL BURGH OF ARBROATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minute of the Virtual meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Members: Sandy Beedie, Maureen Beedie, Stevie Bell, Jan Broomhall, Kelly Bruce, Fiona Doran, Marc Ritchie, Graham Smith, Julia Smith

Local Councillors: Brenda Durno, Lois Speed

Communities Officer: Mhiari Dickson

Meeting:

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Marc Ritchie welcomed all those present to this virtual meeting of the community council after a recess over January, and hoped everyone was keeping well and safe during these challenging times.

Apologies: Community Councillors: None

Councillors: David Fairweather, Alex king, Richard Moore, Derek Wann

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from last meeting approved by Sandy Beedie and seconded by Jan Broomhall.
3. **Matters Arising from previous meeting:** None
4. **Correspondence:** Planning application correspondence and COVID-19 correspondence with a reminder of current restrictions and guidance. Both of which were uploaded to the facebook page and online. The chair informed the meeting the Community Council were pleased to announce Stevie Bell s application to join the group had been approved and welcomed Stevie to the Community Council. The group look forward to Stevie being part of the group and working on the projects and topics that take place in the future.

5. Local Councillor Reports:

Cllr Brenda Durno: Erosion on the path at Arbroath Cliffs becoming an issue. A community group is being assist with fundraising for this, to find a solution to the current erosion issue and to decide on a chairperson, secretary and treasurer for the group. Anybody interested to contact councillor Durno at the first instance. Assisting the newly formed Lunan Bay group and the ideas they wish to take forward and dealt with issues relating to signage at Inverkeilor as well as the changing of the speed limit at Meadowbank.

Cllr Lois Speed: Constituent correspondence. Since previous meeting, addressing issues relating to the access line where 5 new staff have been employed reducing the waiting times. Assisting with any projects regarding the town centre funding and communicated the decision of the Court House Asset Transfer has been completed with a lot of interest across the community on this. Councillor Speed informed the meeting that extra funding for schools about mental health of young people and pupils have been created to provide support to young people during this pandemic.

Discussion took place relating to the lack of consistency across online learning for pupils as some teachers were sending out worksheets, in comparison to others who were conducting live lessons and is there any way to address this to ensure greater consistency. Councillor Speed she would raise this at the next child and learning meeting on Wednesday 3rd February and report an update at the next meeting.

6. Treasurers Report:

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6. RBS(General) account - £15,547.87 which includes the recent £5,000 from SSE from their Communities Fund for a micro-grant project. This deposit will happen twice a year for the next five years as part of the SSE Wind farm Project. Please see AOCB for discussion on this. TSB (Xmas Lights) account - £4,079.00, the cherry picker for the erecting and removal of the Christmas lights has been paid.

7. **Police Report:** This has been added to the community councils portal online which can be accessed from the website XXX and the link was also on the community councils facebook page. Recent crimes/issues in the area covering 1st December 2020 to 31st January 2021 were as follows;

Police dealt with 1380 calls within the Arbroath wards area during this period.

There have been 284 crimes subsequently recorded in this period with an overall 59% detection rate to date, with some enquiries still ongoing.

45 Assaults

25 Vandalisms

34 Breach of Peace/Disorder

34 Thefts/Dishonesties

18 Drugs offences

34 Road Traffic Offences

7 Frauds

87 Other crimes including communication offences, suspicious incidents, sexual offences, weapons, reckless conduct, Covid tickets and breach of court orders.

Unfortunately due to the current lockdown situation police are receiving a high number of calls and e-mails regarding persons breaching COVID guidelines and laws. A reminder to encourage your friends, family members and neighbours to abide by these guidelines and help everyone keep safe.

There have been a lot of scams about online shopping happening recently and to make careful considerations before you click and make purchases online. If you don't recognise the business, you have the option to research it or the site and if you still unsure, do not make any payment.

You can report suspicious emails by forwarding the original message to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk . Online frauds can also be reported to Action Fraud, which is a national fraud reporting centre by telephone 0300 123 2040 or online. Please also contact your bank asap if you are out of pocket. If you receive a suspicious text you can forward this to 7726 which spells SPAM on your keypad.

If you have been a victim of crime, and it is not an ongoing emergency, you can report this to Police Scotland on 101. For all emergency calls, dial 999.

8. Christmas Lights

Christmas lights taken down in January 10th and thanks the Community council members and Christmas Lights sub group in helping with this. Total costs were £1553.08, with an income of £46 and a net loss of £1507.08, which was due to current restrictions preventing any fundraising events taking place. Hopeful things will get better in 2021 to allow for some face to face fundraising to take place.

9. AOCB

SSE Wind farm Project - first of the micro grant funds had been received in December 2020 of £5,000. The community council are looking to set up a funding project for community groups and organisations to apply for. Further details will be communicated at the March meeting. 2 grants will be received each year, each with a total of £8-10,000 for the next five years as part of the Communities fund SSE have set up. All community councils in Angus are receiving funding in two formats as part of SSE legal obligation for a project of this size.

Arbroath 2020 celebrations will take place this year, virtually or with no members of the public in attendance. Many events planned throughout the year and the 2020 group have asked for any suggestions on virtual ways to celebrate the event e.g. window displays, competitions etc.

The Places for Everyone (A92) Project update was provided. Online consultation has been launched for members of the public to make comments on what they wish to be included in the design of the road and surrounding area. A phone line and email address will be set up soon, with the phone line open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for any individual who does not have access to social media or online facilities to make comments and contact details for this will be released shortly. Funding initially for this project was 60% from Sustrans and 30% from local authority, however due to the current pandemic this is now 70% costs covered by Sustrans and 30% from the local authority. However this could change for less expenditure required from the council, however further updates will be communicated next month.

Seaton Park asset transfer has been successful on a 99 year lease with the facilities being constructed entirely from recyclable materials and virtual reality activities being a big part of the project.

Discussion took place about the 'Adventures in Angus' facebook page and the many unknown routes to walk around Arbroath and the surrounding area and possibly speaking with Cameron Smith about his cliff top adventures and any future information could be posted online by the community council and on the notice boards and other locations in the burgh.

10. Date of next meeting

Next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd March 2021, start time of 7pm via MS Teams due to current COVID-19 restrictions