ROYAL BURGH OF ARBROATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Approved Monthly public meeting draft minute of Tues 02 Mar 2021, MS Teams

Present:

Members: Maureen Beedie, Stevie Bell, Fiona Doran, Marc Ritchie

Local Councillors: Derek Wann

Communities Officer: Mhiari Dickson

Meeting:

1 **Welcome and apologies**: Marc Ritchie welcomed all those present to this virtual meeting of the community council and hoped everyone was keeping well and safe during these challenging times.

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Sandy Beedie, Ian Cameron, Jan Broomhall, Kelly Bruce, Graham Smith, Julia Smith

Councillors: Brenda Durno, David Fairweather, Alex king, Richard Moore, Lois Speed

- 2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from last meeting approved by Maureen Beedie and seconded by Stevie Bell
- 3. Matters Arising from previous meeting: None
- 4. **Correspondence:** Correspondence received regarding Places for Everyone (A92), SSE Wind Farm Communities Fund and Community Council Policies (all covered in AOCB).

5. Local Councillor Reports:

Cllr Derek Wann - Attended a number of meetings over the last month in connection to the budget (post meeting - this was passed on Thurs 04 April. Dealing with enquiries regarding the A92 Places for Everyone project and looking to provide greater clarity on the different elements of the project and remove the perception this is 'just a cycle path'. The consultation is due to take place and no final decisions on the plans have been made so all feedback and comments are crucial on the design of the project. Calls received regarding flood prevention works and the bat survey as well as the crazy golf. I have requested more details and clarity on the crazy golf course. COVID-19 related enquiries from businesses and traders and directing them to the information and grant funding resources they need.

6. Treasurers Report

RBS(General) account - £14,623.07

£1115.00 - Wheelchair adapted swing funds held by the CC transferred to Angus Council on 26/02/21 £109.68 - Setting up of PO Box for SSE Communities Fund, micro grant project, covering April to July (minimum coverage)

Xmas Lights account - £4079.00 (unchanged from previous month)

 Police Report: Uploaded to <u>Community Councils portal</u> and will be uploaded to the Facebook Page in due course

8. AOCB

Chair informed the meetings there was a briefing meeting held last week between the Community Council, Project Contractors and Angus Council representatives on 25 Feb 2021. Update provided on the current Concept Design phase and invited suggestions from community council members to make the route accessible to all. Contractors asked for any comments on the different locations along the route from community council members to enhance accessibility to all individual. Community Council to upload details of the social pinpoint website where members of the public can comment on the things they wish to be included in the concept design of the project.

Stevie Bell informed the meeting the community council had been busy behind the scenes organising a microgrant funding pot, as part of the SSE Communities Fund on behalf of the Seagreen Wind farm project.

Applicants can be any group/organisation/individual can apply for grants of up to £500 covering a wide range of subject. Applicants can message the facebook page or send an email to Arbroathccmicrogrants@hotmail.com to request a paper copy to be sent. PO Box system set up for any paper application forms to be sent to. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, paper copies are not available from any premises and the community council will send any paper application forms as requested. Applications open Tues 06 April and close Fri 07 May 2021.

Each application will be reviewed and informed if they have been successful or otherwise. Details of additional funding pots available to projects will be provided to all applicants irrespective if their application is successful or otherwise.

A social media policy for community council members was updated, agreed and approved in line with new guidelines from Scottish Government and Local Authorities.

Discussions about Grit box locations and refill requests took place, details of this will be uploaded to Facebook due to current restrictions, but members were asked to increase awareness within the community of the processes and accessing the resources for Grit boxes. This can be accessed via Grit bins | Angus Council

Early discussions have taken place about identifying a location for a mobile track for the miniature railway around the approved crazy golf course approved at the West Links. This will enhance the area and an area for all the family to enjoy.

9. Date of Next Meetings 2021

Tues 06 Apr / Tues 04 May / Tues 08 Jun / Tues 06 July / Tues 03 Aug / Tues 07 Sept / Tues 05 Oct / Tues 09 Nov

All Meetings starting 7pm, format will be determined by COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines in place. Meetings held virtually take place via MS Teams. Any members of the public can contact the Community Council for login details