



ROYAL BURGH OF ARBROATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Monthly public meeting draft minute of Tues 06 April 2021, MS Teams

Present:

Members: Maureen Beedie, Sandy Beedie, Stevie Bell, Fiona Doran, Marc Ritchie, Graham Smith, Julia Smith

Local Councillors: Brenda Durno, Lois Speed, Derek Wann

Communities Officer: Mhiari Dickson

Meeting:

1. **Welcome and apologies:** The Chair welcomed all those present to the virtual meeting of the community council and hoped everyone was keeping well and safe.

Apologies:

Community Councillors:, Jan Broomhall, Kelly Bruce

Councillors: David Fairweather, Alex King, Richard Moore

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from last meeting approved by Julia Smith and seconded by Stevie Bell
3. **Matters Arising from previous meeting:** None
4. **Correspondence:** All correspondence received was related to planning applications and road maintenance
5. **Local Councillor Reports:**

Cllr Brenda Durno - Dealt with Arbroath harbour issues concerning boat maintenance, waste management issues of some boat owners, safety lights not working, unauthorized personnel using facilities for boat owners. Discussions taking place on the markers at the signal tower slip being removed as in the dark yachts are misled to thinking this is harbour entrance. All these concerns have been sent to the harbour master and should be discussed at the next harbour meeting.

Cllr Lois Speed – Dealing with constituent matters and the issues concerning the bollards at the train station. Network rail is a statutory body and are not required to apply for consent for any. Further talks about relocating the bus shelter and increasing the number of dropped kerbs for individuals with physical and mental impairments are ongoing. Angus roll out of vaccines is going very well with 65% of adults in Angus having received their first dose and 12.7% have received their second dose. All care home staff and residents have received both doses as of the date of this meeting. Garage lockups in Cairnie area and the accumulation of rubbish will be cleared shortly, issue concerning asbestos within it is delaying this as expert advice is received on how to remove this safely.

School Counselling Service - available in schools for children over 10 years old however children under 10 can be referred or advised of children's referral to mental health support and pathway. Ongoing work is underway in Angus to improve services with increased funding to third sector organisations, wellbeing workers in every GP surgery and public participation opportunities. A 7 day a week service is being rolled out within Arbroath planned for later this year/next (2021/22)

Question received regarding the message of one medical practice of 'if you are phoning concerning the vaccine, please hang up' and that the message should be providing information on how and where to access information relating to this instead. **ACTION - Councillor Speed will take this forward and report back at the next meeting.**

Cllr Derek Wann - Dealing with constituent issues, such as housing and COVID grants for businesses. Complaints recently regarding litter at parks and beaches and on the back of this month's police report, requested that the bin situation at Victoria Park is looked into again. After a constituent complaint and my own observations a 20mph zone will be introduced at rear of High School/MacDonald Park on Lochlands Drive to make this safer for all.

Discussed with Ian Wren his Dog mess markings – permission from Angus Council was verbally given to carry on highlighting this after two complaints received that it was paramount to graffiting. Issue with Bollards at train station, Angus Council are now involved in discussions with Network Rail to look at how these can be improved for access for all. **ACTION – Councillor Wann to speak to waste department and report back at the next meeting.**

6. Treasurers Report

RBS(General) account - £14,623.07 (unchanged from previous month)

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

7. Police Report: Uploaded to Community Councils portal

<https://anguscommunitycouncils.wordpress.com/community-council-minutes/royal-burgh-of-arbroath>

Question asked if the crime rates or the rates of the different types of crime had decreased or increased during the pandemic. **ACTION -The chair replied he would seek an answer to this for the next meeting.**

8. AOCB

Stevie Bell was pleased to inform the meeting that the SSE Communities Micro Grant Fund went live today and all applications can be submitted any group/organisation/individual, with the closing date being Fri 07 May 2021.

Applicants can access the application form and information poster via the hyperlink on the community council Facebook page or send an email to Arbroathccmicrogrants@hotmail.com to request a paper copy to be sent. All applications can be sent to the email address on the application form or to the PO Box address which is also on the form. 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.

Funding for the crazy golf at the west links has been approved and must be spent by end of September as part of the conditions of this being approved.

9. Date of Next Meetings 2021

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 will be held virtually take place via MS Teams

