

# Carnoustie Community Council



## **26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR CARNOUSTIE AND SURROUNDING AREA INCLUDING EAST HAVEN AND MUIRDRUM.**

Attending: A Rhind (Chair), A Murray, E Oswald, N Ross, P Manley, L Marr, P Lockhart, C Berg, M Forbes, J Roberts, D A Rorie (Minutes). Angus Councillors B Boyd, D Cheape, and M McDonald. Also A Todd (observing).

At the start of the meeting the council agreed unanimously to co-opt Pauline Lockhart and Connor Berg as members of Carnoustie Community Council. They will both serve until the elections next year. The chairman welcomed them to our happy band.

Apologies: A Laing.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minute of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> March was considered and accepted as a true and accurate account of events. Prop LM, Sec PM.

Angus councillors: DC outlined the background to the controversial construction of a 2.5 m wide tarmac road across the grounds of Carnoustie House. This had been agreed by AC in February in response to requests from parents at the nearby school. It was accepted there had been a serious lack of consultation by officials from AC but having heard the explanation the meeting accepted the current situation and dropped their opposition. Also at the Carnoustie House grounds the wall at the north end that is regularly covered in graffiti is going to be decorated by children from Woodlands Primary School and we can look forward to an attractive mural appearing there soon.

Finance: The Treasurer had as usual circulated the financial report prior to the meeting. This showed that at the end of April we had sufficient money for day to day expenses plus sums earmarked for Covid relief and Christmas festivities. There is also a considerable amount laid aside to finance the Carnoustie Butterfly. The report was accepted. Prop DAR, Sec LM. The meeting also considered the recently audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year to March 31<sup>st</sup>. This account is forwarded to AC, along with the Chairman's Annual Report, as part of our annual grant application, and is available for public scrutiny and shows our finances are well kept and in good order. The meeting expressed our thanks to the Treasurer for his hard work throughout the year.

Planning: AM had circulated his report prior to the meeting and this showed there had been nine applications to AC Planning Dept. since our last meeting. These were all routine and non-controversial and no action was required by us. The Kirkwood Homes Panbride Rd proposed development is still at an early stage with no planning application lodged yet with AC, but we have

been approached on their behalf by a firm "Liberty One" who want to send several representatives to one of our meetings to give us details of the development. It was agreed we will allocate a 10 minute slot at the start of our next meeting for their delegation to give us details of what they plan, but we will make it clear we can express no opinion either for or against the development at this stage and we have no influence over whether AC grants planning permission or not.

East Haven: There has been some recent debate about the placing of traffic cones on the roads near the village. This was done by Tayside Contracts in accordance with the EHT Visitor Management Strategy after discussion with AC and the police following several accidents in the locality. The village regularly attracts more visitors than its size and infrastructure can cope with. The cones have been removed meantime but may reappear at anticipated busy spells during the summer as part of the Temporary Prohibition Order. EHT has recently obtained a grant from AC to pay for the removal of a pile of redundant fishing gear that was embedded in the sand on their beach.

Seagreen/SSE/CBF/: There has been little movement recently regarding the windfarm and associated matters. Work continues, recently less noisily than before. AM continues to communicate with Craig Mullen who is discussing our proposals for the CBF with his bosses. SSE don't seem very happy with our suggestions at present and there is no obvious big project to take forward nor has any response come back from neighbouring CCs with a view to combining our resources. The CBF subcommittee is waiting for feedback from SSE and has no further meeting planned in the immediate future.

Town services: We noted with disappointment that "Links to Scotland", a long-time fixture on the High St, have decided not to reopen when restrictions are relaxed. A new lifestyle and homeware shop HAYM will replace it. Yet another charity shop is to open in town, this time "Pass it Forward", dealing in children's clothes and toys. Money raised will go to Food is Free and foodbanks. The traffic cones on the road to East Haven and part of the way up the hill to Scryne are positioned on the road rather than the roadside verge. Some have been damaged by vehicles and they are narrowing the carriageway. Widespread concern has been raised about the construction of a road across the grounds of Carnoustie House. Both these topics were covered earlier in the meeting. There has been an increase in tourists and visitors to Carnoustie recently, especially to the seafront area and as travel was permitted before hospitality opened there has been a problem with a total lack of toilet facilities. This has been an on-going problem and AC seem oblivious to this.

Ongoing local projects: We continue to be very much involved revitalising several community undertakings that had lost momentum and needed reactivation. More volunteers have been recruited and work is progressing at the Fairy Steps Trail. The bridge over the Craigmill Burn needs replacing and this is in hand and some legal details concerning the "right to roam" and liability insurance at the site have yet to be settled. We are involved with the Town Centre Fund and by virtue of this the Golf Heritage Trail is now moving forward and work to make the railway underpasses more attractive and the installation of suitable lighting on sections of the seafront path will hopefully get done soon.

Muirdrum: CB reported problems with speeding motorists at the junction in the village where the main Forfar Rd crosses the local residential roadway. This has been an ongoing traffic problem for decades. AC and the police have considered this black-spot several times previously. As the problem obviously persists it was agreed the Angus councillors will take this back to the local authority for further consideration.

Butterfly: The construction continues satisfactorily. The site where it will be positioned will require digging out and attractive signage will be needed for this tourist attraction. It will be unveiled to the public with suitable publicity in the early summer.

Bunting: We will hang bunting in the High St this summer. Colourful Carnoustie put up the hanging baskets of flowers in early June and we may try to hang the bunting about the same time. It stays up all summer and will still be in place during the Women's Open golf.

AC's Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing Consultation: At the March meeting we expressed surprise that AC was concerning itself with this topic and we agreed there was no demand for this in town or indeed anywhere in Angus. The minute of the meeting confirms that decision. DAR was tasked with replying to AC in these terms. NR, however, was not happy with the draft response the Secretary circulated and wanted a different tone to be adopted and we should recognise there might be applications to license such venues in Angus and we should make provision for this and not just state our outright opposition. NR was asked to word the reply she would favour and circulate it to members before the May 4<sup>th</sup> deadline for lodging replies with AC.

AC Biannual Meeting of CCs: This is scheduled for 6pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. NR and another councillor yet to be decided will attend.

Kinloch grass cutting: As we hold the lease for the site we are responsible for maintaining it. DT will get his group of youths to keep the grass cut and keep the site tidy over the summer.

Police: No report. This matter will be dealt with at the May meeting.

Correspondence: We have had an enquiry from Communities at AC asking what equipment our CC has, what equipment would help us operate more efficiently, and what our broadband capacity is. The CC owns no IT equipment and we function on hardware purchased by and maintained by members with AC contributing nothing directly to our IT requirements. DAR will reply appropriately to the council. All other items of correspondence had been addressed elsewhere in the agenda.

AOCB: Nil.

DONM: We meet again at 7pm, via zoom, on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>.