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## MONIFIETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13th MAY 2021

#### At Conclusion of AGM

**Chairperson:** Sheena Cochrane

**Present;** Ben Nicoll, Jack Brand, Peter Morrison, William Mutch, Stewart Ellis & John Thornton.

**Others:** Councillors Beth Whiteside and Hands. Members of Public; Leanne Wilson, Edith Christie.

**Apologies;** Rob Crossland, Hazel Brand, M-C McNally.

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#### **7. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising.**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. Proposed by Sheena Cochrane, seconded by Ben Nicoll. There were no matters arising.

#### **8. Correspondence.**

- a) Email from Craig Mullen, Seagreen, regarding the Community Fund. Details are – 1) money not used in each year to be returned, 2) Community Council to contact Seagreen in the first instance if a decision is taken to use a proportion of the funds for a Community Council project, 3) an annual report will be required. Discussed and noted. Sub Committee meeting to be held 24.05.21 to deal with applications.
- b) Email from SSEN re Resilient Communities Fund. Discussed and no action to be taken.
- c) Ordnance Survey, Parish and Town Council survey received- completed by Bill Mutch
- d) Email from Lynn Hally re IT Mapping and support from Angus Council – Ben Nicoll replied.
- e) Emails and phone calls between residents and Police re disturbances. See Police Report.
- f) Email advising of Anguswide Events Network, 1<sup>st</sup> June, using Microsoft Teams. Information re events and physical distancing. Discussed at length and further study of documents required as to implications for voluntary organisations of planning for events and risk assessment.
- g) Email re Scotland Local Democracy Lab previously cascaded. There were no attendees.
- h) Emails from Stewart Ellis re Lottery funding for projects, including Scout Group and Police for youth diversion schemes. To be followed up.
- i) Email from Lynn Hally re Cycling and Walking Improvements in Angus - £509,00 having been made available. Bill Mutch responded with a well thought out reply including several areas where improvements could be made. Discussed and there was agreement among councillors with Bill's proposals. Forwarded to Angus Council.
- j) Email request from National Lottery fund requesting information on the impact of funding. Survey completed by Stewart Ellis.
- k) Email from Information Commissioner's Office re renewal of Data Protection certificate. Certificate renewed for a further year at cost of £40. Following this action, an email was subsequently received from Angus Council stating renewal was the individual choice of Community Councils. Reason for this is changes recently implemented which exempted the processing of personal data by members of the House of Lords and all other elected representatives, which includes Parish Councils and by extension, Community Councils. It was agreed we would continue as above for another year and then address the issue.
- l) Email from Stewart Ellis re defibrillators in Monifieth following an unfortunate incident where there may have been a different outcome if a machine had been available. This will be reported in AOCB. All correspondence has been cascaded to Community Councillors.

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## **9. Social Media Report**

Ben Nicoll reported 12 applications have been received for Seagreen funding with a total amount requested of £9250, with £5000 being available. A meeting to decide on the applications will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via Zoom.

## **10. Planning Matters**

Rob Crossland was unable to attend and sent a report regarding planning applications for the May meeting, none of which give any cause for concern. These are formation of a driveway and associated alterations at 35 Ferry Road, extension to an existing dormer at 27 The Fairway, a single storey extension at 24 Well Street, a bedroom extension at 5 Fontstane Crescent and formation of a window and 2 roof lights at 1 Grange Gait.

## **11. Police Report**

In the absence of a police presence due to pressing duties at this time, John Thornton reported he had received and cascaded the Police Report to all Councillors. The main theme of the Police Report this month concerns Child Sexual Abuse, in particular, online. Advice is given as to how to recognize the signs that a child has been subjected to abuse or is being targeted. More information is available on the NSPCC site. Bill Mutch asked what the position was at Monifieth High School and Leanne Wilson replied this is a matter of high priority through Social Education. It is part of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year curriculum and events involving the primary schools are held regularly. It was unfortunate that a large part of last year's input was missed due to the pandemic but parents are also involved through the school. Incidents in our area between 06/04/21 and 11/05/21; there have been 154 calls to the control centre in this period with 21 crimes reported. These include threatening and abusive behaviour, assault, theft, speeding, fraud and vandalism. The report goes on to say- "There are ongoing issues with larger groups of youths socializing and drinking in parks and beach areas. We will continue to have a presence in hotspot areas and deal with any acts of anti-social behaviour robustly. We are working closely with community teams in Dundee to try to prevent large groups gathering on the beach area. Schools have been alerted and we will speak to pupils regarding this." Recent fires on the beach have been investigated and 2 youths have been detected. Police and members of the Community Council and staff from Monifieth High recently held a meeting at West End Park to discuss the youth problem. An increased Police presence in the area and officers speaking to the youths and trying to engage them in solving the problems were among the issues discussed.

## **12. Angus Councillors' Reports**

Councillor Whiteside reported parking time allowed in Monifieth will be doubled to 1 hour. There has been no feedback regarding the school consultation but there was a good response. Angus Council representatives who gave a presentation to the Community Council last month gave the same talk to the Monifieth High School Parent Council meeting. Peter Morrison asked who was responsible for the car park at the Blue Seaway as he was prevented from using the electric car charging point there by selfish drivers using these dedicated spaces to park their petrol and diesel powered cars while they take part in and watch the childrens' football training. Discussion followed and it was agreed there is no legislation in force to prohibit this selfish behaviour, which also extends to disabled bay parking. Angus Council do not charge for parking here but they do own the ground. Secretary to email Marc Lorente to ask for assistance from Monifieth Athletic.

## **13. Public Questions.**

None

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#### **14. AOCB**

The matter of the buses being routed along the west end of Hill Street and Durham Street after the demise of the 75 service has been discussed at length and has seen many consultations between Bill Mutch, Traffic Commissioners and staff at Stagecoach. Bill reported a safety assessment would have to have been carried out before a CLAN receipt would be issued which would allow the service to run. It was asked whether Angus Council was involved, which they should have been. Councillor Hands to consult with appropriate department. It was agreed Stagecoach had been less than open during the period of consultation and Angus Council do have a responsibility for the route.

As previously reported Bill Mutch has been in contact with the Public Sector Geospatial Agreement team and has concluded this may be worth pursuing as an additional tool for the Community Council. It is known that Angus Council hold membership of the organisation (as does Monifieth Community Council) and it may be better if we pursue talks with the Angus Council department which is dealing with, interpreting and using the data available, as there are costs involved in the interpretation of data and there is already in place a field of knowledge and expertise. It is felt this could/should be discussed with other Community Councils in Angus.

Externally Located Defibrillators in Monifieth; following on from a recent tragic incident in the town, this subject was brought up by Edith Christie, Chair of Monifieth Health Centre Patient Advisory Group, there being concern at the total lack of defibrillators available 24 hours in Monifieth while it is believed there are 9 in Carnoustie. It is believed the lack of defibrillators had no bearing on the outcome of this incident, however, it is felt they should be a priority, as there are numerous machines available but all are located internally and therefore not available 24/7. Jack Brand replied that Monifieth Community Council have been pursuing the matter for 2 years since AEDdonate were awarded £4,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme and have already arranged for two machines to be located externally at the Vault and Monifieth Library, this work having been delayed due to the pandemic. It was reported Councillor Fotheringham has been pursuing the idea of relocating the library unit externally- this to be followed up. Edith reported they are initiating fund raising projects and looking for the best locations for more units, all of which should be held on a Scottish Ambulance Service data base, which unfortunately is not up to date. The matter of training was covered and Sheena Cochrane reported she had previously arranged for training to be done at The Vault for all staff and others interested but this was disrupted by the spread of Covid 19. This comprehensive training will be carried out by St John's Ambulance personnel, and full easy to follow instructions are displayed at each defibrillator site. It was agreed the Patient Advisory Group and Monifieth Community Council should work together and share information for the good of the Community

#### **12. Date and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting of Monifieth Community Council will be held on Thursday 17th June 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

Secretary's Note. There will not be a meeting in July 2021.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held via Zoom on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

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