

Carnoustie Community Council



28th June 2021 Carnoustie Community Council Minutes

Attending: A Rhind (Chair), P Manley, A Murray, N Ross, E Oswald, C Berg, L Marr M Forbes, D A Rorie (Minutes), Angus Cllrs Mc Donald, Cheape and Boyd. Also present Gordon Reid and Alastair Todd.

Apologies: D Ritchie, Police Scotland.

Minute of previous meeting: The minute of the CC meeting of 31st May was accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings. Prop PM, Sec CB.

Update on the signage for the Heritage Trail. GR gave the meeting an excellent report on the signage being developed to inform visitors about the local and golfing heritage of the town. Much of this will use QR codes. It has long been the wish of many of us to attract golfing visitors away from just the links and increase foot-fall in the High St and other areas. The Trail aims to provide visitors with a circular route round the links, seafront and High St and commercial area. This will be achieved using lecterns at the seafront and wayfinding markers in town. The council was impressed with what was being developed and as the funding for this project is strictly time-limited we wished GR and his team a speedy and successful completion of this innovative and worthy project.

Angus councillors: The dysfunction and variety of problems in Forfar persist. Hopefully a stable and rational administration will come about after next year's elections. The speeding through Muirdrum is still being considered by AC and Police Scotland. Perhaps a Halt/Stop sign is the answer. We await a result. Preparations have begun setting up the AIG Women's Golf Championship in August and the Carnoustie and Monifieth Men's Shed have been successful in getting a long lease on the Panmure Centre.

Finance: The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and showed at the end of June we had over £15,000 in the bank with some £1,700 allocated for Covid relief and recovery and over £2,000 earmarked for Christmas, this sum including nearly £1,400 donated by Go Fund Me. The Butterfly is projected to cost more than £10,000 but we still have sufficient for ongoing day to day expenses. The report was accepted. Prop DAR, Sec PM.

Planning: AM had circulated the report prior to the meeting and it showed only one application had been lodged with the Planning Dept since our last meeting and this was non- controversial and needed no action from us.

East Haven/SSE/CBF: AM reported on the very successful fourth Great Angus Beach Clean and members were encouraged to read the detailed account Wendy had lodged online. Wendy informed us of interesting developments concerning the containers of rotting waste food discovered washed

up on the Angus beaches. Five of our members had met virtually with Craig Mullen from the SSE on 18th June to discuss the Community Benefit Fund resulting from the Seagreen windfarm and AM brought the meeting up to date with subsequent developments.

Town services: The report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and mentioned the need for a thorough overhaul and update of the CC website. The meeting agreed this was a problem and NR and CB will liaise as and when events permit to remedy this, and the Secretary will add this to the next agenda as a separate topic for discussion. The site of the former Kinloch School is to be built on in due course and the town will benefit from much needed new council houses with part of the site given over to an open space for public use. The Men's Shed has taken on the lease for the Panmure Centre. We note with concern the Sandy Sensations children's playground at the seafront has 2 of the 3 most popular pieces not in action and at the paddling pool, another big attraction, the Zip wire and Chute are not available. Angus Council inform us replacement parts have to come from Germany and there is a lengthy waiting time. This is very disappointing and made even worse when you consider this was entirely foreseeable as the CC minute of March reads " With continuing travel restrictions and possibly no foreign travel permitted this summer, the meeting asked the Angus councillors to urge AC to be prepared and make adequate provision for a large influx of visitors especially with regard to emptying litter bins, cleaning up the paddling pool, which is a major attraction, and generally keeping the seafront clean and welcoming for visitors." Carnoustie depends a great deal on tourists and visitors and once again the town really deserves better service from Angus Council than it is receiving at present. The CC has previously considered the new road constructed across Carnoustie House grounds. AC has admitted an error in not notifying the CC or the Gala Committee of their intention to build this and now we learn that the Annual Gala Day Parade which ends in the park might have to be cancelled as there may not be adequate room for the heavy goods vehicles involved to turn on the grass due to the new barriers and having to stay off the new road in case they damage it. Again Angus Council seems to have scant regard for Carnoustie and its residents.

Butterfly: LM reported this is progressing and should be ready for installation at the seafront and displaying to the public with suitable fanfare and publicity in August or possibly early September.

Police: Our Community Police are not permitted to take part in zoom meetings but we had been sent a report and it had been circulated prior to the meeting. As well as advice on how to prevent business crime it showed there had been 134 calls to the control-room since our last meeting resulting in 25 crimes consisting of the usual array of offences. Voluntary Action Angus are facilitating free summer activities as part of the Scottish Government's "Get Into Summer" initiative. Police Scotland is participating and supporting this in Carnoustie and other Angus towns.

Correspondence: DAR reported we are informed there will be curtailment of the right to roam on the links from 14th – 23rd August due to the AIG tournament. AC has notified us of their Draft Statement of Principles concerning the Gambling Act 2005 and we can comment if we want, and AC are conducting a residents online survey to determine what the public know about and think about their local CC. We have asked for a breakdown of the local response from Carnoustie residents.

AOCB: Some of the more senior members of the CC, ably supported by PM, put up bunting in town on Sunday 27th. The vehicle and driver were again supplied by DJ Laing. We plan to put up more bunting along the seafront in the next few weeks to decorate this area for tourists and visitors generally but also for those coming to the AIG Open Golf in August. On June 7th some of us met a delegation from Kirkwood Homes and the proposed development at Panbride Rd was explained. On 17th June NR represented us at a Winter Transport meeting with AC. On 18th June the CBF

subcommittee met a representative from SSE/Seagreen to discuss the Benefit Fund. All these meetings were virtual. DAR will organise a beach clean in July and advertise this as usual. He also cut the grass at the Kinloch at the weekend but a small area that is particularly long remains. Arrangements will need to be made to complete the job.

Date of next meeting: We used to have a summer break in July but in recent years have had a meeting then due to important business. With various topics to discuss we intend to meet, probably via zoom, at 7pm on Monday 26th July.