

Carnoustie Community Council



31st May 2021 Minute of Meeting of Carnoustie Community Council

Attending: A Rhind (Chair) L Marr, P Manley, A Murray, M Forbes C Berg, P Lockhart, D A Rorie (Minutes) Angus Councillor M McDonald, and Alistair Todd observing.

Apologies: E Oswald, J Roberts, N Ross, A Laing, Angus councillors B Boyd and D Cheape and Police Scotland.

Minute of previous meeting: Apart from a small clarification about the site of some fishing debris removed from the beach between East Haven and Carnoustie, the minute was accepted as a true and accurate account of the 26th of April meeting. Prop AM, Sec PM.

Angus councillor: Cllr McDonald reported on the continuing problem of speeding and reckless driving where the Carnoustie – Forfar road goes through the village. AC have been made aware of this dangerous problem and some road markings have been repainted but this seems unlikely to be adequate. Various suggestions were made including making a “Halt” sign on the main road rather than the present largely ignored “Give Way”, using cut-outs of police officers, using one of the mobile CC camera vans or a fixed camera. The problem is one for AC and Police Scotland, and Cllr McDonald is to keep up the pressure and report back as the matter progresses. We are aware there is a longterm shortage of affordable housing in Carnoustie and this is not going to change in the near future and AC tries to do their best with road surfacing and pothole repairs.

Finance: The Treasurer had circulated the report prior to the meeting and this shows at the end of May we were keeping aside some £600 for Christmas expenses, £1700 or so earmarked for Covid relief and recovery, and the Butterfly is estimated to cost something in excess of £10k. This still leaves us sufficient for day to day running costs including a £10 monthly charge to maintain the Covid Helpline phone number which although little used meantime is kept active in case it is needed if there is another lockdown. Its continuation will be kept under review. The report was accepted. Prop DAR, Sec LM.

Planning: AM reported there had been ten planning applications to AC since our last meeting, none of which was controversial or requiring comment from us. One application is

on behalf of SSE/Seagreen seeking to vary the terms of planning permission at Barry Station but this has been granted and we see no problem.

East Haven: EHT has obtained a grant from Naturescot to purchase signage to better manage visitor traffic. The Great Angus Beach Clean the previous weekend was very successful with participation from Montrose to Monifieth. Of concern was the finding of 14 large containers of rotting food waste, 5 found between East Haven and Carnoustie, and AC is trying to trace the source of these. There is a length of shipping rope partly buried in the sand at the small bay where the Barry Burn joins the sea. This will require a digger or similar machinery for removal. We will investigate whether the CGLMC or perhaps SSE/Seagreen working in the vicinity could help.

Town services: EO had circulated the report prior to the meeting for members to read, so as with all the other reports there was no need to go over it line by line. A Mobile Covid Testing Centre operates in the Carnoustie High School car park every Sunday from 10.30am – 4pm. The blocked drain along from Madisons needs sorting again, the local roads and pathways are riddled with potholes, the road near the entrance to Shanwell cemetery is again in a state with mud and debris caused by heavy rain and AC will have to come up with a solution to this recurring problem, abandoned cars appear in town from time to time and need reported so action can be taken and the meeting had already decided to continue paying for the Covid Helpline meantime. The blocked drain and the unsafe road surface at the cemetery have been discussed before and are the responsibility of AC. Members agreed it was better for the report to be taken as read and commented on without having it read to them.

Butterfly: This artistic creation is progressing and will be ready for unveiling to the public later this summer. It will become a spectacular tourist attraction at the seafront.

Beach cleans: The weekend of the 29th/30th May saw the Marine Conservation Society national beach clean initiative and this was coupled locally with the Great Angus Beach Clean. Carnoustie CC manned a beach cleaning station at the usual car park at the seafront providing litter pickers, hoops and plastic bags etc. over the two days. In total 73 local people volunteered and 62 kg of litter was collected from the beach and seafront area. We generally organize beach cleans in June, July and August, with our final one for the year coinciding with the MCS big national beach clean in September. DAR will fix dates once he knows the state of the tides and will arrange publicity. We need to buy more pickers and he will see to this, possibly with funding from SSE or AC.

Bunting: It was decided previously we will put bunting along the High St for the summer. As the town is hosting the AIG Women's Open Golf Championship in August we will also try to put some along Links Parade and in the vicinity of the golf course. DAR and NR will liaise with staff at DJ Laing to arrange the cherry picker and driver and inform members of the time and date for setting this up.

Police: There were two police reports to consider as the April one was carried over to this meeting. There was no actual police presence at the zoom meeting but we are in regular contact with our local community officers and are grateful for the regular communication.

Along with an account of recent crimes and issues in the Carnoustie area the police update gave details on Labour Exploitation, advice on Security for Bikes and information on how to spot Child Abuse. We will continue to send the agenda and minutes to the local police team and welcome their input.

Correspondence: DAR reported David Taylor had intimated his resignation from the CC for personal reasons. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had both already thanked him personally for his help in council meetings and hard work with the Christmas subcommittee. The meeting instructed the Secretary to write to him and express our appreciation for his help and wish him well in the future. Although he is no longer a councillor David has informed us he will continue to oversee the maintenance of the Kinloch grassy area.

AOCB: LM reported work at the Fairy Steps is progressing but the question of insurance for members of the public visiting the site remains a stumbling block. AC and the landowner need to sort out who bears liability for accidents and mishaps. The CC will continue to monitor what is happening at the site along with the Carnoustie Path Network and the Heritage Trail. PM requested members to supply her with historic details of Carnoustie or identify anyone with such stories for recording as part of the town's heritage.

Future meetings: The Secretary reminded members they expressed a wish to have a meeting with a delegation from Kirkwood Homes about the proposed Panbride Rd development and this will take place at 7pm on Monday 7th June by zoom. The CBF subcommittee is meeting Craig Mullen from Seagreen on Friday 18th June at 11am probably via zoom. Pauline Lockhart was co-opted onto this subcommittee as it was a member short. We meet again as the Community Council at 7pm on Monday 28th June. The Secretary will inform members nearer the time if this will be via zoom or an actual meeting and the venue if this is the case.

DONM: As noted above, Monday 28th June.