

Carnoustie Community Council



CARNOUSTIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 26th JULY 2021

Attending: A Rhind, A Murray, E Oswald P Manley, M Forbes, J Roberts, C Berg, D A Rorie, Angus Cllrs Cheape, Boyd and MacDonald. Observing Jenni Paterson.

Apologies: N Ross, L Marr, P Lockhart, D Ritchie, A Laing and Police Scotland.

Minute of previous meeting: The minute of the June 28th meeting was considered and accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings.

Angus councillors: AC is in recess for the summer and little is happening. Several public consultations are taking place, all details are on the AC website, including one on their budget. Long-awaited spare parts have reportedly arrived so the seafront playpark and paddling pool should soon be fully functional. The Signage Project for the Heritage Trail, funded by the Town Centre Fund, is progressing and we fully support this. We are getting a degree of support for our beach cleans and other attempts to keep the seafront clean and tidy and welcoming for summer visitors and locals alike. We look forward to the town successfully hosting the AIG Open in August.

Finance: The report, circulated prior to the meeting, showed we have just over £5900 in the bank with about £2000 earmarked for Christmas and about £1700 for Covid recovery leaving just under £2200 available for routine expenditure. We have received the £770 annual grant from AC. The Butterfly has cost £10,800 to date. Any further expenditure and we will need to do some fundraising specifically for this project. The report was accepted. Prop DAR, Sec EO.

Planning: There had been six routine planning applications to AC since our last meeting none of which required comment from us. However, Kirkwood Homes have lodged their application for the housing development at Panbride Rd. This would be on a green-field agricultural site part of which is subject to flooding and in an area of the town contrary to the Local Development Plan. There is already considerable public comment about this, split

almost equally for and against. We will continue to monitor the public response and AM is going to inform us of the deadline for submissions to the Planning Dept. AM was given the task of compiling a draft response to AC when members of the CC have scrutinized all the public comments and we have individually formed our opinions. The CC consensus on this matter will then be sent to Angus Council.

East Haven/SSE/CBF: There was nothing major or pressing requiring discussion under these headings.

Town services: As of July 19th the Carnoustie recycling centre can be used without having to book a slot online, but will still not accept general household waste. We note with concern the potato grading and storage facility at Clayholes has closed with the loss of 12 jobs. Preparations for the AIG Women's Golf Championship are progressing, Kirkwood Homes have now applied for planning permission at Panbride Rd, and the first phase of the Persimmon Homes development at Upper Victoria is under way with 194 houses being built in total with environmental and habitat protection included in the process. The bunting and hanging baskets are making the town look attractive thanks to the efforts of the CC and Colourful Carnoustie. Saturday 24th July saw the opening of Simpson's coffee and gift shop in town. As with all local commercial ventures we wish it well.

Website update: At the June meeting it was agreed NR and CB would get together and try to update the CC website. This is still a work in progress, especially as NR has been busy with other matters. Developments will be reported back to future meetings.

Butterfly: Construction is proceeding and installation and then unveiling should follow later in the summer. Information about the origin and assembly of the Butterfly has been included in the Carnoustie Signage Project.

Police: The report, circulated in advance, showed there were 138 calls to the control room from the Carnoustie area in the month since our last meeting. These resulted in 25 crimes, an array of 7 assaults, 4 thefts, 3 vandalisms and a lesser assortment of fraud, extortion, communication offence, dangerous driving, and threatening and abusive behaviour. The report gave advice on staying safe for those climbing, walking and exploring the Scottish hills.

Correspondence: DAR reported he had informed Angus Licensing Court we have no objection to Chillis change of license. AC have informed us of the closure of Kinloch St due to gas infrastructure work and AC are conducting public surveys into winter road services and also public transport, details of which are on the AC website. Seagreen keeps us informed of progress at the landfall site, the arrival of wide loads and other relevant matters involving the town.

AOCB: The grass at the Kinloch site has now all been cut. DAR will consider various options to keep it under control. We intend putting decorative lighting up for the AIG Open including at the Kinloch site and the bases of the trees there will need trimming to take the uplighters. Again this will be seen to. We want to extend the bunting along the seafront and DAR will liaise with DJ Laing and Lex the driver and fix a date when this can be done with an

adequate number of members participating. It was agreed NR should go ahead now with preparations for the annual Citizen of the Year awards. CB brought the meeting up to date with recent developments in Muirdrum. There was a beach clean on Sunday 25th when some 30 volunteers turned out in lovely weather and cleaned up the Carnoustie beach and seafront. The next beach clean is scheduled for Sunday 29th August at 10am.

DONM: We are due to meet again at 7pm on Monday 30th of August. Members will be notified nearer the time whether this will be face to face or via zoom.