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## MONIFIETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th JUNE 2021

**Chairperson:** Sheena Cochrane

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

**Others:** MC Mcnally.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Sheena Cochrane welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting.

Apologies were received from Dawn McGaughay, Rob Crossland, Hazel Brand, and Councillors Whiteside and Hands.

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read.

#### 3. Correspondence.

Email from Lynn Hally re volunteers' Week. Discussed.

Email from Lynn Hally re Road Safety Working Group. Winter Services Review on 3/6/21 and Public Transport Review on 10/06/21. Discussed.

Email re Angus Events Network meeting attended by John Thornton. Mainly concerning Christmas Lights and Guidance for Events particularly in relation to Covid measures. Main points were to control numbers, avoid queues and pinch points. Application for Public Entertainment Licences as before with risk assessments and to be directed to Public Health teams. Questions asked re Santa's grotto and performers on stage and prior to event. Many difficulties foreseen and doubts expressed re whether certain events could go ahead as in the past or to use internet to stream events.

Email re emergency road closure for Victoria Street.

Email re High Street bins- replacement to begin shortly with some locations requiring resurfacing work prior to installation.

Email from Lynn Hally re Tactrans – Consultation on New Regional Transport Strategy 2023/2033. Discussed . Reply before 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Email re Bi Annual Community council meeting. Attended by Ben Nicoll.

Email re Registration procedures for defibrillators. Patient Advisory Group, Monifieth Health Centre to arrange at appropriate time.

Email from Lynn Hally, No Waiting Order re work to be carried out in St Regulus Road area resurfacing roads.

Email re Angus Council Residents Survey. Information for each Community Council to use survey details for own purposes- discussed and questions asked as to why this would be needed by us.

All emails cascaded to Community Councillors.

#### 4. Defibrillators.

Sheena Cochrane reported she has arranged a face-to-face meeting with Lyn Lawrence to sort out the position regarding placing of defibrillators. The information is that the library machine can be positioned outside the building- Sheena is in favour of the Vault machine also being placed outside. The patient advisory group at the health centre have received a donation of £1,000. There was a negative response from the NISA shop but MC informed the meeting this is now a Premier store. Jack Brand to pursue the possible location there along with a possible location at the Bay Diner, along with possible conflict if Tesco name is on the back board of any defib placed by AEDdonate. Peter Morrison queried if CCTV coverage

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could be considered for each machine placement to deter vandalism.

#### **5. Eco Force Tennis Court Project**

Stewart Ellis reported Angus Council have granted permission for Eco Force to use part of the tennis court as a gardening project involving a poly tunnel, and partly funded by the National Lottery VE Day grant. As there is a problem with access to the court area for disabled visitors/volunteers in wheelchairs, Stewart is of the opinion Angus Council should pay to have the necessary improvements made, citing disability legislation. This was discussed and the feeling expressed is that this is not the way forward as Angus Council are not charging rent and could easily withdraw permission at any time. It would be preferable for Eco Force to seek alternative sources of funding for gateway alterations.

At this point, John Thornton stated he is facing increasing difficulties with the Blue Seaway lighting project and rather than handing the money back, should this fall through, permission could be sought from Angus Council Participatory Budgeting Group to use the money for this and other similar community projects.

Alex Graham has submitted a design for the Community Garden in conjunction with the Scout Group close to Marine Drive on a SW facing slope, this incorporating a VE Day floral display. A Community Garden notice board should be erected bearing details of all people involved in construction of the garden. Stewart, MC McNally along with modern studies teacher at the High School to consult on this. Stewart also reported the remainder of the VE Day grant is available for Dawn McGaughey to use for the Showcase the Street projects and for a JuniorCop project. It was agreed this money could be paid out immediately as both projects comply with the original criteria for the VE Day funding contribution from National Lottery.

#### **6. Social Media Report**

Ben Nicoll reported he had attended the Bi Annual meeting of Community Councils which had been very productive . A full breakdown will be supplied in due course. He reported all letters have been sent out to applicants for the Seagreen micro grants and all the groups are responding. Cheques will be forwarded to Ben for distribution, due diligence having been carried out.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Stewart Ellis reported the current balance is £21488.80.

#### **8. Planning Matters.**

Rob Crossland unable to attend. In his absence John Thornton reported there are 3 applications for planning permission viz. extension to rear elevation of house at 5 Adderley Crescent, a first floor extension on west/rear elevation of house at 39 Grange Road and the formation of an extension to the front/north of 35 Ferry Road. There are no reasons for concern.

Further to this, Sheena Cochrane reported having seen in the local press that Angus Council are proceeding with plans for new builds and conversions to Invertay House. Information also revealed that Carnoustie and Monifieth Men's' Shed groups have been granted an Asset Transfer for the Panmure Centre in Carnoustie.

#### **9. Police Report**

In the absence of PC McGaughey, John Thornton reported he had received the Police report which has been cascaded to all Councillors. The main thrust of the report this month is the issue of Body Worn Cameras which have been used successfully in recent years worldwide. In Scotland, following public consultation, it was decided to issue body worn cameras to armed police officers before the end of 2021. Plans are now progressing to issue cameras to more officers and police staff across the country following a 3-month national consultation. Sheena Cochrane agreed to complete the survey.

Locally, between 11/05/21 and 08/06/21 there have been 101 calls to the control centre, with only 6 crimes reported, theft by housebreaking, 3 accident offences, petty assault and theft of a motor vehicle. A major issue continues to be large crowds of youths socializing/drinking in various parts of Monifieth, though this has decreased slightly in the past month. Police will continue to give attention, in particular to

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the beach area.

MC McNally reported there had been a large gathering in Ashludie Park which ended in a fight, resulting in two 17-year-old youths being admitted to hospital – both were released neither having sustained serious injuries.

### **10. Angus Councillors' Reports**

Councillor Whiteside had previously sent her apologies due to clashes with other meetings. Following on from Councillor Bill Mutch's investigation into the possibility of more traffic controls in Monifieth, following the example of Edinburgh, and the re-routing of the 75 bus, Beth advised we should invite a member of Angus Council Roads/Transport team to a future meeting to discuss future plans. There have been many 20 mph trial zones implemented across Angus, upgrading of paths including the planned improvement to the path from Broughty Ferry through West End Park and the installation of an improved bridge at the Dighty. There are also trial "no-go" zones around 3 primary schools in Angus. Beth also asked for comments and views on the recent vaccination programmes with some Monifieth residents being directed to the Caird Hall and others to Arbroath. This was discussed and it was agreed there was general satisfaction with the overall programme. It was easier to get to Dundee by bus while Arbroath was better if people used a car. Mention was made of a few flaws at the surgery in Monifieth, though this was not seen as a major problem.

### **11. Public Questions.**

None

### **12. AOCB.**

Touching back on the defibrillators issue, MC McNally reported that all senior pupils go through "Heart Start" programmes at school with a member of staff who works with St Andrews Ambulance taking the lead.

She also commented on the issue of pupil behaviour at lunchtime with most of the children behaving themselves and only a small minority causing trouble. Along with another member of staff, MC patrols the streets round the school on a regular basis.

MC reported that there have been several incidents recently when members of the public have shared doorbell video footage with the school, following incidents in the vicinity of their houses. This has been appreciated by the school and has helped nip trouble in the bud.

Sheena Cochrane reported she had attended the recent AGM of Monifieth Befrienders which was very informative. 3 members of staff wish to purchase a Trishaw for Monifieth and are looking to raise funds for this. Several board members would not want funds raised in the name of Monifieth Befrienders to be used for anything other than the group activities. The matter was discussed at length, and it was agreed Sheena Cochrane would investigate potential sources of funding, while it was suggested a possible source could be Seagreen money next year.

### **13. Date of Next Meeting.**

It was agreed there would not be a meeting in July therefore the next meeting of the Community Council will be at 7pm. on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, via Zoom.

Secretary's Note.

The next meeting of Monifieth Community Council will be via Zoom on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7pm.

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