



Minutes of a meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 5th October 2021 held at Gebe Park.

Jill Scott took the chair and welcomed the Company to the first Community Council meeting since March 2020 because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Present.

Jill Scott, Garry Robertson, David Dewar, Douglas Murray and Eric Gray.

Councillors Braes, Myles and Nicol (Angus Council).

Lil Black Ann Thompson and Derek Harper (Food Life)

1 Member of the public

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Jocky McLean, Steve Dempsey and Susan Barr.

Presentation.

The Team from Food Life gave a presentation on their work and then answered questions.

AGM.

Chairs Report.

Jill Scott said although we had not been meeting we had keep in touch using email and phones. We had continued to hold Angus Council to account and had assisted the public where we could. We will now resume monthly face to face meetings as covid restrictions allow.

Treasurers Report

Douglas Murray said that the Community Council was well funded at the moment as there had been little activity due to Covid.

Election of Office Bearers.

The following office bearers where elected;-

Chair Jill Scott

Vice Chair Garry Robertson

Secretary Eric Gray

Treasurer Douglas Murray

Planning contact Garry Robertson

Equalities Officer David Dewar.

AOCB.

It was proposed by Jill Scott seconded by Garry Robertson that Agnieszka Sniadenech be co-opted onto the Community Council.

Jill Scott gave notice that Derek harper would be proposed for co-option at the next meeting.



It was agreed that as Brechin Health Care Group now had its own constitution and bank account etc, it could be free standing and no longer needed to a sub-group of the Community Council.

That closed the AGM and we proceeded to a general meeting.

General Meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

It was proposed by Jill Scott and seconded by Garry Robertson that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2020 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Police Update.

There were no Police Officers present so there was no update. It appears since the retirement of the local police sergeant there is no dedicated community police team in Brechin.

Councillors Update.

The Councillors said that due to Covid there had been little activity for the eighteen months.

There is a possibility that Industrial Action by Tayside Contracts employees may cause disruption in schools.

AOCB

With the Caledonian Railway being the second most popular tourist attraction in Angus and bringing many visitors to the City it was questioned why the Town House Museum is being kept closed till at least April 2022 and the Library has very restricted hours. This is apparently to save money but Angus Alive won't say how much is being saved.

The stroke unit in ward 7 at Stracathro Hospital has been closed without any local consultation. Councillor Myles said with only one or two patients it was no longer viable as stroke recovery was being delivered in different ways.

The sale of two Common Good commercial properties on the High Street may result in shop closures as neither of the present tenants are in a position to buy. It was felt that a known rental income is better than a sale.

The mobile half pipe needs considerable repair which will be costly a decision needs to be taken as to its future.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm at Glebe Park

There being no further business Jill Scott thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 9.10pm

