

## Carnoustie Community Council



## 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Carnoustie Community Council

Attending: A Rhind, E Oswald, C Berg, J Roberts, N Ross, P Manley, L Marr, D A Rorie. M Forbes, Angus councillors D Cheape and B Boyd.

Apologies: P Lockhart, A Murray, J Paterson, A Laing, M MacDonald.

Minutes: The minute of the meeting of August 30<sup>th</sup> was considered and accepted as a true and accurate record. Prop CB, Sec EO.

The chairman informed the meeting that due to family commitments restricting the time he could give to council work, Alasdair Murray, our member with responsibility for overseeing planning, had felt it necessary to resign from the council. There was unanimous regret at this decision and the Secretary was instructed to write to Alasdair thanking him for all his hard work over the years and wish him well for the future. A brief discussion followed about membership and before the elections this time next year we urgently need to recruit several motivated new members. It may well be that some of our older, long serving councillors will take the opportunity to demit office soon and thus make room for new talent.

Angus councillors: DC listed a series of local topics that have occupied his time recently including trying to get residents access to the High School swimming pool and action to prevent recurrent flooding at several areas of town. BB reported on recent AC activity in Forfar and dysfunction appears to be a persistent problem.

Finance: The report showed at the end of September we had nearly £6.2k in the bank with just over £2.4k earmarked for Christmas and nearly £1.7k ring-fenced for Covid expenses, leaving an adequate balance for our routine running costs. Prop MF, Sec LM.

Town services: Carnoustie has won the Champion of Champions war memorial award for the splendid floral display in town The British Legion and Angus Council gardeners have done the town proud with their marvellous efforts. The Dunhill golf tournament starts in Carnoustie on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of this month and finishes in St Andrews on Sunday. The course is looking great and we are glad to see more commerce and visitors coming to the town. Tayside Contracts have been seen in town working on the street lights. Our Christmas subcommittee is awaiting an update on what has been done and if everything on our list of defects has been fixed. Electric cables are being sunk in the turf along the seafront as part of

the project to install lighting along the coastal path. A new chip shop is to open in Barry Rd opposite the Co-Op. Carnoustie Boys Brigade did a beach clean at Westhaven recently. The CC is happy to act as a resource and loan equipment to groups that want to organise their own clean up anywhere locally.

Planning: Four applications were lodged with AC Planning Dept. since our last meeting, none of which was controversial or needing comment from us. In his report AM reminded us the Angus Local Development Plan is due for revision soon and we should give some thought as to what we want Carnoustie to look like in 10 years time, how big it should get, and where the inevitable expansion should take place.

East Haven: No report.

Seagreen/CBF: Dealings with SSE concerning the Seagreen windfarm and the CBF have recently ground to a halt. The CBF subcommittee will meet and decide on future action. It was suggested DC would be an ideal candidate to co-opt onto this group as membership has decreased since it was first formed.

Citizen of the Year: NR reported she had received about 20 nominations and will send names and details to all members for us to vote online and she will collate results and inform us confidentially of the winners in due course. Date and venue for the presentation of the trophies will be arranged.

Butterfly: LM reported the completion and positioning of this construction should take place in late October. We will make sure adequate publicity is arranged when this stunning tourist attraction is unveiled.

Christmas: The Christmas subcommittee continues to meet and plans are advanced for putting up the lights, having the tree in the usual position, and we hope to stage a Christmas event in the Kinloch grassy area and greatly reduce the road closure and the associated hassle of traffic diversions and inconvenience. The bunting will be taken down on 10<sup>th</sup> October and a start made to putting up the Christmas lights on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Police: No report. DAR is to contact Police Scotland and remind them we are now meeting in person and would like to welcome our local community officers to our meetings again.

Correspondence: DAR reported we received a cheque for £400 from Marjorie Rennie when the Thrift Shop closed and this has been gratefully acknowledged and the amount added to our Christmas fund. NR will attend AC's next Bi-Annual meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

AOCB: LM represents us on the SLWG for PB and updated us on recent meetings. Again this whole project has been very rushed and the organisation by AC's Community Dept. appears as chaotic as last year. LM is also on the committee overseeing the Men's Shed taking over the Panmure Centre. She will keep us updated with developments. We participated in the MCS Beach Clean earlier in September and some 30 volunteers attended the seafront and collected 47 kilos of litter. The CC gets a brief mention on the AC website if you look for it

but we would like to develop our own distinct Carnoustie CC website in future. CB agreed in principle to take over the Planning brief from AM. We plan to position a bench and possibly a tree somewhere near the seafront in memory of our former friend and colleague David Mackland. This is still at the planning stage.

DONM: Our next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.