

Carnoustie Community Council



25th October 2021 Carnoustie Community Council

Attending: A Rhind, C Berg, J Roberts, E Oswald, P Manley, M Forbes, D A Rorie. Angus councillors D Cheape, B Boyd, and M McDonald. Also D Miller of the Development Trust and two members of the public.

Apologies: Lesley Marr, Jenni Paterson, A Laing, Natalie Ross.

Previous minutes: The minute of the September 27th meeting was considered and accepted as a true and accurate record. Prop CB, Sec EO.

Angus councillors: Angus Council has been involved recently with reorganising/re-routing traffic flow in Arbroath and making a sheltered housing complex in Edzell, with special emphasis on obtaining value for taxpayer's money. Locally work on the Heritage Trail is progressing well and the matter of who takes on responsibility for insurance at the Fairy Steps continues. We were given advance notice of a national bin strike starting on 8th Nov. A discussion took place concerning the behaviour of young people locally involved in what could best be described as harassment and victimisation of an elderly town resident who attended our meeting with his daughter. The Angus councillors noted the problem and advised involving the local MP and the police and they will raise the matter when they next meet the High School headteacher.

Finance: The report showed at the end of October we had nearly £6000 in the bank of which nearly £2500 was earmarked for Christmas use and £1650 for Covid relief and recovery, leaving some £1880 for day to day expenses. The report was accepted. Prop CB, Sec DAR.

Disposal of Covid relief cash: We have a considerable amount in the bank earmarked for Covid relief. Hopefully we are over the worst of the pandemic and a decision is required regarding what we do with the money. We feel we need to consult with the donors for their wishes concerning this. NR has been involved with this and as she was not present the Secretary will put this topic on the agenda for the November meeting.

Recruitment: The Chairman has written to two of our number who for health reasons have been absent from our meetings for some considerable time. We hope to recruit some new

talent to the council soon and will need to create some vacancies to achieve this. We await developments.

Town services: The report, previously circulated, mentioned the constituency boundary changes proposed by the Boundary Commission whereby Scotland would lose 2 MPs with Carnoustie being part of Dundee East and Arbroath. Public consultation will take place over the next two months. When the Spar closes at the end of January the new tenant does not want to take over the Post Office. A Post Office is a valued community asset and consultations are ongoing to keep this facility in the town. Angus Council seems to need regular prompting and repeated reminding about fixing blocked drains, faulty lighting, potholes and similar matters. Work is progressing putting in the signage for the Heritage Trail. The town has a new tourist attraction in the Carnoustie Butterfly unveiled this last week and all concerned should be congratulated on this splendid artwork.

Planning: CB had studied the applications to AC Planning Dept. since our last meeting and reported there had been four applications, none of which was controversial or required comment from the CC. He was thanked for taking over the planning brief and for this his first report.

Seagreen/CBF: Work at the landfall and the cable to Tealing continues but there has been no recent communication with SSE or Seagreen. The CBF subcommittee plans to meet in the near future.

Citizen of the Year: We were informed of the names of the Citizen and Junior Citizen. We are in the process of fixing a venue and date for the presentation of the trophies. Details will be advertised to all members in due course.

Butterfly: The Carnoustie Butterfly was unveiled with due fanfare and publicity on Thursday 21st October and is a credit to the town and all involved in its development. This unique installation is a fitting memorial to what the town and the whole country went through in the lockdown of 2020 and was the brainchild of our much missed colleague David Mackland. The meeting expressed sincere thanks to all involved in the planning, production, and installation of this very impressive seafront landmark. The Secretary will compile a detailed list of everyone involved at all stages of producing the Butterfly and this will be minuted in the account of next month's meeting. Quotes are being sought for the provision of suitable metal edging round the perimeter to keep the white gravel in place.

Bunting/Christmas/Carnoustie Events Team: DAR reported the bunting was taken down and put in storage on Sunday the 10th of October, and the following Sunday the Christmas lights were put up on the lamp posts in town. AC has been informed of various failures in their infrastructure preventing some of our lights working and we will continue to press them to repair the defects. Some features have still to be put up and the lights team will need another early Sunday morning outing to complete the job. The Christmas Fayre this year is to be held on the Kinloch School grassy site and plans are well ahead to give the town the festive event it deserves after a rather grim year. The team hold regular meetings and do a sterling job. We have previously discussed whether Carnoustie could benefit from having an

“Events Team” of volunteers available to help stage the various occasions the town holds a get-together and we will come back to this from time to time.

Police: A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. This gave routine advice on how to avoid being scammed and also details of the forthcoming COP 26 in Glasgow. Since the last report there had been 151 calls from the Carnoustie area to the control room resulting in 18 criminal incidents. These involved the usual offences but also the actions of local youths throwing eggs and flour at windows and front doors for entertainment. The police have approached the local schools about this. The two widely publicised incidents from some months ago, namely the females accosted in Craigmill Den and Shanwell Rd, are still under investigation and no one has been charged yet.

Correspondence: DAR reported the Legion is intending that normal service will resume for this year’s Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on Sunday Nov. 14th. Details were announced and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will lay the wreath on behalf of the CC. The next AC Biannual meeting is to be held at 6pm on Nov.18th and it is hoped NR will attend as usual.

AOCB: We would still like to have our own website, our previous one being non- functional and will work towards that in the future. DAR mentioned Simpsons coffee shop gave hospitality to the lights team on the 17th and at the same time the collecting tin on their counter was taken away and counted. The £22.37p donated by their customers will be given to the Treasurer. The Secretary has written to Simpsons thanking them for their support. D Miller from the CCDT reported work was progressing putting lighting along the seafront path and at the underpasses from Links Parade up to the High St. Two robust telescopes are to be positioned on the seafront path and the foundations are in place for information totems where visitors will be able to get details of the town, wildlife at the seafront and attractions like the Butterfly by employing a QR code. This work is being carried out as a joint venture involving the CCDT and Heritage Trail.

DONM: We meet next at 7pm in the Legion on Monday Nov. 29th.