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## MONIFIETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER 2021

**Chairperson:** Sheena Cochrane

**Present;** Ben Nicoll, Stewart Ellis & John Thornton.

**Others:** Councillors Beth Whiteside and Sheila Hands.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Sheena Cochrane welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting.

Apologies were received from Rob Crossland, Hazel Brand, Jack Brand and Monifieth High School representatives.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read.

**Matters Arising;** Ref Item 5 Correspondence, line 14, Councillor Hands reminded councillors not to express their own views during a social media canvassing exercise relating to the planning applications which could see more than 300 houses being built on land to the north and east of Victoria Street.

Ref. Item 8 Planning Matters, line 17, Councillor Whiteside stated she had received information from Angus Council that the proposed new High School has more than sufficient capacity. Any increase in proposed numbers could result in problems over funding.

Ref Item 11, Public Questions, Line 1, Councillor Whiteside has received a reply from the Development Standards Manager, Angus Council, putting the position of Angus Council regarding planning applications, whereby views of the public can be expressed via the Public Access website, There are no emergency powers that allow a local development plan to be extended beyond the 5 year review period. The planning application by Taylor Wimpey is in the process of being submitted.

#### 3. Correspondence.

Emails received from Stewart Ellis re Remembrance Day services and events at War Memorial on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The same wreath is to be ordered, there is to be no parade, Stewart is to contact High School re piper etc. for the service.

Ben Nicoll had ordered flowers to be delivered to mark the retirement of M-C McNally. They had been well received and email reply received expressing thanks.

Notice of Public Consultation re future location of Monifieth Library. Discussed.

Email from Lynn Halley re Community Orchards. Discussed.

Email concerning participatory budgeting- very little window of opportunity to submit applications- in fact it was too late when the notice was received. Discussed.

Email from Police Scotland regarding an Event Engagement Survey. Discussed.

Email from Angus Council – Christmas trees are expected to be delivered in the week of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This is acceptable- reply made in affirmative.

Letter received from Gerry Conway, Dundee City Council re the Broughty Ferry- Monifieth Active Travel Plans to replace the Dighty Bridge and Rock Revetment. Work has been proceeding on the design

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developments all of which are available on the website <https://broughtyferryactivetravel.com> Letter to be cascaded.

Email sent to Sgt Ramsay regarding a possible traffic danger in Victoria Street at Angus Drive where a motorist reported he had to brake sharply to avoid a child running after a football from a grass area where goalposts had been placed.

Report made to Angus Council Access Line re faulty pedestrian crossing light in Ferry Road at Albert Street. No action apparently taken by Angus Council and calls made and emails sent to Councillor Fotheringham. Councillor Whiteside suggested a request be made for a site visit as the engineers had probably relied on remote technology.

An update received re the new litter bins with work proceeding.

#### **4. Monifieth High – New School Consultation.**

Stewart Ellis posed questions regarding the new school project, with regards to the possible location of a wellbeing/sensory garden and the possible route for funding to participatory budgeting. This money has to be spent within a period of 1 year so there is no possibility of this avenue being used. It was noted there was extensive consultation prior to the new schools at Forfar and Brechin being built. Perth and Kinross have reached agreement with Dundee to an add on at Harris Academy being a possibility, this being of no benefit to Monifieth, while the subject of pupil numbers was again raised with the possibility of 1200 being the maximum. Councillor Hands intimated there is also talk of the school catchment areas being redrawn to alleviate the situation. Councillor Whiteside is to forward the timetable for the project. Also questioned was the matter of additional funds being required due to increase in costs of materials. This will be taken into account. Ben Nicoll responded to the consultation regarding the location of the library. The Access Office would also move if the library moved which would likely not be of benefit to the community. The plans for the Police to move into the building are still alive. The library consultation has finished and report will be published on 4<sup>th</sup> November. A community police office within the school is part of the consultation.

#### **5. Social Media Report**

Ben Nicoll reported there has been positive feedback on his verbal report on our last meeting. There are many consultations on the go. There is concern regarding reports of residents wearing bodycams to protect themselves from youths in Ashludie Park.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Stewart Ellis reported the current balance is £17598.63.

#### **7. Planning Matters.**

Rob Crossland unable to attend. John Thornton reported there was 1 application for planning permission in October 2021 viz. Replace outhouse with single storey extension at 63 Durham Street. There are no concerns.

#### **8. Police Report**

No police present. Report received and cascaded. Main concerns at the moment are the high number of scams being perpetrated on the public. Look out for cold callers by phone, email or social media, very often offers are celebrity endorsed, you are given no time to consider any investment, you are offered a high return and the offer is exclusive to you. All in all, if it seems to be too good to be true, it almost certainly is a scam.

COP26 is a major strain on Police resources but coverage of our area will continue.

167 calls, some duplicates for incidents were received in our area in the last month. Crimes reported were Theft (8), Road Traffic (6), Fraud (2), Vandalism (2) and 1 each for Assault, Domestic Abuse, Threatening Conduct and Online offence.

"Monifieth remains a low crime area in comparison with other areas in Angus"

#### **9. Angus Councillors' Reports**

Councillor Whiteside reported the matter of bad parking at Hill Street, Queen Street is being

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addressed by the traffic co-ord meeting and legislation is being prepared. Unfortunately this takes some time to reach fruition, in the meantime parking wardens have been informed. No further report,

**10. Public Questions.**

None.

**11. AOCB.**

It was reported several members are contemplating resigning or not seek re-election in the near future. Councillors Hands and Whiteside said this is a common problem with many Community Councils in Angus. While there was a flurry of new members at the last election, numbers tend to drop off and it was suggested contact be made with some of them. It was also suggested Shelley Hague, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager, Angus Council, could be invited to the next meeting to assist. Ben Nicoll to issue invitation.

Ben reports he is about to start organizing the Christmas Lights switch on events.

A report had been received that swim clubs in the area could not access the pool at Monifieth High School while other pools in Angus are open. The problem is due to Covid 19 restrictions, with regulations for schools being controlled by Angus Council, while different premises are operated by Angus Alive.

**12. Date of Next Meeting.**

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

**Secretary's Note.**

**The next meeting of Monifieth Community Council will be via Zoom on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. December at 7pm.**

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