

Newtyle and Eassie Community Council  
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021  
in the Legion Hall, Newtyle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Bell, Cllr Proctor, Prof T Harley, Dr J Berg, Ms M Sherrit, Mr P Armshaw, Ms G Archer, Mr K Odonoghue, Mrs S Sherriff, Mr D Treffry, Mrs K Band and Mrs P Small.

Apologies: Cllr McMillan Douglas, Ms J Buchan, and Ms A Ashfield.

Mrs Small welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous minutes were approved by Mrs Small and seconded by Mrs Sherriff.

Matters arising from minutes:

Lighting in Newtyle – someone is coming out to look at the lighting.

Lighting at the school is now going off at 7pm.

Participatory Budget:

Mrs Small is on a working party for this group and has a meeting this coming Thursday(fourth), she will feed back comments discussed this evening. As far as we know there are four projects going forward to a vote for this area.

Pedestrian crossing:

This is ongoing and someone is arranging to come from Angus Council to meet with Mrs Small and Mrs Band to discuss this, we will also mention the issues around speeding in the village and parking in South Street.

Paths Network:

An update on the path network was given by Mr Treffry. Things are going well with the group; they now have a committee of eight people. A programme of maintenance has been put in place to bring the walks back up to a good standard. Grants have been applied for and it is hoped that soon difficulties with accessing their bank account will have been resolved. It was suggested that discussions should take place between the current group and TACTRAN to try to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists in a way which does not change these walks beyond all recognition. Mr Treffry reiterated that the pathways were developed by Newtyle residents, as walkways, who did all the heavy work. Due to legislation, we must reiterate that Angus Council is not liable for maintenance of the paths.

Cllr Proctor will ask Walter Scott to contact Mr Treffry re. the Paths Network Group and Dr Berg requested an invitation to attend the meeting, if possible, to see if any of the paths are suitable for cycles. We know of one now which is unsuitable for cycles.

## Community Role Advisor

Our chairperson invited Ms Sherrit to come along and discuss the role of the community council.

Ms Sherrit spoke about Establishment and good practice guidelines around Community Councils, which can be found on their website.

Some points were:

- Understand and represent the views of the residents –she suggested that we have a community survey once a year, this can be conducted by mixed methods – online, door to door, shops etc.
- Community Benefit Test – best results for the greatest number of people without anyone being unrealistic with what you can deal with – maybe not your role but can point them in the right direction.
- We must be inclusive and accessible, getting out to everyone in our Community Council area, try and get young people involved.
- Personal interest on an issue, Community Councils must remember to state that there could be a conflict of interest and should introduce a discussion but not vote on any decisions. A community councillor should not simply be there to serve their own interests and purposes.

A question that was asked was who would cover postage if we were to send out mailing re. Community Council – this would come out of our annual budget.

A suggestion was also discussed about a leaflet drop to the new houses in the village to raise awareness of our Community Council.

Following an open opportunity for discussion Mrs Small shared that we are very happy for any member of our community to come along and share information about what is happening across our community council area and use our published minutes as a way to seek community support. However, by allowing this to take place does not mean that we are then taking any of these projects under our remit. This can only happen with full agreement and commitment of the community council members. A prime example of this was enabling small community groups to benefit from Participatory Budgeting in 2019 by using our bank account to process payment as requested by Angus Council. These groups were then responsible for using the funds in accordance with their proposals. Guidance was given when this was not the case.

## Planning:

Mr Odonoghue spoke about his proposed development of a takeaway/tearoom in the car park at the park. This structure would be in the form of a log cabin. Drawings of proposed project were presented to those at the meeting with positive feedback for what seems a viable project. The plans include disabled

access and would be a great asset for bringing folk into the village and may benefit other local businesses. Mr Odonoghue will submit his plans to Angus Council in the near future and these will be available for comment once they have been assessed by the planning department. It should be noted that our local councillors abstained from comment.

We also discussed the planning permission for the Old Mill at Millhole and agreed that it would be lovely to see it restored to its original state.

#### Right To Roam:

Ms Archer and Mr Armshaw spoke to us about the right to roam path that they have developed along with their neighbour and which they also maintain. This runs from near the former railway bridge by the quarry to Millhole farm.

#### Participatory Budget – 2019

Dr Berg shared that due to the pandemic the grant funding applied for to undertake a community awareness event based on sustainability did not go ahead. He shared that he can no longer commit the time to reorganise another event and requested that as this was a community council project that we could perhaps take this project forward. Mrs Small reminded Dr Berg that the Community Council bank account was used to process the funding on behalf of the local Sustainability Group but in no way were involved in the project itself. Dr Berg will contact Diane Brand from Angus Council to seek approval for redistribution of funds for another project within the community.

#### Car Park at park:

Thanks goes to Douglas Hill and Tayside Contracts for enabling the village to use the spoils left from the pavements to fill in the huge holes in the car park. Thanks also must especially go to John Skea who helped in moving material to the car park and assisting with the project, your help was greatly appreciated.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm  
in Newtyle Legion Hall.