

Carnoustie Community Council



29th November 2021 Carnoustie Community Council

Present: D A Rorie, N Ross, M Forbes, J Roberts, P Manley, L Marr, C Berg, J Paterson and Angus councillor D Cheape.

DAR began the meeting by giving the apologies of our Chairman who has been unwell recently and was unable to attend. There was unanimous agreement we should send him our best wishes and let him know we were thinking of him.

Other apologies: E Oswald, A Laing, P Lockhart and Angus councillors B Boyd and M McDonald.

Minutes of previous meeting: The account of the meeting of 25th October was accepted as a true and accurate minute. Prop CB, Sec MF.

Angus Council: DC reported Carnoustie residents can now gain access to the High School swimming pool. Speed limits are to be imposed on the fast section of road west of Carnoustie at the junction with Station Rd Barry and on the road to East Haven where it narrows at the bridge just east of Murray's transport depot. The problem of who takes on public liability insurance for the Fairy Steps remains unsolved and a meeting is to be arranged with representatives from the CC and the Development Trust to discuss this. Digital information totems have been installed at various sites at the seafront and in town and one outside Franco's has caused some concern. This was the most suitable location and there are ample bicycle parking racks along the High St and there is no loss of amenity to anyone.

Storage: As we are to lose the use of the shed at the Panmure Centre it was agreed all councillors will take every opportunity to inquire about suitable alternative storage facilities.

Finance: At the end of the month the CC had just over £4k in the bank, nearly £900 of which is earmarked for Christmas and just over £1600 for Covid relief and recovery, leaving a balance of £1481 for routine expenses. Some fundraising took place at the Christmas Fayre on the 28th and this will appear in the next financial report. The report was accepted and our appreciation of the Treasurer's hard work noted. Prop DAR, Sec MF.

Planning: CB reported three planning applications had been made to AC since our last meeting. Two were routine domestic applications and we noted the third was the Church of Scotland applying to demolish the Philip Hall in the hope that flats could be built on the site.

Covid Funds: NR is negotiating with donors regarding additional funding for various projects and we have no final decision yet on how the donors wish us to spend the cash previously donated for Covid relief.

Muirdrum: CB expressed concern that the village, like Carnoustie, had been badly affected by the recent extended power cut but had not been provided with any support or relief. The meeting agreed the snack bar provided at the Leisure Centre car park should have been directed to Muirdrum after its task in Carnoustie was finished. There was nothing new to report on the problem of cars on the Forfar road speeding through the village.

SSE/Seagreen/CBF: The CBF subcommittee is to meet on Wednesday 8th November to discuss how we proceed with the CBF.

Police: The police report began with helpful advice on winter road safety then noted that since our last meeting there had been 169 calls to the control room from the Carnoustie area, 22 of which were concerned with the extreme adverse weather conditions of the last few days. 34 crimes had been recorded made up of the usual offences with nothing out of the ordinary.

Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch On: NR reported the event had gone off successfully the previous day, Sunday 28th, with altogether 2400 people visiting the Kinloch site during the afternoon. The feedback is already very favourable and everyone seems to have enjoyed the first time the town has been able to come together to socialize in 2021. Using the Kinloch site was a popular choice, all the acts and entertainment were from Carnoustie, and some welcome fundraising took place as well. Everyone seems happy with this year's tree and the lights were switched on jointly by the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year. One or two lights and features remain unlit due to problems with faulty infrastructure that has been repeatedly reported to Angus Council and we will continue to pester them regularly until they take some action. The town is

fortunate in having a team of motivated volunteers and councillors plus support from local businesses who bring all this about and all concerned deserve congratulating for doing a marvellous job.

AOCB: LM reported on the recent vote on Participatory Budgeting and again this whole subject seems to have been as rushed and ill-prepared as in recent years with most of the population knowing nothing about it! The results had been circulated previously and locally Grange School in Monifieth got £47,000, Carnoustie Golf Links got £3,600, and Carnoustie schools requested £38,400 for a Family Support Worker and got £14,400. Next year this matter will doubtless be handled by Angus Council with their customary inefficiency and rushed through at the last minute, so we will need to be prepared well in advance and get the Carnoustie community informed and organised so PB can become a sensible useful part of civic life.

DONM: We do not meet in December. Carnoustie CC next meets at 7pm on Monday 31st January 2022 in the Legion.