

Carnoustie Community Council



Carnoustie Community Council 31/1/22
Venue: Royal British legion hall, Carnoustie

Present: Pamela H. Manley, David A Rorie, Lesley Marr, Connor Berg, John Roberts, Ed Oswald, Michael Forbes

Councillors: Mark McDonald , David Cheape, Brian Boyd.

Visitors: Derek Miller, Rosie Munro, Graeme Robertson

Apologies : Natalie Ross, Pauline Lockhart, Ali Laing

Previous minutes

Agreed by CB, and seconded by MF

Matters arising from last meeting

We were sad to lose our chairman, Arliss Rhind and our condolences were sent to his family, and the group were represented at his funeral. There was a lovely obituary in the local paper, the Courier, marking his passing.

In the meantime till elections DAR will act as Chairman. For tonight's meeting PHM will take minutes.

Our thanks also go to Jenni Patterson who has decided that she can no longer be a fully active member of the community council.

There was also a discussion about the job of the community council and how it should run. The councillors expressed thanks to 'us' in that they we are an active and well run group, taking on issues as a CC should. There were suggestions around branding to the running of a website – LM suggested that could approach one of our volunteers Bob Thomson to check on helping for a website.

[Action: LM to speak to BT, DAR to update council about chairman of CC, councillors & EO to contact Communities team about talk on role of working with CC](#)

Councillors

Councillors have meet with local Bank Hub team and will meet online this week to discuss the setting up of the 3rd in the UK bank Hub in Carnoustie. The hope is that late summer

opening of a 1,000 sq feet area with meeting rooms and bank representative/teller. We need to start focus groups and consultation on what we need in Carnoustie. The initial contract would be for 2 years – on a use or lose basis.

Also there is to be conversations on budgets soon.

There was also a conversation on the proposal to close the Kinloch Centre. The meeting and councillors expressed concern, especially as it was only opened at a considerable cost in 2013 as a dedicated dementia unit. It will be discussed at Policy & Resources Committee on 23rd February 2022.

Thanks were given to the outgoing Stuart Ball and a welcome to Alison Smith who has been appointed – head of Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth.

There was a discussion about the damage, and replacement of a lamp post in the high street and how it looks out of place on the high street and will cause issues for Christmas lights. Also the relocation of cycle parking from outside Francos which has not happened. The issue of fencing and playpark updating was raised, and it was reported that money to update the playpark and replace bins had been allocated and work started.

Concern was raised over the change to the Tennis courts and its maintenance – recently the fence was removed since it had not been maintained. Email to follow from DC. (dated 2/2/22)

It was also raised about the use of the Hub for meetings and LM agreed to follow that up.

Speeding in the town has also been an issue over the last month, particularly around MacDonald Smith Drive following an accident. CB also report ongoing issues with Muirdrum still happening.

The Councillors reported that on 23rd March they stop for a period of election campaigning.

Action: Councillors report back & help focus groups on Bank hub in anyway they can, DC to send forms/information to PM.

Those interested in joining a sub group in helping aid the organisation of focus groups etc – email your name to PM – pamela.manley@blueyonder.co.uk in the next week for a meeting on Tuesday 22nd Feb

DC to report back on P & R Committee at next meeting about Kinloch site.

BB to report back in communities – Christmas light & lamp posts

DC to send email for forwarding on tennis courts – see emails 2/2/22

LM to email Debbie Gowans about use of Hub for meetings

DAR to note dates of councillors absence during elections

Finance

£4099.40 current balance – see email sent yesterday

Agreed by EO and seconded by CB

A grant has been applied for and we await results for the Butterfly edging on behalf of the Community council.

Action: KN to send statement next month, PM/LM report back next month of success of butterfly monies.

Town Services Report

An oral report was given by EO of the emailed report 25/1/22
Point 7 to be amended to say community Council not Community Development Trust

Action – future meetings copies of report for visitors will be needed – EO, DAR or Sec?

Planning report

No December report, CB reported that there are currently 3-4 applications , no controversy.

Muirdrum

Covered in councillors report.

SSE/Seagreen/Community Benefit Fund

A sub group is in the process of set up with PM & LM our representatives on the group.
There is a panel of 5. Microgrants of £500 to be given out for this year ending 31st march out of a £4000 total, next year £9000. If you know of anyone needing a grant application email

Also larger grants over 3 years from a total of £250,000

Action – All CC members to promote, If you know of anyone needing a grant application in the Carnoustie area, email community bf@virginmedia.com or contact LM/PM before 28th February 2022

Storage of Community Council materials and Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights and materials are in need of a new home. The current storage area has been taken over by the Men's Shed and they are in need of the space. Several emails have been received and as yet no location has been found.

Action – All CC members & councillors to consider/try to find new premises and location.