

Minutes of Meeting held 9 March 2022

7.30 pm in Hillside Village Hall

<p>Present: Gill Stranock, Christine Russell, Tony Smith, Helen Robertson, Davie McArthur, Shane Fleming</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr Duff</p> <p>Apologies: Geoff Stranock</p> <p>Two members of the public, Kitty and Tag Ritchie</p> <p>Gill Stranock welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that Graeme Hodge, Communities Officer was invited to the meeting but he is currently off sick.</p>	
<p>Minute of 9 February 2022, proposed Helen Robertson, seconded Tony Smith.</p> <p>Matters arising Caravans, Kinnaber Road, Hillside No change in situation.</p> <p>Flooding on Main Road, Hillside Cllr Duff informed the meeting that progress continues to be made, with the second phase promised in the new financial year.</p> <p>The water pipe being run at the top of the village is a separate issue, nothing to do with the flooding.</p> <p>Cycle route from Marykirk to Montrose No update.</p> <p>Dubton car park Cllr Duff informed the meeting that the work has been completed but some residents are not happy about where the boulders have been placed and some of these are still to be repositioned. There is a genuine parking problem there, which in the main is caused by a lady who runs a second-hand car business from there.</p>	
<p>Planning (see email dated 7 March 2022 from Tony) Nothing significant.</p> <p>22/00128 Glenskinno Farm, Biomass facility Cllr Duff said permission for this was granted last June. There were some concerns regarding the number of trucks which could use the road, which is not recommended "suitable" for HGV's (the road sign at the two ends of the Dubton Road were causing some confusion).</p> <p>22/00027 Welhill Smithy Cllr Duff said he has not been able to speak to the planning officer regarding this application, as he is still off sick.</p>	

22/00094 Lamondfauld Farm, Hillside, new dwelling (Plot 1)

There was some confusion as to whether this was for both plots?

Correspondence

All information received has been and will continue to be sent on by email.

Brechin and Montrose Training Meeting

Davie informed the meeting that he recently "attended" a zoom meeting with Lynn Hally and Gemma Adair who spoke about using the media and various websites to advertise the work of the Community Councils. He said unfortunately this went "way over his head" but it was interesting and there were around 20 people in attendance, some of whom had a lot to say. Davie said the idea of getting the younger generation involved in local councils is interesting but would be a huge amount of work for local council volunteers trying to engage with local schools etc.

Gill said we have a Facebook page which she updates.

Treasurer's report

Bank account \ Council grant

Gill submitted two statement of accounts (a) 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021, an (b) a more up to date version of this showing a balance of £1073.86, but £870 is still to be refunded to Gill (for payments made to the secretary) which leaves £202.86. Gill agreed to update the statement of accounts to show the 2020 grant as this was missing.

Gill said the bank account \ cheque book has not been used since 2019 and as the branch closed in Montrose and the nearest branch is now Arbroath, it is proving somewhat difficult to access the account and get statements.

Kitty Ritchie (a previous chairperson of the committee) said she had also gone into the branch and she was definitely still a signatory. She asked at the time for the branch to remove her name, but was informed that only the main signatory could do this. She also asked that statements be sent out to Gill which they agreed to do.

Kitty said tonight she wanted her name removed from the account given it is almost 3 years since she was on the committee. Gill said when she actually spoke to someone in the branch they assured her that Kitty's name had been removed. She also said she has tried to register for online banking but the system does not allow her to do this and she can only think it is because there is only one signatory on the account. Tony Smith said he agreed to be the other signatory once the account had been sorted out.

Discussions took place regarding the amount of the Council grant received which currently is £400; whereas in the past this was much higher. Tony said he would contact Lynn Hally at the Council to find out when the grants are paid and if all Community Councils receive the same amount and if not, how the amount is calculated. Gill said the current £400 grant was insufficient to pay secretarial expenses at the going rate as well as hall rent. It was agreed to wait and see how much

<p>the 2022 grant is and then set the secretarial fees. Gill asked if anyone else on the committee would like to take on the secretarial duties; no-one wished to do this.</p> <p>Rural grants – Tony said he would look into whether or not we would be eligible for a grant as this could go towards purchasing a new lap top.</p> <p>Local defibrillators The meeting was informed that Susan Coull had asked to come along tonight to ask for money for replacement defibrillator batteries. Christine to let her know the committee cannot commit to paying for batteries at this time and to inform Susan about the Rural Grants available.</p> <p>Sunnyside Trust Cllr Duff said there have been a number of meetings to try and get it established but it is early days yet. There are a lot of people involved with lots of expertise and the chair is Bill Troop.</p>	<p>Tony</p> <p>Christine</p>
<p>Any other business Community council members Davie was welcomed on board as a fully-fledged committee member. Shane was also welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that Mike Young is still in the village and has said he would attend the meetings. It is noted that his last attendance was in February 2020.</p> <p>Scottish Water It is noted there will be some disruptions to the water supply in Hillside in the coming months.</p> <p>Angus Council Winter Resilience Assistance to Communities Grant 2022 “A £50,000 winter community support grant fund – this is in addition to the £50,00 fund for grit bins for the public to use to keep our paths safe and passable during winter”. The Council wishes to co-ordinate the delivery of this grant and the volunteer assistance through Community Councils. Gill said there are some people in the village who will go out and clear paths but these are just individuals, not part of a group.</p> <p>Craigo Bus Davie informed the meeting that the bus which passes through North Craigo is inconsistent and he has heard of some people who have been left waiting for a bus which didn't appear. Davie was informed the bus timetable would be online; Davie will check this out.</p>	<p>Davie</p>
<p>Next meeting Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 7.30 pm in Hillside Village Hall.</p>	

POST MEETING:

10 March 2022, Kitty Ritchie telephoned the secretary to say that she had called the bank again today and she is still on as a signatory, along with Joan Dunn (?), Mike Wood and Gill Stranock.