

Newtyle and Eassie Community Council  
Minutes of meeting held in The Legion Hall  
on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.45pm

Present: Dr J Berg, Mrs P Small, Mrs C Matthews, Mr I Hein, Mr P Armshaw, Ms G Archer, Mr D Treffry and Mrs K Band.

Apologies: Cllr J Bell, Cllr R Proctor, Cllr A McMillan Douglas, Ms A Ashfield and Prof. T Harley.

Mrs Small welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes: Approved by P Small and seconded by D Treffry.

Matters arising from minutes:

Participatory Budget – Dr Berg asked if he could have a stay of execution about what to do with the PB money that Sustainability Newtyle received until he could consult with other members of the group.

In the last round of PB Eassie Early Years got £700, but they were the only one from our Community Council area. Mrs Small mentioned that the working party group she was on recommended that the votes should be weighted to make it fairer for rural communities. Mr Treffry also said he personally went around trying to canvas votes for the Paths Network, but online voting was exceedingly difficult to negotiate.

Pedestrian Crossing-

Mrs Band and Mrs Small met with Andrea Strachan from Angus Council around the possibility of a pedestrian crossing and about the parking in South Street. She is going to organise a speed survey in the village around the need for a pedestrian crossing, Andrea was to be attending a meeting and would discuss our issues and report back to us. We have heard nothing back so far so Mrs Band will chase this up.

Paths Network –

Still having a problem with RBS re. access to bank account. Mr Burnett from Bannatyne House has informed them that there will be some tree felling around Bannatyne House due to damaged trees that narrowly missed neighbouring houses due to Storm Arwen. He will replant trees in their place, a section around Bannatyne House will be cordoned off for a couple of days during felling of the unstable trees. Mr Burnett will let walkers know when this is happening. Mr Treffry has not heard anything from Walter Scott, Cllr Proctor was to arrange this.

Lighting – Still no further response re lighting in the village.

Park car park – our thanks go to Kevin O'Donoghue for arranging for his son to fill up some of the potholes in the carpark.

Community Survey – we are to organise a Community Survey; we will discuss this at our first meeting in the New Year.

Resilience – this was discussed by everyone due to our recent power cut. The Legion Hall has been recognised as a designated Resilience Centre from Angus Council, but it does not

have a generator, SSEN funding bids are to start again soon, and a bid will be submitted again in the hope of purchasing a generator. Our thanks go to Ingo Hein and Ellie Gilroy for opening their house to provide warmth for people during the storm/power cut. Thanks also to the Commercial Hotel and all the Team there, helped by Sandra at the shop for opening the pub and welcoming folk in to provide hot drinks etc. Jennifer at the Pub is quite happy to help if this happens in the future. Mrs Matthews is developing a Facebook page around resilience.

Two-way radios are to be switched on immediately if something like this occurs in the future.

We discussed pushing for a mobile phone mast to cover the area as analogue phone lines are to be removed soon – it is essential to get clarity on this matter, as communication is imperative in future emergencies.

Ingo brought along and demonstrated a power pack for starting a car which would be a very useful piece of equipment as it can store some power accessible through a socket and also has a facility for a phone charger.

#### Road Sweeper –

There have been a few complaints around the road sweeper disturbing residents in Monteith Place quite early in the morning, sometimes as early as 6.30am.

#### A.O.C.B.

A concerned citizen has asked Dr Berg to discuss the hanging dolly's that were made and hung up for funds for the Paths Network were looking a bit dishevelled and not looking as aesthetically pleasing as they were at the beginning, although quite a few have now been blown away.

Our thanks go to Bill Stewart from the Post Office for supplying the Christmas tree for the village again.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2022.