

Ferryden & Craig Community Council

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MINUTES OF FERRYDEN AND CRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON 5 APRIL 2022

Present:, Gordon Paterson, Michelle Connelly, Cllr Duff, Cllr Stewart, , David Pullar, Craig Mullen (Seagreen) Eddie Martin (Montrose Patient Participation Group) and a few residents

Apologies:- Gordon Brown, Courtney Craig, Jamie Livingston, David Cameron, Betty Paton, Cllr Mark Salmond, Sgt Peter Mustard, Michelle Mackay (Ferryden Head Teacher)

DETAILS	ACTION	DATE FIRST IN MINS
<p>Welcome to meeting. Gordon Paterson welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were several apologies due to various circumstances which means this meeting does not have enough Community Councillors present to meet the Quorum (no CC decisions can be made), however, the meeting would go ahead with guest speakers.</p> <p>Montrose Patient Participation Group (MPPG) Presentation <u>Introduction</u> Eddie Martin introduced himself as Chairman of the MPPG which was set up 4 yrs ago in relation to what's going on in NHS Service after the closure of Montrose Infirmary to which the public had no notification. The group of 12 was formed by patients from the three GP practices of Montrose. The group is a non profit, non judgemental group who were set up to inform the public of NHS changes, which are now daily. There are a number of issues/ concerns about things the public not happy with. They would stress that any complaints in regards to GP or NHS, should to go to GP or responsible bodies, not the MPPG.</p> <p>The MPPG have helped a lot of patients get services not mentioned or offered.</p> <p><u>MIU Closure</u> This week the Montrose MIU announced in courier that it's not re-opening the unit. It was closed for two years and used as a Covid Testing Station once the pandemic started, and since then has not re-opened, The MPPG have been enquiring about the re-opening, to which they have been told they were waiting for Covid numbers to reduce. They are still in discussions about this.</p> <p><u>Change of GP Services / Locations</u> Another contract came out in June 2021 for GP services took away some of the usual GP Practice services including Phlebotomy, BP Monitoring, Leg Ulcer.</p>		

You used to be able to go get bloods at your local GP, however, you now have to phone Arbroath number 01241 822527 to book bloods appointment and you must insist if you want it done in Montrose. They have only one operator which covers Montrose, Arbroath, Brechin & Forfar. Eddie once took 3 days to get through to the number. They now have two operators. If urgent GP has facility to get you through quicker.

Hospital Travel Expenses

With current financial pressures, it's worth knowing if you are on certain benefits you may be allowed to claim travel expenses, eg Ninewells, and you can claim this back from NHS. This is not publicised. It's on a C07 form which can be obtained from the hospital IF YOU ASK. You must have travel receipts.

Mileage can also be claimed for anyone driving or being driven – 16ppm.

Taxis cannot be claimed, which sadly affects anyone being released from hospital late at night. Taxis are now £85 to Montrose from Ninewells. They have been trying to resolve the transport issue for those who have none.

Benefits receivers can obtain travel reimbursements via the job centre by initially filling out an HC1 form and an HC2 form Dental & Health Care

Montrose is furthest in the area from Ninewells yet we don't have MIU or A&E like other local towns or respite / recovery beds. Arbroath has an Infirmary and MIU, Forfar has Whitehills Health Centre an minor injuries, which have beds available for respite / recovery.

Montrose was given 3 beds in Fordmill Nursing Home after hospital closed, which was to include respite, however, respite beds are no longer available and are now only for end of life care. They have now reduced this to two beds.

MPPG are raising awareness of the above and bringing in into the public domain. If you have experienced any problems due to NHS changes please let MPPG know.

Seagreen Community Fund Update

Craig Mullen (SSE Renewables) introduced himself as Fund Manager for Seagreen Windfarm Project and reassured everyone he will be up a few times over the next few months and will be able answer questions and give guidance.

Prior to March 2020/Covid Seagreen announced community funds.

In total eight community councils will benefit from the Community Funds including FCCC. Over the course of the next 2 to 3 years the money will be made available.

The FCCC need to set something up to manage funds to ensure local people make the decisions.

Would like to get an understanding out our area and needs. Need to look at any locals groups, potential projects etc that could benefit.

Micro Grants -

£9000 PA will be provided for 5 years for micro grants of around £500 (£45k total). Each annual grant will top up the micro grant to £9000, so use it or lose it.

£5000 was received around the start of lockdown. This is to be used for groups and individuals. (£318 has been granted to Ferryden Playgroup)

Only require a sheet with spending of the grants.

Large Grant:-

£250K set aside for each of the 6 Community Council Areas. Montrose, Ferryden & Craig, Arbroath, Carnoustie, Tealing, Melrose & Wellbank for large projects.

Monifieth & Newbigging have also gained some funding due to traffic impacts etc.

<p>We need to explore what the community would like to spend funding on. The needs to be led and driven by the community for fairness and transparency.</p> <p>Craig will help and look at the ideas etc, via meeting/emails. Ideas – community transport, community hall, etc, we can look at their website to see how funding has been used in other areas in the past.</p> <p>Ferryden Church Hall have requested funding for improvements for play area etc. and it was asked if this would be allowable since grants cannot be used for Political or Religious causes, however, it was noted that this is a community hall and a hub of the village, so it may be possible.</p> <p>Craig has sample forms and sample guidance notes he can send through which would need to be filled in for decisions to be made.</p> <p>It's important that any other groups in the community are made aware of the funding to give all a fair chance.</p> <p>Could a group apply for grant to pay rent for groups for hall? Yes but what about when funding runs out, but it could be a good start up.</p> <p>£250K could also be used as leverage for other funding..</p> <p>With Angus Council non adopted areas like steps to beach may be funded if no other responsible bodies.</p> <p>Will be sent information on things that can be claimed..</p> <p>Can look at the SSE Renewables website for already funded projects.</p> <p>To summarise, we shall be sent guidance on how the grants can be used and we need to publicise to the community as much as possible.</p> <p>Action items from previous meeting</p> <p>Steps to the beach Ross Christie has verbally quoted Pauline for stainless steel rail and repairing steps. Michelle will contact for official quote so the community council can get this moving as the steps are dangerous.</p> <p>Gate at park Parks have had a look and made some more permanent repairs and tidied it up.</p> <p>The Ferryden Cobble Investigate who made previous information boards. Daniel Paton ordered the other information boards, Gordon Paterson to check back and try and get a quote.</p> <p>Buses on pier Gordon Brown managed to get CCTV footage of the incident and has submitted to bus company. Awaiting update.</p> <p>Queen's Green Canopy David Pullar is hoping reps from 7 classes, 70 years, to plant trees in King George park. Would need to check with council re type of trees etc. and possible funding for trees as may not be supplied by Queen's Green Canopy. Michelle Mackay (Head Teacher) has expressed her interest to take this forward. David will contact school directly.</p> <p>Suggested for SSE fund for more benches at park. Cllr Stewart will speak to parks.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GB</p> <p>DP</p> <p>TS</p>	
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<p>Treasurers Report Gordon Reported that balances on the RBS account shows at £6511. This includes a grant received from Seagreen for £5000, of which we have only spent to date £318.00 as a grant to Ferryden Playgroup. £700 received from Angus council for IT on 31/03/22. The FCCC were unclear on how grants could be spent until Craig Mullen’s visit tonight, if anyone has any suitable requests please submit to the FCCC for consideration.</p> <p>Planning Report Courtney unable to attend due to weather but nothing contentious</p> <p>Police Report No report</p> <p>Ferryden School Report See Queen’s Green Canopy above. School is keen to get involved with the community council again, but unable to attend tonight due to school holidays. Plan is to attend our May meeting</p> <p>Items for Consideration:-</p> <p>Queen’s Jubilee Open to suggestions – parties, jubilee lunch...</p> <p>Trustee Update</p> <p>1 Bellevue Complaints about use of grounds etc – John Scott confirmed the appears to be no impact on Trustee Ground and it’s a neighbour dispute with title deeds held</p> <p>Cherry Tree on left at Beacon Terrace – Sandy Nicol got someone to remove it and there has been mixed reactions. Some thanking him and others complaining its not been completed yet. Graeme Newton will have a look and report back.</p> <p>Winter Resilience Planning - £50k winter community support funding from Angus Council to keep paths safe. Grit bins, and supplies, high vis clothing, shovels & snow pushers will be provided along with H&S advice and public liability insurance. Seeking co-ordination between local community and the community council to allow for provision of insurance. We would need a contact person and list of volunteers, locations for bins etc. If anyone is interested please get in touch.</p> <p>Steps at King Street Ewan - Council came to look at steps at King Street, said didn’t belong to Angus Council.</p> <p>Drain cover needing repaired, 5 King Street Cllr Duff will speak to roads.</p> <p>Trees Removed at MPA Overflow car park. David Pullar was employed to removed trees behind fence by pavement at Port Authority card park. Told to clear to fence for cars as cars wouldn’t be allowed to park at building but they still. MPA said they would add more trees. David will pass on email to pursue.</p> <p>Next Meeting is 3rd May 2022 at Ferryden & Montrose South Church Hall at 7:30PM.</p>	<p>GN</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>BD</p> <p>GP</p>	
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