



ROYAL BURGH OF ARBROATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved: Monthly public meeting draft minute of Tues. 14 Dec 2021, via Zoom

Present:

Members:, Stevie Bell, Jan Broomhall, Fiona Doran, Tracy Manson, Marc Ritchie, Graham Smith, Julia Smith

Meeting

1. **Welcome and apologies:** The Chair welcomed all attendees, including new community council member Tracy Manson and noted the apologies for the meeting.

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Sandy Beedie, Maureen Beedie, Derek Broughton, Ian Cameron

Councillors: David Fairweather, Alex King, Richard Moore, Lois Speed, Derek Wann

Communities Officer: Mhairi Dickson

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from last meeting were circulated and were proposed by Fiona Doran and seconded by Stevie Bell. The minutes were approved and would be uploaded to the community council's portal.
3. **Matters Arising from previous meeting:** None
4. **Correspondence:** Nothing received.
5. **Local Councillor Reports** Brenda Durno – plans are to be approved for a Changing Places toilet at the seafront, however toilet provisions elsewhere within the town were not confirmed. Councillor Durno would provide an update at the next meeting in February 2022. All other work was constituent based including welfare issues and cost of living concerns of individuals.

6. **Treasurers Report**

RBS(General) account - £14,332.57 (£4,000 due to exit the account for the last round of micro grant funding)

Xmas Lights account - £3529.13

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the process of adding a third signature to the RBS account has not been able to process. Hope to have this completed in January 2022.

7. **Police Report:** Uploaded to Community Councils portal <https://anguscommunitycouncils.wordpress.com/community-council-minutes/royal-burgh-of-arbroath>. Copy of Police Report can be found at the end of the minutes. Recently attempted break-ins were on the rise and Community Councillor Doran indicated she had personally had an attempted break and information given the police for investigation and to be aware of locking doors and windows.
8. **Christmas Lights:** Christmas lights have been successfully erected for the festive period, however due to an issue with one of the fuses, which despite repairing blew once more and thus half of the Christmas Tree in Kirk Square is not lit up. A discussion took place about investigating about an 'electric' Christmas Tree similar to Montrose and other towns in Scotland and it was agreed to get a full cost analysis and details of this where this can be discussed at March community council meeting. Thereafter if agreed by the full community council, a public vote can be held on the preferred option for 2022.
9. **Bi-Annual Angus Community Council Meeting**
Community Council members have been invited to the Arbirkie Farm to look around the site of the proposed Hydrogen Plant and Visitor centre by the landowner, which was referenced in the local media recently. The tour outlined it was a carbon neutral project, with all resources locally sourced, the building constructed by local people and companies and multiple jobs would be created for the local economy. A date and time for the opening day would be provided in due

course,

10. SeaGreen Micro Grant Fund. 20 Applications were received for the latest round of micro grant funding where the standard of all applications was exceptionally high which was a reflection of the great volunteering happening across the town/surrounding areas. There were 8 groups the assessing panel voted unanimously for and successful groups would be informed by the 12 December 2021 with a photo with all successful groups being held on Sunday 19 December outside the Old Boatyard Restaurant. Groups unsuccessfully were offered 1-to-1 meetings with the community council to discuss additional funding pots they can apply for and we will actively support and assist these groups with their funding applications to the other sources of funding.

The large-scale funding project was going to be provisionally launched in March 2022 and an update on all information, project timescales would be provided in February.

11. **Planning Applications** – None received.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 01 February 2022 via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

