



ROYAL BURGH OF ARBROATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved: Monthly public meeting draft minute of Tues. 02 Nov 2021, via Zoom

Present:

Members: Kaleem Ahmed, Sandy Beedie, Maureen Beedie, Stevie Bell, Jan Broomhall, Fiona Doran, Marc Ritchie, Julia Smith

Communities Officer: Mhairi Dickson

Meeting

1. **Welcome and apologies:** The Chair welcomed all attendees and noted the apologies for the meeting.

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Ian Cameron, Graham Smith

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

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from last meeting approved by Jan Broomhall and seconded by Sandy Beedie.

3. **Matters Arising from previous meeting:** Possible use of a venue in the town for community groups. An update will be provided at the next meeting once confirmed.

Jan Broomhall wrote to the following churches; Old and Abbey, St Andrews, West Kirk, St Margaret's of Marys, as well as the Rotary Club and the Round Table on behalf of the community council informing them we are looking for new members and any interested individuals to contact the Facebook page or by email.

4. **Correspondence:** Nothing received.

5. **Local Councillor Reports:** Apologies received. The chairperson wished to note it was quite disappointing that there was no representation from elected members tonight and would be speaking to elected members to increase attendance by local councillors at the public meetings.

6. **Treasurers Report**

RBS(General) account - £14,332.57 (including £4,000 Seagreen Micro Grant received)

Xmas Lights account - £3809.13. Renewed some Christmas Lights recently purchased.

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. Looking to invite some of the community police to present a few workshops on a variety of topics e.g. street lighting, community safety etc and hopeful to start this in February/March 2022.

8. **Christmas Lights:** Due to go up over the 21st and 28th November, with the tree to be erected w/b 24th November. Half of the Christmas tree lights have been replaced to due high winds in 2020. Dave and Sandy have been mending the lights throughout in 2021 and will be getting retested before going on the tree. All permits confirmed as well as the cherry picked for both dates to put the lights up, which will be brought down on 9th January 2022. No switch-on event this year due to covid-19 restrictions, however hope to have a switch on event in 2022 and with no fundraising taking place this year, lots of fundraising events will be planned next year.

9. AOCB

Two applications received from members of the public to join the community council and these were unanimously approved. The secretary would make contact with the individuals concerned about their successful applications and look to invite them along to the next public meeting.

The chairperson asked the community council members if their preference was for a recess for December and January or January only. It was felt as a number of projects or items were due to be completed during December that the monthly public meeting would take place in December and the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 01 February 2022, venue/format to be confirmed. The CC AGM would be arranged for March 2022 which would cover the last 2 years of accounts due to the covid-19 pandemic and papers and communication would be circulated in due course.

Angus Participatory Budgeting Voting due to take place over the next week and would only be digital voting but members of council would be going out to rural communities or individuals unable to access devices to ensure as many votes can be cast as possible. The chairperson informed the meeting that in his opinion the whole process was not representative of what a Participatory Budgeting process should have been, inclusive of setting the criteria, communication to groups/organisations along with the voting process and timelines. Hopeful that this will be fed back to the full council in time for the next round of funding.

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. An update of the visit will be provided at the next meeting.

10. Planning Applications – None received.

11. Date of Next Meetings 2021

Tuesday 07 December via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

