



ROYAL BURGH OF ARBROATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved: Monthly public meeting draft minute of Tues. 05 Oct 2021, MS Teams

Present:

Members: Sandy Beedie, Maureen Beedie, Jan Broomhall, Fiona Doran, Marc Ritchie

Councillors: Brenda Durno, Lois Speed

Meeting

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

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Stevie Bell, Ian Cameron, Graham Smith, Julia Smith

Councillors: Alex King, Richard Moore, Derek Wann

Communities Officer: Mhairi Dickson

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from last meeting approved by Jan Broomhall and seconded by Sandy Beedie.
3. **Matters Arising from previous meeting:** None
4. **Correspondence:** Correspondence received relating to planning applications and road maintenance works and uploaded to facebook page.
5. **Local Councillor Reports:**

Cllr Brenda Durno – Informed the meeting the Scouts are to run their Christmas Card delivery service this year and communications with organisations and the public will be sent out. The public toilets at Inverkeilor are open again and due to increased waiting times for materials, window frames for social housing have been delayed.

Cllr Lois Speed – Constituent matters across a multitude of matters including housing issues. Engaging with community groups who are starting back up and assisting with identify funding and premises for groups. Consultation on A92 Places for Everyone project will be taking place at the Abbeygate Shopping Centre on Wed 27. Oct and Thurs 28. Oct and informed the meeting that the site rules for Keptie pond were rules already in place and were applicable for all public parks in Angus. Part of the winter and road safety group who are looking at preparations for the winter period including grit bin locations and encouraged attendees to contact any elected member with suggestions. Application from Whetherspoons to increase seating outside and elected members would conduct a site visit and consult nearby business on this application before a final decision.

6. **Treasurers Report**

RBS(General) account - £10,332.57

Xmas Lights account - £4079.00

The chair appraised the meeting that a third signatory was to be added to the rbs general account to ensure full compliance with auditing processes. Fiona Doran had offered to be a signatory and this process was underway and due to be completed by the beginning of November.

7. **Police Report:** Uploaded to Community Councils portal <https://anguscommunitycouncils.wordpress.com/community-council-minutes/royal-burgh-of-arbroath>

8. AOCB

Mr Beedie let the meeting know that due to current restrictions and deadlines for various documentation, the proposal was that no switch on event for the Christmas Lights would take place this year. This was unanimously agreed by community council members. The lights would be installed on the weekend of 21/22 November and removed on Sunday 09 Jan 2022. A number of the lights required to be replaced and the group agreed this needed to be actioned as soon as possible, with Mr Beedie and Mrs Broomhall were to arrange the purchasing and payment of the replacement lights. Liability Insurance for the instalment of the Christmas lights remained £280 in line with previous years and would be paid within the week and the permit for the cherry picker had been granted.

Councillor Durno highlighted the format and information within the police report appeared to be different for the various voluntary organisations across the town and would enquire with the community officers if the same report could be sent to all the organisations.

Discussion took place that the number of members the community council had was at the minimum level and a major recruitment drive was required to ensure survival of the group. This was important more so now due to the SSE communities fund money for larger applications from the community that amounted to £250,000 over 3 years split into £50,000/£100,000/£100,000 respectively. If the group were to fold, this funding would be returned to SSE and projects that might have a large positive impact on the town being lost. Elected members and community council members in attendance agreed a number of different communication methods e.g. posters, social media that would be created over the next 4-6 weeks and collaboration between all individuals was required to improve the number of members of the community council. An update would be provided for all actions completed and the next steps required at the next meeting.

9. Planning Applications – All applications were discussed and all comments forwarded to Angus Council

10. Date of Next Meetings 2021

Tues 05 Oct / Tues 09 Nov – 7pm start, format – ms teams (unless stated) due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

