Letham & District Community Council Note of Meeting

Held on: Monday 18th April 2022, at 7.30 pm

Held at: The Feuars' Hall (plus TEAMS)

<u>Present:</u> Isobel Sword, Karen Smith, Wendy Cameron ,Sandra Macrae Cllr. Lumgair,

Apologies Graeme Fraser, Lorraine Brachi, Jennifer Brown, Julie Wright,

Mhairi Dickson, Cllr. Moore, Cllr.King

- 1. Matters arising
- <u>IT funding</u> Funding for IT equipment to enable hybrid meetings has been received, Secretary to order equipment

2. <u>Promotion re period poverty funding</u>

Received

3. <u>Chairman's Report</u>

<u>2021 / 2022</u>

This last year has continued to be difficult with regards to being able to meet satisfactorily, virtual meetings have taken place and over the last few months hybrid meetings have taken place with varying success.

The secretary has researched equipment needed to satisfactorily run hybrid meetings and has obtained funding from Angus Council to enable this to happen.

It is hoped that this will help to recruit younger members, who may have childcare difficulties for evening meetings and members from the wider district with travel difficulties.

4. 2022 Angus Place Based Investment

Note of interest to be submitted.

<u>Note of interest for funding – Place based investment fund</u> <u>Letham & District Community Council & Letham Feuars' Committee</u> <u>Funding Needed for;</u>

- 1. <u>Development of the biodiversity throughout the village.</u>
- 2. Maintenance and use of the green network in and around Letham
- 3. Developing an area for growing edible plants in raised beds.
- 4. Encouraging fitness through outdoor gym equipment in the Park

Project One

Paths Network & The Greens (maintained by volunteers)

- Several paths require safety work, edge, or bank support. Several require some work on drainage to cope with excess water build up Some large trees need professional attention
- 2. The Paths network (nearly 6 miles) need further sign posting and permanent information maps and leaflets produced.
- 3. The Greens (owned by the Feuars' Committee) has been for a considerable number of years open for nature conservation and recreation. The biodiversity is constantly being

encouraged but support with this is urgently required, possibly through the help of permanent information boards.

Further protection to the Greens and possibly the paths network being registered as a local site for nature conservation.

4. Further picnic tables are needed to encourage more use of The Greens.(During the last 2 years 5 benches have been renovated and place round the paths network and The Greens)

Project Two

Former Toilet Block and surrounding land on Auldbar Rd

The former toilet block has recently been returned to the Feuars' Committee from Angus Council, it will be used as storage for community equipment ideally with a large enough extension to securely accommodate the ride on mower and equipment needed by the volunteers who maintain the paths and the Greens.

The area of land adjoining the building is currently only used for car parking (previously leased by Angus Council for recycling area) We would like to see this area developed as a small community garden with raised beds to encourage healthy eating.

A new roof area would provide a suitable place for mounting some Photovoltaic panels providing some electricity (without large ongoing bills!) and a suitable battery to allow for the storage of the electricity to be used as needed.

Planning consent will be required for this project.

Project Three

Outdoor gym equipment for Dempster Park

Letham & District Community Council holds some monies raised for improvement to the Park. Outdoor gym equipment has been proposed for some years, but additional funding would be required on top of the approximately £1500 so far raised.

5. <u>Treasurer</u>

CC acc.	£1512.44
Defibrillator Acc.	£640.73
Letham paths Acc.	£4095.21

<u>ICO Website change, registration is now voluntary</u> NB. To be discussed when new Community Council convened.

6. Cosgrove Award

Nominations discussed and agreed to make joint award to the two gentlemen who have been cutting and maintaining the paths for the last few years.

Award ceremony Thursday 28th April in the Village Hall.

7. <u>AOCB</u>

Issue with entrance to Jubilee Park for Emergency vehicles raised. Secretary to contact Angus Council Roads Department to request double yellow lines opposite the entrance.

Vehicles are currently regularly parked opposite the entrance causing difficulties for any emergency vehicles to access Jubilee Park.

Date of Next Meeting, Monday 16th May 2022