

MONIKIE AND NEWBIGGING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022

1. Members and councillors present:

Iain Richmond/David Morrison/David McGovern/Cllr Brian Boyd/Cllr Mark McDonald

Helen Belford – note taker

There were four members of the public present – Mike Klose/Pam Baillie/Susie and Mike Newton – all residents of Affleck gardens Monikie

2. Apologies:

Betty Winslow/George Winslow/Caroline Stevenson/Alison Binnie

3. Minutes of previous meeting

David Morrison proposed and David McGovern seconded that they were a true account .

4. Matters Arising:

Dropped kerbs – all had been installed in Monikie and Newbigging and maps of positions were circulated.

Fire Service Inspectorate form – Secretary has completed and despatched the form.

Dog Fouling – As this continues to be of concern it was agreed to place another notice on the facebook page.

ACTION: Iain Richmond.

5. Seagreen Grant:

Iain gave an update on the £5000 grant and the members gave approval for the new applications from Monikie and Newbigging scouts and Newbigging Primary School garden project.

For information the following grants have been distributed:

Community Christmas party group

Monikie Toddlers Group

Community Choir

Monikie School PTP garden project

The following are approved:

Scout group

Newbigging School garden project

Newbigging defibrillator

Iain confirmed that the Newbigging defibrillator would be sited at Pitairlie Garage and that the application for this had gone to St John's Scotland.

6. High Trees in Monikie

Iain gave an overview of attention to this matter spanning the last five years which resulted in inconclusive results.

For example, the High Hedges Act does not apply to these trees as they are classed as woodland. In the last few weeks, however, the weather has given cause for concern with potential danger to personnel and properties from the high trees.

At this point members of the public were invited to take part in the discussion and various points were made from those present.

Susie and Mike Newton advised that they had met with Graeme Dey MSP and received the same letter as the C/C which provided information from Forestry and Land Scotland.

Two points were raised which need clarification, the possibility that The Right to Roam could be used to gain access to the land to check the trees and that health and safety could be emphasised. Cllr Mark McDonald offered to check on these matters and respond with any information he receives.

Iain Richmond suggested that the residents present from Affleck Gardens form an action group which could include interested parties from Broomwell Gardens. The MNCC could continue to offer support although it had no executive powers.

It was also discussed whether the landowner may be liable if properties are damaged.

ACTION: Cllr McDonald.

7. Pedestrian access – Monikie Park

David McGovern addressed this and commented that there is no pedestrian access from the main road at the vehicular park entrance. He explained that especially on occasions when it is busy this can be dangerous for young children under 8 years. Cllr McDonald is on the road safety committee and advised that there is active travel funding available.

ACTION: Cllr McDonald and David McGovern

8. Planning:

There were 3 applications of interest.

21/00947/FULL Granary Wynd Monikie – extension to existing building

22/00016/FULL East Fallows, Crombie area – extension to existing building

21/00254/FULL The Old Railway Yard Monikie going to Development Standards Committee on 8 th February 2022.

9. Treasurer's Report:

Iain reported that the current balance is £1,870.52 which after grant allocations will stand at £370.52 which will be needed to cover rent of hall, replacement defibrillator pads and general C/C spending.

10. Councillors questions and answers:

Cllr McDonald advised that the 20mph speed restriction in towns and villages is improving driving behaviour speed wise.

He also informed the meeting that councillors have been holding lengthy meetings remotely.

David McGovern enquired when/if parking meters are to be re-instated. Both councillors present advised that it was unlikely in the near future.

Cllr McDonald advised that a Banking Hub is to be introduced in Carnoustie. It will be run by the Post office.

Assuming accommodation and infrastructure are available it could be ready by summer 2022. All three councillors are involved with this enterprise.

11. POLICE:

As there are numerous changes in Police personnel in Angus it was agreed to invite the new Chief Inspector, Leanne Blacklaw and Inspector David Gibson, the Locality Inspector for our area to the next C/C meeting on 2nd March 2022.

ACTION: Betty Winslow

12. AOCB:

Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee – A grant is available for planting trees.

Iain advised that the defibrillator sited at Monikie Hall will require new pads at a cost of £40.

ACTION: Iain Richmond

13. Date of Next Meeting: **WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH 2022**