



ROYAL BURGH OF ARBROATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved: Monthly public meeting draft minute of Tues 01 March 2022, via Zoom

Present:

Members: Sandy Beedie, Maureen Beedie Stevie Bell, Fiona Doran, Tracy Manson, Marc Ritchie (Chair)

Councillors: Brenda Durno, Lois Speed

Communities Officer: Mhairi Dickson

Meeting

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

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Jan Broomhall, Derek Broughton, Ian Cameron, Graham Smith, Julia Smith

Councillors: David Fairweather, Alex King, Richard Moore

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from last meeting approved by Fiona Doran and seconded by Tracy Manson
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 – Constituent based work and work relating to planning and license applications. Recent heavy rain has resulted in flooding issues near to the St Vigeans railway bridge, however this is being investigated by Transport Minister for Scottish Government and for Network Rail to undertake repairs.

Cllr Lois Speed – Constituent based work and engagement with communities groups.

6. **Treasurers Report**

RBS(General) account - £10,332.57

Xmas Lights account - £3529.13

Fiona Doran confirmed she had been added as a third signatory to the RBS General account and provides more than the required minimum number of signatories for community council accounts.

7. **Police Report:** Uploaded to Community Councils portal
<https://anguscommunitycouncils.wordpress.com/community-council-minutes/royal-burgh-of-arbroath>
8. **Christmas Lights:**
Following previous discussions of the community council, a proposal had been made for the Christmas lights to separate from the community council and become an independent group

out-with the community council. The reasons for which, was to enhance the opportunities to apply and receive funding, as it was felt the association with the word council within the community council group title was hindering potential funding. Following a vote of the community council members it was unanimously agreed for the Christmas Lights to become a separate independent group. However, the chair wished to thank everyone involved over the years with the Christmas Lights and that where support could be provided the group would be more than happy to do so.

A proposal was tabled that as the general account had greater than £10,000 funds, would the community council be in a position to donate the cost of the electrical Christmas Tree being considered, which was £3,500. All community council members were in full agreement of this proposal and the vote was passed to donate the £3,500 required to purchase the electrical Christmas Tree for the Christmas Lights Group. This would increase the time that could be focused on funding for other aspects of the Christmas Lights.

9. **Planning Applications** – A letter had been received from the Arbirkie Farm regarding the Hydrogen Plant and to enquire about the public's view on this project. Members of the public were asked for their opinions on this project and application and this would be sent to the council on behalf of the public by the community council.

10. **Date of Next Meetings 2022** – Tuesday 05 April 7pm, venue tbc however it was hoped a venue could be found to allow for face to face meetings to resume.

