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MONIFIETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th APRIL 2022

Chairperson: Sheena Cochrane; co-chair Ben Nicoll

Present; Stewart Ellis, Peter Morrison & John Thornton.

Others; Councillors Beth Whiteside, Sheila Hands.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Sheena Cochrane welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting. .

Apologies were received from Jack and Hazel Brand.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. Proposed by Ben Nicoll

Seconded by Sheena Cochrane.

There were no matters arising.

3. Christmas Lights.

John Thornton reported that negotiations had taken place with Choice for Angus 2019, Angus Council, concerning the Participatory Budgeting award made in respect of the Blue Seaway lighting project. At the time of the application it had not been realized the future running costs, amongst others, would have to be borne by Monifieth Community Council, making it too onerous a burden for future councils. A report had been submitted requesting the funding received be transferred to the funding of new Christmas lights for Monifieth and this has been accepted. Contact has been made with Blachere Illumination UK Ltd and a quotation has been received. It is proposed we purchase 1) lights for 15 lighting columns, 2) lights, 3 transformers and a tree topper for the tree and 4) a cross street feature, at a cost of approx.. £10,000. The final cost to be adjusted on completion of the order. It was discussed and agreed we should purchase red and white decorations for the columns, along with the tree lights, tree topper and a cross street banner. Martin, who has erected the lights for some years, has been approached and is keen to continue the work. There may be some additional costs involved in converting the connectors on the lighting columns. This work will be discussed on a walkabout soon to be held with Walter Scott of the Lighting Department, Angus Council.

4. Correspondence.

17/2/22. Ben Nicoll. Festive Lighting

18/2/22 Stewart Ellis. Grange P S Consultation

22/2/22 L H. Rural & Islands Support.

24/2/22 Ben. New School plans availability?

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28/2/22. Me. Planning Contact Volunteer. Jack Brand replied in affirmative.
28/2/22. Me. Resignation of Rob Crossland. To Community Planning
1/3/22. OS Data Hub Team. New Release.
1/3/22. Angus Alive. Charitable Trust info.
1/3/22. Lynn Angus Council Winter Resilience.
3/3/22. Helen Reid. Choice for Angus 2019 (Blue Seaway to Christmas Lights.)
7/3/22. Jennifer Anderson. Anguswide Events Network.
7/3/22. L H. Participation Request National Event. Scottish Govt.
8/3/22. LH. Winter Servicing. Engagement with CC's
8/3/22. LH. Training Materials.
10/3/22. LH. Winter Resilience. Aid to Communities Grant 2022.
11/3/22. LH. Consultation Document for Murdo Fraser Members Bill on Fly Tipping.
11/3/22. LH Road closure Marine Drive.
13/3/22. Stewart Ellis. National Lottery application recd. re Queen's Jubilee.
14/3/22. LH. Angus Living Life Well Engagement.
18/3/22. Community Planning. Free Period Products. Promotion and Publicity? For additional Funds. Cllr. Hands/Whiteside to query spending routes and advise action to be taken for spending the money. This has also been queried by other Community Councils.
18/3/22. Scottish Community Councils Website newsletter.
20/3/22. LH. Feedback- Training Materials
20/3/22. LH. Scotland's Census
21/3/22. Stewart Ellis. V E Commemoration Garden
23/3/22. Helen Reid. Monifieth Christmas Lights.
25/3/22. LH. Additional Support for Projects.
26/3/22. Stewart Ellis. Monifieth Med. Fayre National Lottery. Decision 21/4/22. Recommendation for approval.
28/3/22. LH. Update Village and Town Hall Fund & Power of Youth Fund.
29/3/22. Stewart Ellis. Payments Section Angus Council. BACS Payment?
30/3/22. LH. Reuse of Land and Buildings LDP Angus Council.
31/3/22. Jennifer Anderson. Angus Wide Events Network.
2.4.22. Jack Brand. Planning Applications.
9.4.22. Blachere Quote 25261. Christmas Lights.
9.4.22. Stewart Ellis. Riverview Caravan Park. Ban on Children.
9.4.22. Stewart Ellis. VE Commemoration.
9.4.22. Stewart Ellis. Financial Statement. Bank Account.
9.4.22. Stewart Ellis. MCC Audit Accounts.
9.4.22. Stewart Ellis. VE Project.
10.4.22. Stewart Ellis. RBS Annual Bank Statement.
10.4.22. LH. Place Based Investment Fund+2022 Launch. Ben to forward Council Report on matter for clarification.
11.4.22. LH. Tyndall Crescent Road Closure 19.4.22 10 days.
12.4.22. Agenda.
12.4.22. Jennifer Anderson. Angus Events Network Link.

All correspondence cascaded to Community Councillors.

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5. Social Media Report.

Ben Nicoll stated there is some concern re attempts and break ins in our area. These are of a minor nature and the Police are aware. There is a £500 sum available for I T support. This was discussed and it was thought this could be used for the purchase of a lap top for Monifieth Community Council. Ben Nicoll agreed to look into this. He is also to research the committee paper regarding “Place Based Investments”

6. Treasurer’s Report

Stewart Ellis reported the current balance is £17456.91. Ben has contacted Craig Mullen of Seagreen re the uncashed £500 cheque. Matter discussed at length and Peter Morrison stated the application from the Scout group should have been refused if they were not ready to spend the money. The 2nd cheque issued has also been cancelled as it was presented to the bank on 4th April which was past the date advised. The whole situation could have been avoided if the treasurer had taken action sooner as it was approx. 8 months since cheques were issued. The Secretary, with agreement of other office bearers, only contacted the Group Scout Treasurer, Allen Skinner, after repeated attempts to contact local officials had failed. We await further developments.

7. Planning Matters.

Beth Whiteside informed the meeting that, following enquiries by herself and Councillor Hands, the additional housing planned for Victoria Grange on the north side of Victoria Street up to the A92 will not go ahead.

8. Police Report

Hate Crime

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We encourage everyone to report incidents of hate that they experience or witness. If you have been targeted because of your disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity, we want you to report it. If you are aware of someone else being targeted, we also want you to report it. Getting support when reporting hate crime

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In some cases victims and witnesses of hate crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to the police. They may feel more comfortable reporting it to someone they are familiar with or they may want support when they report.

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Recent crime/issues in the area

Assessment period 15/2/22 – 13/4/22

Calls to police

There have been a total of 183 calls to the Police for incidents in Monifieth during this assessment period.

Recorded crimes.

There have been 18 crimes recorded in your area during this assessment period. A breakdown of these are as follows:-

Group 1 – Crimes of violence. 0 crimes

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature. 1 crime recorded. Online offence under investigation.

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud). 12 crimes, 3 detected and 9 currently under investigation

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage. 0 crimes

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behaviours, offences against emergency workers and retail workers 2 crimes, both detected.

Group 7 – Motoring offences. 3 crimes, currently under investigation.

Monifieth is still a low crime area compared to the rest of Angus.

Concern was expressed regarding chatter on Social Media indicating there may be plans to have a Police office incorporated in the new High School. This was discounted by Councillors Hands and Whiteside who thought this may have arisen from discussions where it was stated the new school would be a community hub where many agencies could be accommodated under one roof.

9. Angus Councillors' Reports

Beth Whiteside stated there was no Council business in the run up to the local elections. Councillor Hands was attending her last Community Council meeting as she is not standing for re-election. Tributes were paid to her for all the hard work and dedication she has shown to the ward in her 10 years as a councillor. Best wishes for

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her and her family were expressed. Sheila responded she had enjoyed working with the members of Monifieth Community Council who have done sterling work for the benefit of the town over the years.

Beth concluded by providing an update on the proposals for the library, all of which are of a positive nature. There will be a short public consultation after the election.

10. Public Questions.

No public present.

11. AOCB.

Stewart Ellis reported there would be a decision on the application for funding for the Queen's Jubilee events on the 21st April. Ben Nicoll reported there had been a joint meeting of the Medieval Fayre committee and the Community Council who had joined forces to plan for the event. There had been a good attendance and there were plenty people present to form a committee to deal with the necessary matters for a proposed street party type event, with food and entertainment for children and adults in the west car park at Reform Street, possibly utilizing the east car park as well. A date has not been finalized at this stage. More bodies will be required to assist on the day. It was noted that Covid 19 may lead to possible changes.

Stewart Ellis asked for agreement to fund various projects for vulnerable childrens' involvement for the event, including baking projects and the garden project at the Blue Seaway. Discussed and unanimous agreement for payment of £420.

John Thornton reported he had renewed the Data Protection Certificate at a cost of £40.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be at 7pm. on Thursday 14th April 2022, via Zoom.

Secretary's Note. The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Thursday 11th August at 7pm via Zoom.

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