



Minutes of a meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at Glebe Park Brechin.

Garry Robertson took the chair and welcomed the company.

Present.

Garry Robertson, David Dewar, Jocky M^cLean, Douglas Murray and Eric Gray.
Councillor Beattie (Angus Council)
P.C. M^cKendrick (Police Scotland)
2 members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Derek Harper, Cllrs Nicol and Scott (Angus Council).

Minutes of Last Meeting.

It was proposed by Jocky M^cLean, seconded by David Dewar that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2022 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising.

The half pipe needs to be moved ASAP and certainly by the end of year. Cllr Beattie said he would look into funding for the necessary repairs.

Election of Chair.

The Secretary said the following the last meeting he had emailed members to ask for nominations for the chair. One member had self-nominated was not present. He therefore proposed that Vice-Chair Garry Robertson assume the chair until the CC elections in October. This was seconded by Jock M^cLean and passed unanimously.

Police Update.

P.C. M^cKendrick said he newly in post as a Communities Officer although he has been a beat officer in Brechin for a number of years.
He said that there are more money scams in operation and warned people to be aware of them.
In the period from 1st July to 27th July there had been 40 crimes reported in the Brechin Area.
Drug related issues continued to be a problem in the area, and he asked that any information be passed to the police ASAP.
Speeding is also a problem in the area and the road policing department has been made aware for their extra attention. Cardboard cut-out ‘pop up Jim and Jane’ will also continue to be deployed.

Councillors Update.

Councillor Beattie said there was not much to report as Angus Council had been in recess.

The Caledonian Railway had submitted a request for funds under the Levelling Up Scheme which Councillors had refused to put to the Scottish Government as the feared it might leave the Council exposed to financial liability if the works were not completed on time. At a time when the Council are expecting to have to make savings



in their budget The Railway then submitted a modified plan which called for less funding but the Council Legal Department ruled it was not a material change and the motion was not discussed. The Local Councillors will continue to work with the Railway to see if a solution can be found.

Councillor Scott was not present but had submitted a written report saying she was working with the housing department on filling the space at Hillview where a block of flats had been demolished. There is concern about the closed toilets and paddling pool at the Inch Park and Councill Officers are looking for funding to replace the paddling pool. The fence at Andover School Wildflower Garden has been moved. Brechin Townhouse Museum has listed as closed on Tripadvisor for some time this has now been rectified but many visitors may have been lost since April. The paths in Cemetery Den have been washed away again. This is caused by blocked drains and will need to be resolved by Scottish Water.

Parking In Montrose Street.

A 70 metre stretch of Montrose Street is to be freed from parking restrictions as Angus Council now accept this is a residential area than the commercial area it was previously. A local resident said that the side streets off Montrose Street were congested and asked if the forthcoming driving restrictions at Andover School would affect the situation. The Cricket ground open a space near the old pavilion at times. Elected members and officers will try to find a solution.

Planters.

A request had been received from the Community Led Tourism Group that the CC take over ownership of the planters which will be positioned at the entrances to the City. This will allow them to be covered by Angus Council's insurance policy. This was agreed and the Secretary will inform the CLT group.

Brechin Infirmary Demolition Plans.

It was noted that NHS Tayside had submitted a planning application to demolish the Brechin Infirmary building which has deteriorated beyond economic repair. The Brechin Health Care Group have withdrawn their interest in a Community Asset Transfer.

Meeting Request Resilience Planning.

The Secretary had been contacted by Tess White MSP's office to request a date for her to meet with the CC to discuss community resilience in the event of more storms like there had been at the end of last year and the beginning of this. It was agreed to defer this till after the CC elections so the new CC could arrange it.

Community Council Elections.

The Secretary had received the timeline for the elections from Angus Council which he had circulated. He reminded members that the deadline for nominations is 1600 hrs on August 31st. A minimum of seven nominations are needed to the CC to reform.

Community Council Computer.

The Secretary said the computer owned by the CC is at least ten years old as is nearing the end of its useful life. A grant had been received from Angus Council to



improve the way CC's worked and could be used to fund a new one. He suggested this would be better left to the new CC.

AOCB.

There was nothing raised under this item.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.00pm ay Glebe Park.

There being no further business Garry thanked the attendees ans closed the meeting at 8.55pm.