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## MONIFIETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2022

**Chairperson:** Ben Nicoll

**Present;** Stewart Ellis, Peter Morrison & John Thornton.

**Others;** Councillors Beth Whiteside, Heather Doran and Lloyd Melville.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Ben Nicoll welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting, in particular our returning and new Councillors to whom he offered our congratulations.

Apologies were received from Sheena Cochrane, Sylvia Breen, Andy Dingwall 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 Stewart Ellis.

There were no matters arising.

#### 3. Christmas Lights.

John Thornton reported there had been no walkabout with Walter Scott and Beth is to contact him and try to arrange this as a matter of urgency as the order will require to be placed as soon as possible to give plenty time for them to arrive. Lisa Chiles of Tayside Lighting Partnership had expressed concern re the weight of some of the lights, her main concern being the items at 9kg which she thought were too heavy for the lamp standards. Martin has weighed the old lights which have been used for many years and he found the heaviest was over 9 kgs. This will be pointed out during ongoing conversations. A revised quotation will be sought keeping to a lower weight, this to include Blachere Illuminations fitting Universal Column Fasteners (brackets) and commando plugs. This is estimated to come to a total of £10,000, there being £9,600 available from the Angus Council grant originally intended for the Blue Seaway and over £400 from previous Christmas lights fund raising. This could be supplemented by using part of over £3000 in Monifieth Community Council funds which were built up prior to changes introduced in 2021/22 and ringfenced for use as the Council sees fit.

#### 4. Correspondence.

All correspondence cascaded to Community Councillors.

15.4.22. Council report R107/22. Place based investment programme.

19.4.22. Scouts cheque.

19.4.22. Angus Events Network. Ben attended. Christmas Lights, Traffic management training & funding. Training to be given to groups which will be responsible for

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requesting, implementing and signing road closures for events such as the Christmas Lights switch on. Queries were raised as to availability of signs and funding for their purchase. It is believed Forfar CC have signs they have purchased. Insurance cover for liability will require to be confirmed. Ben to contact Jacqui Semple for advice.

20.4.22. Angus Council Bi Annual Meeting.

23.4.22. Financial statement MCC

27.4.22. Contact with broughtyferryactivetravel re banner on gate of Wildflower Meadow

3.5.22. Email re Stage Hire for Jubilee event.

3.5.22. Request for schedule of insurance for Stewart for Jubilee Party

3.5.22. Correspondence with Blachere Illuminations

7.5.22. Scottish Community Council Newsletter

11.5.22. Community Benefit Gateway Event

11.5.22. Angus Council and Community Councils BI Annual meeting. Wed 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Microsoft teams.

17.5.22. Lynn Hally. Invitation to Tayside Climate Beacon Event Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Live streamed.

18.5.22. Ben Nicoll re traffic restrictions Hill St/ Nth Union St. Work was dropping kerbs and only temporary traffic light control was requested. Residents should have been advised by company carrying out work.

18.5.22. Angus Council. Prohibition and restriction on waiting Hill Street/Queen St. No waiting at any time Wellbank Place and areas of Marine Drive.

19.5.22. Angus Community Resilience Forum. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm on Microsoft Teams.

20/5.22. Confirmation of grant of £5220 for Jubilee event.

20/5.22. Stewart Ellis invitation to opening of VE Garden at Blue Seaway opp. Bay Diner for Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> June

23.5.22. Correspondence re Christmas Lights. Lisa Chiles and Jennifer Dumbreck

24.5.22. Lynn Hally. Request to video events to promote community Councils in run up to elections.

24/26.5.22. More correspondence re Christmas Lights. Walter Scott, Angus Council, Martin Jamieson, Lisa Chiles.

30.5.22. Insurance Certificate for MCC received.

30.5.22. Correspondence relating to Seagreen cheque and Monifieth Scout Group. Tracey Borland, GSL Monifieth and Stewart Ellis.

1.6.22. Lynn Hally. Angus Council request to video Jubilee event on 10.7.22.

2.6.22. Photos of Opening of VE Garden

6.6.22. Notice of temp. restriction on waiting and parking some length of Maule Street. Reason unknown.

9.6.22. Locality Improvement Groups. Chair and Vice Chair vacancies.

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## **5. Social Media Report.**

Ben Nicoll reported on progress of Jubilee Event preparations for 10<sup>th</sup> July. There has been concern expressed via Social Media of break ins in Durham Street, connected to theft of a car from Durham and an attempted break in at Maule Street. Police to be contacted for further information.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Stewart Ellis reported the current balance is £20,698.66. Stewart reported the opening of the VE Commemoration garden had been very successful and praised the work undertaken by the school children and their teachers. He asked for a donation from the lottery grant payment to fund a celebration event for the children in appreciation of their outstanding work. This was discussed and a payment of £200 was unanimously agreed. Stewart reported the third cheque issued to the Scout Group had been cashed on 8<sup>th</sup> June. It has been agreed members of the Scout Group have treated the Community Council with disrespect. The Chair expressed concern regarding the tone of an email sent by the GSL to a member of the Community Council, containing a threat to make the matter public and demanding apologies. This is a matter which has dragged on for many months and there is no justification for threats to be made to members of the Community Council, who are themselves all elected volunteers.

## **7. Planning Matters.**

Jack Brand reported on applications for a change from a hot food takeaway to dental premises at Reform Street and for a change from a charity shop to a hot food takeaway, also at Reform Street. There are no grounds for concern.

## **8. Police Report**

No report

## **9. Angus Councillors' Reports**

Ben Nicoll congratulated all our Councillors on their success in the recent elections, in particular to Beth Whiteside who is now Leader of the Council, the first woman to hold this post. Both Councillor Melville, a resident of Monifieth and Councillor Doran, a resident of Birkhill thanked the electors for supporting them. Both have been allocated membership of various committees. Lloyd mentioned his support for Cycling without Age, a new initiative previously brought to the Community Council, and Heather supports Tactran, as a user of public transport. The proposal to build a new High School for Monifieth will be discussed at a meeting of the Policy and Resources committee on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Councillor Melville and Doran's details to be added to the mailing lists.

## **10. Public Questions.**

No public present.

## **11. AOCB.**

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Secretary's Note. The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on a date to be confirmed after 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 following Community Council Elections.

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