

MONIKIE AND NEWBIGGING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd August 2022

1. Members and Councillors present: Iain Richmond/George Winslow/Betty Winslow/Cllr Mark MacDonald/Cllr David Cheape.

There was one local resident present.

2. Apologies: Cllr Boyd /Sergeant Stewart Ramsay

3. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising:

The minutes were accepted as a true account and matters arising were as follows:

ANGUSalive: Betty read out the letter she had submitted to their chief executive on behalf of the C/C in which she stated the main points raised at the meeting and the request that the C/C and local residents were willing to engage with ANGUSalive in finding a solution to prevent further incidents occurring in Monikie Park.

A confirmation of receipt had been sent but no further reply had been received.

Triathlon Donation:

Betty had been in contact with Jamie Robinson who will discuss with their treasurer our positive response to their offer of a donation to the C/C.

Short term lets:

In response to a concern from a resident Betty had printed out the Scottish government guidance on the licensing scheme being introduced this year. This can be accessed through their web site. The local authority will be issuing their licensing information before October 2022.

4. Police Report:

Sergeant Stewart sent his apologies that there was no officer available to attend as all were on operational duties but he sent a Police report for discussion at the meeting.

The recent crimes/issues in the area for the assessment period 06/07/2022 to 02/08/2022 were as quoted in the report –

QUOTE:

There have been 11 calls to our force control room for the Monikie and Newbigging areas in this assessment period.

There have been 2 crime reports raised for this area during this assessment period, broken down as follows:

Group1 – Crimes of violence and threat – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 2 – Crimes of a sexual nature – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – 1 crime recorded.

Groups 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/other crimes including Threatening and Abusive Behaviours, assaults and other offences against emergency workers – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 7 – Road traffic crimes – 1 crime recorded.

Emerging issues:

Update from last C/C meeting:

We are aware of concerns from some residents around lack of Police action/response to the recent spate of fire raising/vandalism and anti-social behaviour in your area mentioned that was the subject of the last Police report. Requests for additional resources such as mobile CCTV and directed patrols continue to be requested. We would like to reassure the community that these matters are being treated seriously and officers are following positive lines of enquiry. Due to these being live investigations, I am unable to offer any further comment at present.

Constable Martyn Brennan is due to commence in post as Community Officer for Carnoustie, Monifieth and the Sidlaws on Monday 8th August. Constable Ronnie Irvine is potentially joining him within the next few weeks. We look forward to reintroducing attendance at Community Council meetings as much as possible when they are in post.

END OF QUOTE

Notification had been received that the new Police Plan for Angus is in preparation and that a survey is available on the Police Scotland website.

Iain reported that despite the new speed restrictions residents were still reporting a disregard for these by some motorists.

Cllr MacDonald informed the meeting that monitors can be installed to record data which may give more information about speeds.

5. Treasurers Report:

The current balance is £6,930.52

6. Planning Report:

George informed members the members that there was one relevant application.

22/000463/PPPL Carlungie Steadings for the demolition of steadings and the erection of 4 houses.

7. Seagreen Grant:

It was agreed that to avoid confusion for applicants the new Community Council would distribute all relevant information regarding this.

8. Defibrillator:

Betty reported that there had been some problems with the installation of this at Pitairlie garage and Iain had gathered some more details about this. He had some suggestions to present and it was hoped that the machine could be installed soon.

9. Councillors Questions and Answers:

The main topic addressed by our councillors was the Angus Council budget and the issues faced by the new council. They explained that the main areas of expenditure were education and social work and that serious problems caused by the deficit had to be addressed.

10. Community Council Elections:

Iain reported that there had been little response from the community to the social media posting.

Some discussion took place about how C/C funds could be administered should there be a failure to receive enough nominations for election.

It was hoped that by the next meeting- the last one for the present C/C – some information on this would be available.

11. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall