

MONIKIE AND NEWBIGGING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2022

1. Members and Councillors present: Iain Richmond/George Winslow/Betty winslow/David Morrison/Cllr David Cheape/Provost Brian Boyd/

2. Apologies: David McGovern/Alison Binnie/Officer Ronnie Irvine.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

ANGUSalive:

Colin Knight Senior Manager had responded to our letter this was passed to all present. He expressed that he was

“keen to work with the MNCC to help try to prevent criminal damage to the park in the future and that a request had been made to meet with colleagues across the emergency services who may be able to help his organisation consider potential security measures and community engagements events to protect the park and educate people who wish to use the area.”

There was no confirmed date as yet but he was happy to share information and work together with MNCC to support the needs of Monikie Country Park.

As the news had been released that our area had not received enough nominations to enable a new C/C to be formed Betty agreed to contact him to arrange some way of achieving this and also discuss with him a possible donation to the restoration of the play park.

4. Police Matters:

As Officer Irvine had sent apologies Betty outlined the latest Police report.

Recent crimes in the area:

Assessment Period 02/08/2022 to 07/09/2022

There have been 19 calls to our force control room for the Monikie and Newbigging areas in this assessment period.

There have been 4 crime reports raised for this area during the assessment period broken down as follows:

Group 1 – Crimes of violence/threats – 0 crimes recorded

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature 0 crimes recorded

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty . 3 crimes recorded, 2 are live and under enquiry and 1 is in detected, enquiry complete.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 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 which is live and under enquiry.

Emerging Issues:

Other topics of note or messages:

“ We would like to reassure the community that the fires at Monikie Park are still under investigation and officers are following positive lines of enquiry. As this is still a live investigation, I am unable to offer any further comment at present.

Constables Ronnie Irvine and Martyn Brennan are now in post as your new local Community Officers.

Constable Ronnie Irvine will have responsibility fro the Carnoustie district area which includes Newbigging and Monikie. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role from a number of different Policing backgrounds.”

5. Treasurer’s Report:

Iain indicated that the balance was £6995.52 and that the £145 bill for installation of the Newbigging defibrillator had been paid. We noted that this included the second instalment of £5000 grant from Seagreen .

6. Planning:

George informed us that there was only one relevant application – 22/00209FULL – Extension to dwelling house and erection of garage with business use for osteopath clinic which had been approved.

7. Defibrillator:

Iain said that this had now been installed at Pitairlie Garage Newbigging.

8. Councillors Questions and Answers:

We had received a letter from a resident about the bus service to our area in which he expressed concerns about the bus service from our area especially for students attending Arbroath colleges.

The difficulty seems to be in that the first bus does not reach the Arbroath destination in time for the start of the college day and on the return problems are occurring.

He reported that he has tried connecting buses but has failed on several occasions as the Monikie bus was running late.

Our chairman replied and also sent copies to our councillors.

Provost Boyd conveyed a reply from Cllr MacDonald who was not present.

Cllr MacDonald had contacted the resident directly with the information that he will present this to the Road Safety Member Officer Working Group and report to the resident directly.

9. Community Council Elections:

Discussion took place about the disappointing response to this and the fact that there had been insufficient nominations to form a new council.

Councillors expressed their appreciation to the members and highlighted the fact that the monthly contact with the community councils had enabled them to take action on matters which were of concern to the residents in the area of Monikie and Newbigging.

In reply the members expressed their thanks to our councillors who had always responded quickly and helpfully when asked for advice or action on these matters and whose updates on Angus Council business was of great importance in our understanding of local government .

10. A.O.C.B.

Seagreen Micro Grants:

Betty explained that she had received a letter from Craig Mullen regarding this. He wished to know the status of this and what arrangements may be made for the third allocation.

It had been agreed at the meeting on 3rd August 2022 that this should be left to any new council formed but as there would not be a new council the members agreed that the committee would meet and allocate the grants before 3rd October 2022 to allow the money to get to the community groups as soon as possible.

The committee will meet and arrange this.

Betty will complete the Seagreen return form and send it to Craig after this has been done.

How the third instalment will be managed is unknown as yet.

Curling Pond Site:

Betty had contacted Forestry Scotland for an update on this and had received information that the owner had been contacted to carry out remedial work.

They had not checked if this had been done.

As this is an ongoing issue of concern to the community Betty and George agreed to keep in contact with Forestry Scotland and also Angus Council regarding the possible inclusion of this site in the list of protected areas.

The committee agreed to meet whenever necessary to complete the business of this present C/C until the deadline of 3rd October 2022.

