

Letham & District Community Council

Inaugural meeting Thursday 6th October 2022, Letham Village Hall

Members Present

David Lumgair, Karen Smith, Wendy Cameron, Sandra Macrae, Isobel Sword

Also Present

Cllr. Shepherd

Tony Rizza, Mario Rizza, Ian Cairnie

Chaired by, Mhairi Dickson (Angus Council representative)

1. Mhairi Dickson welcomed those attending and explained that as only 5 nominations were received it is possible for the Community Council to invite 5 more members to be co-opted and also a number of youth members (youth members would not be able to vote on issues) The residents attending were asked if they were interested in being co-opted onto the Community Council, but declined the invitation.
2. Mhairi Dickson briefly explained the Scheme for establishment of Community Councils and that the full document along with the code of conduct for Community Councillors can be found on Angus Council website.

Election of office bearers

Chair

Wendy Cameron

Secretary

Isobel Sword

Treasurer

Karen Smith

Planning contact

David Lumgair

Wendy Cameron, assumed Chair of the meeting

1. Day / date/ place of future meetings

Following discussion, it was agreed that future meetings will normally take place on the third Thursday of the month (except December and July when there will be no meeting)

- The November meeting which will take place on the 24th November (an extraordinary meeting of Letham Feuars' Committee will take place on Thursday the 17th)
- The Secretary will draw up a programme of meetings with times, dates and place when there is confirmation as to the place the meetings can be held.

2. Minute of August Meeting Approved

3. Matters Arising

Unadopted Roads

Mr Cairnie and Messrs Rizza expressed interest in the possibility of funding for maintenance and traffic control on unadopted roads. It was explained no funders (in particular charity registered funders) provide funding for roads which are open to general traffic use. The only way that there MAY be a possibility of help would be if the unadopted roads were closed to through traffic (access only) on the grounds of safety. This could only be done through the road's authority (Angus Council)

This would open the possibility of them being designated part of a safe Active travel area and there MAY be some funding help. (Through such schemes as Paths For All)

4. Defibrillators

The Secretary explained that replacement batteries for the defibrillators are needed. They have been ordered, but due to the "close down" of the factory in China (due to the pandemic) there will be a long delay in delivery.

A discussion was held about the possibility of replacing at least one of the defibrillators asap with a different type to avoid this situation occurring in the future. Wendy Cameron will research possibilities.

5. School Friendly stakeholders

Karen Smith and Wendy Cameron will represent the Community Council at the forthcoming Stakeholders meeting.

6. The secretary will order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday

David Lumgair will lay the wreath on behalf of the Community Council

AOCB

a) The residents asked if the agenda for meetings could be displayed in advance. It was pointed out that the agenda generally follows a standard pattern which always includes the item of AOCB when new items can be presented.

b) Mr Tony Rizza asked if members of the Community Council could help with his boundary issue next to the Greens.

David Lumgair suggested that this be left until after the forthcoming extraordinary meeting of Letham Feuars'.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 24th November 2022