

Minutes of a meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at Glebe Park Brechin.

David Dewar took the chair and welcomed the company

Present

David Dewar, Anita Pearce, Douglas Murray and Eric Gray.

Cllrs Beattie(Angus Council)

Sandra Livingston (Communities Worker Angus Council)

Watch Commander Stephen Ferguson (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

3Members of the public.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from TelmoTeixeira and Police Scotland.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

It was proposed by Douglas Murray, Seconded by Anita Pearce, that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2022 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising.

The secretary has contacted the bank to find out the procedure for changing the signatories. Douglas and David will sign the necessary forms.

A new computer will be purchased for the CC use. There is no grant available for this but existing monies can be used.

Councillor Beattie has contacted Scottish Water about the pipes in the High Street but they say they have had no recent works there.

Treasurers Report.

Douglas reported that the bank balance is £982.97 with no outstanding commitments.

Police Report.

There were no Police Officers present but a report had been sent. There is little crime in the City but they are warning about scams, rural crime and speeding.

Councillor's Update.

Councillor Beattie was the only Councillor present. He said the Council were trying to find savings to balance the budget. There is no more

levelling up money this year but there might be next year. There are no more bids at the moment.

Adoption Of Model Standing Orders.

It was proposed by Anita Pearce, seconded by David Dewar that the Model Standing Orders be adopted by the Community Council.

Flood Defences.

There was a wide ranging discussion on the recent flooding in River Street. The flood defence wall held preventing much worse flooding but water from Higher up the City poured down Witchden Road flooding the old Leisure Centre car park and River Street as well as several properties. The local Fire Service were called out at 0915 hrs on the Friday morning and not stood down till 0115 on the Saturday, with units from Forfar, Montrose and Arbroath also attending. The local crew has since received fast water rescue training. Local reports said River Street was flooding by 0830hrs on the Friday but the pumps were not able to be started till approximately 1700hrs. Questions were asked as to why the pumps did not start automatically but had to be manually started.

It was agreed that local resilience was needed with local residents being able to start the pumps and the flood protection materials i.e. sandbags and flood gates being stored locally with the old Fire station in Southesk Street being suggested as a base. The Community Council will work with Angus Council, The Scottish Flood Forum, Police, Fire Service and other partners to develop a resilience scheme not just for flooding but also other adverse events.

AOCB.

It was agreed to look at setting up a CC email address available to all members.

It was said that the CC Facebook page needed improving. Anita said she would have a look and see what could be done.

Angus Council and Dalhousie Estates are consulting on a Rural Mobility Hub between the Brechin Business Park and the Brechin Castle Garden Centre. The Community Council along with Inveresk CC will be fully involved in the consultation.

The Brechin Community Led Tourism Group (BCLT) has commissioned a survey into future uses for the old Leisure Centre and the Inch Park. Sandra Livingston said the toilets and paddling pool are leased by the Inch Preservation and Maintenance Society (IMPS) which has charity Status but has largely folded due to lack of volunteers. She said that when the results of the survey are known a public meeting will be held and she asked for CC support. This was agreed.

Sandra Livingston said that a training course had been devised for Community Councillors and asked that a date be arranged for delivering this. It was agreed to hold the course on 17th January 2023 at 6.30pm at Glebe Park. A full turnout of Community Councillors is expected.

Questions from the Floor.

There were no questions from the floor.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.00pm at Glebe Park.

There being no further business David thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.