

Monifieth Community Council

Approved Minutes of Meeting

Meeting held in the Masonic Hall, 2 Dalhousie Street, Monifieth 8th December 2022. 7pm

Welcome and Apologies The Chair cordially welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies, Hazel Brand, Cllr Heather Dorans, David Martin, Peter Morrison, Cllr Beth Whiteside

Attendees

Sheena Cochrane, Chair	Nicky Stewart, Social and Media
Jack Brand, Secretary	Ronnie Irvine, Community Police
Stewart Ellis, Treasurer	3 members of the public
David Melville	

Minutes of previous meeting and Matters arising

Sheena gave an update of the Christmas lights meeting. The old lights are up, the new lights could not be fitted due to incompatibility of connectors. AC to fit commando connectors in the new year.

The new lights will need different attachment brackets. MCC to do.

The cross street lights were not fitted because AC believe that the fixing poles may no longer be suitable. AC to test the fixing poles.

New lights and star are on the Christmas tree and look wonderful.

Cllr Beth Whiteside apologies, missing from November minutes

Approved minutes. August, Sheena C, Stewart E. November minutes Sheena C, Dave M.

Social Media Report. Nicky Stewart has taken up the post.

There has been a positive feedback on the Christmas tree and lights.

Treasurers report Balance £12,575.32. Remaining in Lotto Jubilee fund £2870.24

The Monifieth Medieval Fair asked for a donation to help run the 2023 Fair. Stewart to discuss with Lotto fund admin.

The £5000 Seagreen needs to be better advertised within the community. Use Facebook and posters. Maximum grant to be £500.

Proforma applications are available from Jack

A question from the floor regarding a community project to bring the tennis courts back into use. One of the courts is used by Monifieth in bloom, the others could be available. Jack to contact AC..

Planning Matters. Two items of interest in planning applications

1. Monifieth Community Hub & Library Building including Reception, Activity Hall, Cafe, Kitchen, Gym Space, Library, Toilets and Changing Areas with Associated Support Parking and External Hard and Soft Landscaping.
2. Demolition of Existing High School and Erection of a New High School with Early Learning and Childcare Facilities and a Replacement Swimming Pool.

Police report.

Our new community police officers are PC Martyn Brennan and PC Ronnie Irvine. PC Irvine gave an overview of their role.

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 8th December 2022

Winter road safety

Road safety advice for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers in winter conditions.

Winter means changes in the roads, shorter days and changing weather.

We all have a responsibility to keep Scotland's roads safe during the winter months.

Advice for pedestrians

Advice if you are out walking during winter:

- Dress for the weather by wearing reflective or bright-coloured clothing so other road users can see you when it's dark or visibility is poor
- If you are walking home late at night, make sure someone knows where you're going and when
- Vehicles can take up to ten times longer to stop on slippery road surfaces so take extra care crossing the road
- Stick to pedestrian crossings
- If there are no crossings nearby, find a place with a clear view and wait for long gaps in the traffic before crossing the road
- Don't cross the road between parked vehicles, unless it can't be avoided then take extra care (look out for vehicles that suddenly pull out or reverse)
- Never cross the road behind a bus
- If there is no pavement, keep to the right hand side of the road so you can see traffic coming towards you.

Advice for cyclists

Advice to consider if you are cycling during winter:

- Make sure your bike can be seen by people on the road
- Use a good set of front and rear lights (white at the front, red at the back)
- Wear clothes that help you be seen on your bike, such as bright and light reflective items
- Pay attention to road signs, markings and particularly red lights
- Do not cycle on the pavements, they may be slippery and can also endanger pedestrians
- Be mindful of the effects poor weather can have on other road users
- Make sure you know about the dangers around you
- Cars can take twice as long to stop in wet weather
- Braking can be unpredictable in ice and snow.

Advice for drivers

- Make sure your car is ready for winter
- Check that your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows are free from defects and clean
- Drive to the road conditions. Road conditions can change without warning, stopping distances will be affected by the weather
- Make sure your windows are clean and aren't misted up

- Make sure there is no snow and ice on your windows before you drive
- When the roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in a high gear
- Accelerate and brake very gently
- Driving distracted (for example, using a Sat Nav) can cause additional stress. It is dangerous to yourself, passengers and other road users.

Recent crimes/issues in the area: Assessment period 09/11/2022 – 05/12/2022

There have been a total of 66 calls to the Police for incidents in the Monifieth area during this assessment period, this is a reduction in calls to the Police since the last assessment period.

Recorded crimes.

There have been 9 crimes recorded in your area during this assessment period. A breakdown of these are as follows:-

Group 1 – Crimes of violence. 0 crimes.

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature, including online sexual offences. 0 crimes.

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud). 6 recorded crimes.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage. 2 recorded crimes.

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including bail offences, drugs, threatening & abusive behaviours, offences against emergency workers and retail workers. 1 crime recorded.

Constables Brennan and Irvine along with partners from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Coastguard, Hillcrest futures, TCA and Trading Standards recently completed a 2 day event at Monifieth High School where various topics were presented to the 1st year pupils, this was well received by pupils, partners and parents and we hope to run this event on an annual basis.

Local Community Officers continue to patrol the local area focusing on areas with reported anti-social behaviour. The main problem at area at present is the Ashludie Spar, targeted patrols are being carried out by Police and the Angus Council Community Wardens.

Residents are encouraged to report any anti-social behaviour on 101 and also to be aware of home security now the darker nights are upon us.

A member of the public raised a concern regarding parking on Victoria Street at Seaview Primary School and a discussion on responsibilities was given by PC Irvine.

1. Seaview Primary – Police are monitoring motorists speeding within the 20mph limit outside Seaview Primary School during school hours. This is a busy road that is a main transit route to and from A92. Motorists are speeding within the 20mph limit and given the school is on a bend this presents a significant danger to pedestrians. It also becomes problematic at school closing time due to the build-up of parked vehicles and pedestrians.

2. 20mph roads versus zones

20mph Limits are set by Local Authority in response to a Government initiative to increase the numbers of person walking and cycling. They are generally set on road that is suitable for pedestrians and bicycles and contrary to popular belief not set because the road is a speeding black spot. 20mph limits are not routinely enforced by Police Scotland unless they are outside a school or in an accident black spot. Speed limits are normally controlled by flashing 20mpg signs.

20mph Zones are set by Local Authority and utilise the road furniture to slow traffic.

3. White and Yellow zig zags

White Zig Zag Lines on pedestrian crossings etc. are enforced by Police Scotland by means of fixed penalty fines and license endorsements with points, as is any vehicle causing an obstruction.

Yellow Zig Zag Lines outside Schools and Double Yellow Lines are enforced by Local Authority Council Enforcement Wardens. Parking has been decriminalised on Angus and the Council is responsible for it.

4. Pop Up Policeman.

Pop ups work well but they tend to go missing. Pop ups can be purchased and used by the community,

Angus Councilors Report.

Note, an apology was received from Cllr Heather Dorans and Cllr Beth Whiteside, but that was not read until after the meeting.

Public Questions

There was 3 members of the public

A. The absence of Angus Councilors was raised. The public were assured that there is normally one and sometimes two Councilors at the meeting Cllr Lloyd Melville was at the November meeting.

At the next meeting the use of Zoom/ MS Teams will be discussed to facilitate those that cant attend in person

B. Members of the public were surprised that the library was to be incorporated into the Hub. They said that earlier this year there was a meeting at the library to seek the opinion of the library users. It appears that the users were not informed of the decision and believe they have been ignored. Jack to contact the Library.

C .There was a discussion on the lack of information on MCC meetings, websites, Facebook pages etc. It was pointed out that The Angus Council website would be a good starting point. Also the Library and Community notice board.

The MCC is aware that the spread of information could be better and are looking to role out details of where to find information.

AOCB

a/ Insurance for hedge trimmer to be removed from policy, old and new Christmas lights to be added to policy as a matter of urgency. To include when installed and in storage. Action -Jack.

Also Gazebo and PA system(s) to be added when details are available. There may be more than one PA system. David to confirm.

b/ The Model Constitution was signed.

C/ Sylvia Breen, Communities Officer for Canoustie, Monifieth and Sidlaw, was unable to attend the meeting but sent this update on items discussed at the November meeting

Induction training is now available that covers the role and responsibility of Community Councils and the role of Angus Council. If this was of interest to Monifieth Community Council please let Sylvia know.

Specific training for the Planning contact was also suggested by other Community Councils to help the Planning contacts understand how the planning process works, relevant policies and how to make comments reflecting the communities' views. If this was of interest to Monifieth CC please let Sylvia know.

Contact was made with Lynn Hally, regarding the laptop and printer. Lynn informed us that £700.00 was provided to Community Councils to enhance their meetings and their engagement with the community. Monies could be spent on equipment.

An email was forward by Lynn Hally to Sylvia regarding the Tennis Courts in Monifieth and the possibility of the courts being brought back into use, this was raised by a member of the public at the December CC meeting. Sylvia has spoken to Kevin Robertson, Acting Service Lead, Environment Services. The council has no means of operating the courts, there is no Angus Alive presents in Monifieth, and any costs incurred such as netting, lining and fencing repairs has to be covered. Kevin would be more than happy to listen to any plans that groups may have to use and maintain the courts.

The work of the Communities Team is ongoing as per the update for the November meeting.

Date and time of next meeting

12th January 2023, 7pm, Masonic Hall, 2 Dalhousie Street, Monifieth

Approval proposed S.C.
Seconded S.E.