

Minutes of a meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at Glebe Park Brechin.

David Dewar took the chair and welcomed the company

Present

David Dewar, Anita Pearce, Douglas Murray, Eric Gray, Telmo Teixeira and Jocky Mclean

Cllr Scott (Angus Council)

Sandra Livingston (Communities Worker Angus Council)

Mark Richardson and Deirdie Stewart (Dalhousie Estates).

3 Members of the public.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Beattie and Police Scotland.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

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

Presentation By Dalhousie Estates.

Mark Richardson and Deirdre Stewart gave a presentation on the proposed Angus Rural Mobility Hub which they intend to install in partnership with Angus Council near the Brechin Castle Garden Centre. They answered questions from the floor.

The Chair thanked Mark and Deirdre for the presentation and they left the meeting at this point.

Matters Arising.

Douglas had been to the bank and a further letter was required to authorise the change of bank signatories and correspondence address. This will be dealt with ASAP.

A new computer will be purchased for CC use and should be delivered soon.

There will be a further flood prevention meeting on Thursday 23rd February at 7.00pm in the Bridgend Bar.

Treasurers Report.

Douglas said the bank balance is £982.97 with an outstanding bill of £60. He is preparing the accounts for audit.

Planning Report.

Anita said there had been no major planning applications covering the Brechin Area.

Police Update.

There were no Police officers present but a report had been sent. There is little crime in the Area. The following is a breakdown:-

Group 1 - Crimes of violence, including murder, rape, extortion, serious assault, robbery – 1

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 0

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty - 20

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 6

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 3

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking, - 10

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 5

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 0

They also warn the public to be aware of scams and are concerned by rural crime, drug use and speeding.

Councillors Update.

Angus Councillors are working on budget proposals to identify where savings can be made. There will be a full Council Meeting on Thursday 2nd March to finally decide the budget and what increases are necessary for Council Tax rents Social work services etc.

There was a discussion relating to the Inch Park Area and the future use of the old Leisure Centre. It was agreed to await the outcome of a survey commissioned by the Brechin Community Led Tourism Steering Group which is in draft form and will be published shortly. Concer was also expressed that the cabinet containing the switches for the floodlights was insecure and unauthorised use was being made of the lights. Councillor Scott said she would contact the maintenance team and ask for this to be repaired at common good expense.

There has been local concern over the future of School Crossing Patrol Officers following the withdrawal of the post in Edzell and the item on local news channels. Councillor Scott said the post in Edzell had been temporary and there is no threat to the crossings in Brechin.

AOCB.

An issue around noise pollution was raised by a member of the public. Cllr Scott advised that all residents affected by noise pollution should monitor and document the times this happens and any detrimental effect it has on them. This evidence can be emailed to her at CllrScott@angus.gov.uk .The appropriate authorities can then be notified and appropriate action taken.

Efforts are being made to trace the owners of an empty property on River Street which was affected by the recent flooding. Sandra Livingston said she had asked her housing colleagues if they could help but had received no reply to date. Councillor Scott said she would take this forward.

Questions from the Floor.

There were no questions from the floor.

Date of Next Meeting.

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

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