

Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council
Minutes of meeting on Thurs 16th June 2022 at 7 pm at The Stag Forfar

Present:

Community Councillors: - T. O'Brien (Tob), Graeme Clark (GC), Eleanor Feltham (EF), Kathryn Patullo (KP), Robin Wardhaugh(RW) and Brian Batson(BB)

Minute Secretary: - None

Angus Councillors: - Cllr Lynne Devine (CllrLD) Cllr Ross Greig(Cllr RG) and Cllr Linda Clark(Cllr LC)

Others; - Graeme Dailly(GD) (Angus Council) and Tony Walker(TW) Forfar Skiff project

1. Welcome and Apologies – Jim McMillan, Ian Dickson, James Gray-Cheape (JGC), and Cllr McLaren.

2. Minutes from previous Meeting: Proposed by EF and seconded by GC

3. Matters Arising from previous Meeting: Linda Clark aperture mention the quick response to the issue with the toilets at Forfar Loch. GC about security at the toilet whether there is any additional security over the CCTV camera. Asked for the police to make patrols as regular as they can especially during lighter nights, there are problems with vandalism at the moment. Tony Walker mentioned issues at the sailing club- there had been a bonfire lit and an attempted break in. GC asked if there is CCTV at the sailing club TW replied yes there is CCTV but issue with no power to power the cameras. TW said the sailing club has been at the same location for over 60 years it is still using the same clubhouse . They would like to build a new clubhouse and this hopefully would have solar panels to supply power using an inverter. The club is used by a rowing club from Aberdeen radio controlled yachts and the canoe club. They are looking to build a community of clubs around the loch.

4. Chairperson's Report: No chairs report, a call was put out for someone to take on the role of chairperson however no one came forward to stand for election. Due to elections for all community councils coming up it was decided for TOB to chair this meeting and GC would chair Augusts meeting. TOB wished to give a vote of thanks to the outgoing chair Linda Clark for the fantastic job she had carried out as chair. TOB Said that it had been an honour and a privilege to work and get to know Linda over the last four years and had also gained a friend in the process. Community council wishes Linda good luck in her new role as a local councillor.

5. Tony Walker - Forfar Community Skiff Project: See appendix A

6. Graeme Dailly – Angus council Enviromental services lead. Mr Dailly came along on request of the community council to answer some queries. GD introduced himself and told us about his remit. This includes things such as waste management, parks, burial services, public toilets and dog warden duties. Questions were then put to GD.

RW asked if anything was being done about the piece of land across from Aldi. GD;s department are aware of this issue and are exploring ways to deal with this. EF suggested if a notice could be stuck on the land to block off the area, GD said that this would cost money in legal and other fees. If the area blocked off hopefully this would stop any future fly-tipping and the owner of the land may come forward. GD said there have been problems tracing the owner and issuing a court notice to the person concerned.Cllr LC said it is a prominent site and there have been other issues with Scottish water in the area.It is a shame the area could not be covered over or filled in. GD said the issue is not a priority for is department has the council do not own the land and there are other issues in Forfar that need addressing. Cllr LC mentioned

the issues with the bin at Orchard bank opposite the guide dogs, this is constantly overflowing with KFC/McDonalds food containers etc. Could either a 2nd bin be put there or a bigger one. Cllr LD asked when the ban on single use plastics comes into force. GD said it should be in force now but would check as there may be a grace period. Also issue with shop bins overflowing on the streets. GD said his department works with the shop owners on litter problems but the problem is passing public use the bins for their rubbish so this causes the problems with overflowing. Cllr LC said to GD that the bin-men and street cleaners should be commended for the work that they do, BB echoed this and a short discussion took place about how well they do their job. GD talked about the new toilets at Forfar loch, he said funding had been obtained for the cleaning of them and this was carried out by Tayside contracts. However the funding obtained was not a large amount and it may well be the toilets are closed during the winter, however GD asked if members of the community could get together to either take over the cleaning of them or just to open and close them. Community council will look into this as part of the Friends of Forfar loch group. GC asked about re-cycling and how Angus council are doing. GD said that Angus council are doing really well and are one of the best if not the best in Scotland. However there are a few areas with issues such as food waste and communal bin use across Angus. These issues are being looked at.

Forfar Loch- It was mentioned that Forfar Loch and the surrounding area of park is a good facility but there are some issues with the paths on the south side during winter and other periods of wet weather. Community council looking to start up a friends of Forfar loch group. GD said that Angus Alive run the country park but Parks department do the work on a contract basis. He said that other groups have taken over the running of country parks in other areas. Via partnership agreements. It was suggested that the crazy golf and pitch and putt be brought back to encourage more use of the area by visitors. EF asked the the proposed new rules for parks etc and the contradictions with the Outdoor access code already in place across Scotland, will this cause problems with enforcement by parks officers. GD said his department was not involved with this it was legal department at the moment as the new rules are still being worked on.

7. Secretary Correspondence/Report: The upcoming community council elections were mentioned.

8. Treasurer's Report: No new updates.

9. Police & Fire Service Report: None

10. Local Councillor Update: Cllr Devine- When do the opening day of the new dementia Centre at cricket club free staff working one day a week to start with. Been busy with Gala week The brochure will be out shortly for Gala week and the Forfar fest music event in pubs around the town on gala weekend. Hayley Duff MBE will be opening the Gala day. Also attended the opening of the new path at Kingsmuir and And went to the event at Reid Park organised by coaching in the community. Cllr LD has been appointed the convener of the children and learning committee. Will be attending 1st meeting of Angus council with its 1st woman leader.

Cllr Clark- have been immersed in training over the last few weeks and very happy to be appointed as deputy Provost of Angus council. Will be attending a meeting at Strathmore rugby club along with the Earl of Forfar, the new provost hoping to keep these events more formal moving forward and only wear the badge of office when essential. Looking to work on social deprivation in Angus as a priority and the use of pre-pay meters as people are struggling to put money into these when trying to buy food and pay other bills. Visited a fantastic resource in Forfar called the social supermarket, which is helping people on low incomes. It is also helping people with social issues by training them in shop skills etc and helping to reduce food waste. Any profits are put back into the resource.

11. AOCB: EF said she had contacted Forfar market about having a stall.

12. Subgroup updates:

i. **Forfar Loch.** See notes under Graeme Dailly item 6.

ii. Quarry sub-group: Update. There have been no adverse comments from the Community. Lairds are only working two days due to fuel cost, reports of maybe issues with people trying to use the water pits during the hot weather.

13. Planning Applications:

14. Date and time of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thurs 18th August 2022 at The Stag Forfar at 7 pm (19.00) unless advised otherwise.