

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

David Dewar took the chair and welcomed the company

Present

David Dewar, Douglas Murray, Anita Pearce and Eric Gray.
Councillors Beattie and Scott (Angus Council)
Sandra Livingston (Communities Worker Angus Council)
1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Telmo Teixeira, Jocky McLean, Councillor Nicol and Police Scotland.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

It was proposed by Anita Pearce, seconded by Douglas Murray that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2023 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising.

David Dewar and Douglas Murray have signed the necessary papers for the change of Bank Signatories.

A new computer has been bought and delivered for Community Council use.

A further Flood Prevention meeting has been held and work is ongoing to establish a local resilience group.

A work has issued to remove 70metres of double yellow lines in Montrose Street. This will increase parking for residents.

The door on box containing the switches for the floodlights at the Inch Park had been replaced but was vandalised again. It has now been repaired again and the power cut off in the interests of public safety and to prevent more unauthorised use.

The noise pollution problem is ongoing with complaints being sent to Councillor Scott and forwarded to the appropriate department.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance is £573.96 with no outstanding liabilities. He also said the books were almost ready for submission to Angus Council.

Planning Report.

There were no planning matters affecting Brechin that needed to be commented on.

Police Update.

There were no officers present but a report had been sent. There were 75

crimes in the Brechin area in the last month.

The following is a breakdown of crime category in relation to these crimes:

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

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 0

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty - 17

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 3

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 4

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking, - 14

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 35

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 1

Police are also concerned locally with Rural Crime, Drugs Crime, Scams and speeding and asked that information be passed to them using 101.

Councillors Update.

Angus Council has set its budget for 2023/24 with Council Tax and most service charges being increased by 6%. Housing rents have also been increased. School meal charge increases have been deferred. Education cuts mean no new teachers will be recruited which may result in larger class sizes. Councillor Scott said this would affect primary schools more than secondary. Angus Alive intend to hand back the running of Brechin Museum and the Inglis hall in Edzell to Angus Council. This may mean these facilities will close unless they can be taken over by community groups. There have been a lot of queries regarding housing repairs.

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The lack of a general waste skip at Brechin recycling centre is believed to be the cause of fly tipping, with a member of the public reporting a bad case near East Pitforthie Farm. It was pointed out that where fly tipping is on private land it is up to the landowner to clear it up.

NHS Tayside has started the demolition of Brechin Infirmary building with a view to selling the land. It was asked if the stone is being recycled. The derelict former builders yard on park road is reportedly insecure. Angus Council building standard have been asked to ensure the site is secure and safe.

A survey of active travel is being held on active travel between Brechin and Montrose with three options for consideration, Sandra Livingston asked that the survey be shared as widely as possible and local people be encouraged to respond.

Parish Online has launched Community Maps which can be used to pinpoint certain issues in the community. This is in its early stages and is being followed up.

A Zoom resilience meeting had been held and it appeared that grant money for certain projects could be applied for from Scottish and Southern Energy and Tayside contracts.

The skatepark half pipe will be moved to the Caledonian Railway for repairs ASAP.

The Gardener Memorial Church will be holding a Coronation Big Lunch on 7th May. Publicity material will be available shortly and it was asked if this could be shared as widely as possible.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.00pm in Glebe Park.

There being no further business David thanked the attendees and closed the the meeting at 8.50pm.