

# ROYAL BURGH OF MONTROSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
at The Playhouse, The Mall, Montrose, DD10 8NN

## **Present:**

Ross Thomson (Chairman), Roy Gill (Treasurer), Pip Hills, Maggie Braid, David Wood, William Nicoll, Jenny May (Associate), Gail Penman (Associate), Councillor Tommy Stewart (Angus Council)

## **1. Chairman's welcome**

Ross Thomson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ross formally advised the meeting that Charlotte May had stepped down from the role of Secretary and thanked her for her valuable contribution to the Council during her time as Secretary. He confirmed that Charlotte will remain as a member of the Montrose Community Council.

### **a. Election of Secretary**

The meeting confirmed the election of the new Secretary, Maggie Braid (proposed by Ross Thomson and seconded by Roy Gill. Ross also confirmed that Joan Murray had agreed to accept the role of Minute Secretary.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

David Paton (Vice Chair), , Charlotte May, Kirsten Tomlinson, John Tomlinson and Joan Murray, Councillors Ian Gall and Kenny Braes (Angus Council)

## **3. Minutes of last meeting for approval**

Minutes from meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved, though an issue was raised regarding the circulation of the minutes of the last meeting due to resignation of the previous Secretary.

## **4. Police Report**

Police report was sent via email. MCC were again asked to raise awareness about reporting any drug related issues and children misusing the area at the rear of the Town Hall causing concern to the owners of the properties backing onto the private lane. Ross Thomson agreed to raise this issue with Montrose Academy and ask a Police representatives if he could attend a meeting with Montrose Community Council.

## **5. Councillors Report**

Councillor Tommy Stewart updated the MCC on the progress being made on the update of security measures on the Mid Links to prevent travellers access.

## **6. Matters Arising from previous meeting**

### **a. Coastal Erosion**

David Wood provided the meeting with an update from Eleanor Doyle, Angus Council Team Leader for the Coastal Erosion Project.

Aecom (project consultants) are making progress with their works – their scope is twofold:

1. Look at options of where we can source sand material to rebuild the dunes
2. Carry out environmental screening to determine if a full environmental impact assessment is required.

As part of task 1, they are working on viable options and are at the stage of narrowing this down. This is based on factors of available volumes, costs and transportation factors. For task 2 – they have completed ecological site walkovers and are using this along with desk studies to form their screening report.

Aecom have been consulting with stakeholders such as Nature Scot and Marine Scotland. It is expected that the options appraisal and the screening will be completed end of Aug/start of September.

Arrangements are being made to invite Eleanor Doyle to the MCC meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September for a further update.

## 7. Agenda Items

### a. SeaGreen Applications 2023

The 2023 SeaGreen Micro Grant funding has been received and has enabled MCC to offer £9,000 funding to community organisations for 2023. The SeaGreen sub-group presented a further 15 applications for final approval:

1. Mo Revival	Approved
2. Union Park Community Hub	Approved
3. Hope Paton Bowling Club	Approved
4. The Montrose Playhouse x 4 separate projects	1 project approved – further funding may be available later in 2023
5. Montrose YMCA Community Hub	Approved
6. Montrose Merpro Football Club	Approved
7. Debra Charity Music & Food Festival	Approved
8. Montrose Befriending Service	Approved

4 other organisations applications are being contacted to gather further information prior to a final decision being made.

Gail Penman suggested to the meeting that further guidance be provided to applicants re multiple applications, eligibility for funding, cut off date at end December, etc.

Contact is being made with the organisations who received SeaGreen funding from the 2022 fund, to gather information on their use of the funding, etc.

### b. Montrose Revival Group

Pip Hill provided the meeting with some background information but it was agreed to include discussion on this project to the July meeting due to absence of David Paton

### c. Resilient Communities Conference 2023

No feedback was available as no MCC member was available to attend the virtual conference.

### d. High Street vacant shops potential use and improvement ideas

Councillor Tommy Stewart informed the meeting that there are a number of issues relating to making contact with various owners of the buildings in the High Street, to have the vacant premises improved. It was agreed to include discussion on this subject to the July meeting due to absence of Kirsten Tomlinson.

**e. 'Library of Things' suggestion**

It was agreed to include discussion on this subject to the July meeting due to absence of Kirsten Tomlinson.

**8.0 Correspondence**

There was no relevant correspondence for discussion.

**9.0 Questions from the Floor**

Mens Shed representative gave a brief presentation on the plans and progress of the new Mens Shed. There were no additional questions from the floor.

**10. Planning Report**

5 current planning applications were reviewed:

23/00370/LBC – Removal and replacement of rear extension to 91 High Street

23/00264/FULL – Erection of five dwellinghouses and associated works at Mill Street, Montrose

23/00225/FULL – Proposed Erection of workshop building, Broomfield Park, Montrose

23/00281/HAZ – Application for hazardous substances consent for storage at Montrose Works, Cobden Street, Montrose

23/00242/FULL – Retrospective planning permission for the siting of a gazebo at 36 Wharf Street, Montrose

This application was discussed in detail and, though MCC did not wish to contest the application, it was agreed that Angus Council be approached with our concerns regarding the potential access issues around the existing gazebo, and its appearance. Suggestions would be for a smaller structure, more in keeping with the style of the building.

**11. Treasurer Report**

Roy Gill presented the revised accounts to May 2023

**12 AOCB**

Meeting advised that Lisa Webster from The Citizens Advocacy Project will be presenting at the MCC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023