

# ROYAL BURGH OF MONTROSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
at The Playhouse, The Mall, Montrose, DD10 8NN

## **Present:**

Ross Thomson (Chairman), David Paton (Vic-Chair), Pip Hills, Maggie Braid, Kirsten Tomlinson, Joan Murray, John Tomlinson, David Wood, Jenny May (Associate), Gail Penman (Associate), Councillor Bill Duff (Angus Council), Graeme Hodge (Angus Council)

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

Ross Thomson welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Charlotte May (Secretary), Roy Gill (Treasurer), William Nicoll, Councillors Tommy Stewart, Ian Gall and Kenny Braes (Angus Council)

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

Minutes from meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved

### **4. Police Report**

Police report was sent via email. MCC were again asked to raise awareness about reporting any drug related issues etc., within the community. Ross Thomson suggested we organise for a Police representative to attend a MCC meeting to advise the meeting on issues currently relating to Montrose.

Councillor Bill Duff also suggested the MCC arrange an event with a Trading Standards representative to advise community on online and telephone scams, etc.

### **5. Councillors Report**

Councillor Bill Duff provided an updated report on council budgets and the impact on Council Tax levels. Though Montrose has the second lowest Council Tax level in Scotland, Councillor Duff indicated that there would still have to be cuts in expenditure.

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

#### **6.1. Winter without Worry update**

Kirsten Tomlinson advised meeting that all the remaining clothes etc., were being distributed to local charity shops, and local organisations were being advised of availability of sanitary products.

It was agreed that Winter without Worry be set up again in October – February 2024. Discussions are to be held with The Montrose Playhouse management to see if arrangements can be made to utilise their facilities again.

It was also suggested that the Winter without Worry project apply to Seagreen for Micro Grant funding for set up in October 2023.

## **6.2. Montrose Coastal Erosion Subgroup to be set up**

Dave Wood updated MCC on meeting held with golf course representatives and confirmed priority is being given to protect business premises etc. Consultants are to advise on range of options. The golf club representatives are concerned that the plans proposed by Angus Council is not going to protect the golf club and are, therefore, going to be looking to do their own project. It has been agreed to review with regulators, etc., to see if golf club proposals are suitable and not detrimental to Montrose. Dave Wood is being updated on further discussions and will advise MCC regularly.

## **7. Agenda Items**

### **7.1 SeaGreen Applications**

The SeaGreen sub-group presented 14 applications for final approval, totalling £8,990, and all applications were approved. The 2023 SeaGreen Micro Grant funding will now be applied for to enable MCC to offer £9,000 funding to community organisations for 2023. Successful voluntary organisations for 2022 SeaGreen MicroGrant funding were:

1. Borrowfield Community Centre
2. Santa Claus in Montrose
3. MyPlace Montrose
4. Montrose Football Legends Fundraising Group
5. North East Wellbeing Solutions CIC
6. Montrose Playhouse
7. Poppy Scotland Montrose Team
8. Montrose Out of School Enterprise (MOOSE)
9. Montrose Sports Association – Roller Skating Club
10. Montrose Sports Association – Swimming Club
11. Home Start Angus
12. Philos Friendship Club
13. Montrose YMCA/Community Hub
14. GEMS Men's Shed

### **7.2 Zero4 Plan presentation by Jamie Macfarlane, Crown Estates Office**

Jamie Macfarlane gave a presentation to the meeting on the initial plans for the Zero4 Innovation Park proposed in the Charleton Road area of Montrose. Jamie advised that there are a number of feasibility and impact studies currently being conducted to consider the impact of planned hotels and shopping facilities on the existing businesses in Montrose. A transport impact study is also being conducted to ascertain the impact of traffic from Zero4 to Montrose Harbour.

### **7.3 Montrose Community Council Constitution**

The MCC Constitution was approved, signed and confirmed with Angus Council

### **7.4 Resilient Communities Conference 2023 - Online Workshop**

Dave Wood confirmed that he will attend on behalf of MCC and report at next meeting

## **8.0 Correspondence**

- Roy Thomson confirmed Annual insurance arrangements made
- Dave Wood confirmed he has received the list of Common Good properties etc., in Montrose

## **9.0 Questions from the Floor**

There were no additional questions from the floor

## **10. Planning Report**

David Paton confirmed there were no appropriate planning applications for discussion

## **11. Treasurer Report**

As Roy Gill was not in attendance, no Treasurers Report was provided

## **12 AOCB**

Gail Penman advised the meeting that there is a young people project consultation taking place for mental health and wellbeing. David Paton suggested the MCC should get some thoughts from young people to see how we could potentially provide support.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023