#### **Royal Burgh of Arbroath Community Council**

DRAFT Minutes of the business meeting on Tuesday 5th September 2023

Abbot Street Lounge, 16 Barbers Croft, Arbroath, DD11 1HB

#### Welcome and apologies

**Present:** Members: Fiona Doran, Martin Chisholm, Alex Smith, Steve Charlton,

Stuart Walker, Rogan Firth, Jamie MacKay, Debbie Milne

Councillors: Martin Shepherd, Lois Speed

Other: Mhairi Dickson, \*Roger Laird, \*Lesley Lindsey (\*Scotia Homes)

Members of public: 5

**Apologies:** Members: Arthur Grant, Emily Petrie, Eva Anderson, Julia Smith

Councillors: Brenda Durno, Serena Cowdy

### Introductions The Chair introduced and welcomed all to the meeting

# Minute of previous meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting on 1st August were approved - proposed Rogan Firth; seconded Alex Smith

# **Matters arising from minutes**

**Lifeboat Update:** Feedback Meeting Perth: Alex Smith~ Management group disbanded as only 4 Guild members left, met with fundraising officer - won't be fundraising for 1-2 yrs, would seem to now be in name only. Big boat will be gone by the end of the year, the mechanic leaving in November. Old Guild members will now form a new fundraising group to raise funds for local groups. The Freedom of Information request arrived heavily redacted. Situation is disappointing for the town overall.

**Arbroath Abbey:** Friends of Arbroath Abbey survey – good feedback – more signage needed, – findings to be fed back to Historic Environment Scotland. Signage has been moved, hedging requires cutting, also weeding needed to improve view ~ Cllr Speed to speak to parks.

**Future of Arbroath Community Centre:** Cllr Martin Shepherd – To be a Consultation and feasibility study regarding Structural issues and usability – Committee approved – hope it can be used in future. Rogan intimated that any projects/funding would need to be of benefit to the town. Brief to be looked at ~ Mhairi ~ re groups/cost and state of building. Cllr Shepherd to check if CC will be consulted.

## **New Business:** Presentation by Scotia Homes on Crudie Farm Development - Aberfell

An excellent, detailed overview of Scotias vision and project update was presented. 146 Units both Social and Private housing - Phase 1 already approved shows an integrated and considered approach i.e. re landscaping - hedgerows =20%+ for biodiversity; kick about/play

area and green buffer =25%. Accommodation size, accessibility and parking facilities were outlined and discussed with both representatives fielding questions, to consider disability issues. Some units can be adapted for future needs i.e. Homes for life. The Walking/Cycling route will be a shared pathway hence widened to 3 metres. Phase 2 consultation next year - 140 units. Overall to be 500 units.

#### **Councillor updates**

**Cllr Martin Shepherd:** Recess case load, Homestart, CAB AGM, Update on Children learning Committee re Arbroath High School breakfast club who are to look at widening this facility.

**Cllr Lois Speed:** Catching up on summer correspondence – case load increasing. People still isolating, feeling the impact of less resources; ASB and post pandemic issues ~ unmet need (HSC) Older people champion network.

Surgeries restarted reports of spate of burglaries attributed to a group of people from Fife.

### **Treasurer Report**

Occasional outgoings: £306.80

Balance: £12 498.30 includes £4 000 Seagreen grants

Notional Balance\*: £ 8 498.30

\*After Round3 of Micro grants for last year are distributed.

End of year accounts 2022/2023 to be ready for October AGM and Half year accounts also to be ready for AGM.

# **Seagreen Funding Report**

MIcrogrants assessed - groups being informed and Successful Micro grants to be issued by end of week.

**Police Report** ~ None received however there is a new Local Area Commander, would be advantageous if police rep. attended meetings for public reassurance.

## **Questions from the public / AOCB**

Few muggings reported; Lady £650; another lady mugged at car boot sale! Also shoplifting.

St Thomas crosses in ground - in hand. Housing new complaints procedure in place.

Elms: No feedback re site 3+ months - work stopped what's happening?

Library- Access Office lack of privacy - Cllrs Shepherd and Speed to take forward.

Issue with dog attacks - Police say not them, dog warden ineffective - Joint matter.

**Planning rep report** No report

Date of next meeting: AGM on Tuesday 3rd October.

Regular meeting: Tuesday 1st November