



Monifieth Community Council
Draft Minutes of Meeting Masonic Hall ,2 Dalhousie Street, Monifieth

10th August 2023@19:00hrs

1. Welcome and Apologies. The Chair cordially welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies:

Hazel Brand, Nicky Stewart, Jack Brand ,Cllr Doran, Pc Brennan.

Attendees:

Sheena Cochrane (Chair), David Melville(Secretary), Stewart Ellis (Treasurer), Peter Morrison MCC, William Dailly MCC ,David Martin MCC, Cllr Lloyd Melville, Cllr Beth Whiteside ,Jennifer Ellis ,James Culloch, Audrey Mcginty, Nicola Mitchell.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.

No minutes from the last meeting .

3. Correspondence.

Sent to all members prior to meeting.

4. Social Media.

No update as N Stewart was absent.

5. Treasurers Report Balance £9137.61.

Ring fenced £6431.85.

MCC Available Funds £2705.76.

6. Planning

6 Planning applications submitted with no concerns regarding them.

7. Police Report

Report reviewed with no comment.



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8. Angus Councilor's Reports

It has been Recess, which has meant an end to committee meetings for a few weeks, however the work has continued unabated over that time.

In the last Full Council before Recess, I put forward a motion celebrating Pride Month, which was passed unanimously. I also had the opportunity to speak in favour of the proposal to take the Monifieth Community Hub and Library project over the line; which included extending Council support beyond £420,000 since the election. I'm aware from discussion with members of MCRG that construction is likely to start in the coming months, and very much look forward to seeing the project finally break ground.

I attended, alongside Cllr Lynne Devine, a tri-Council education meeting with our opposite numbers in Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils. This was held in Dundee with the aim of comparing best practice and forging positive working relationships. This was a really good meeting, and we're going to host the next one in Angus in the next few weeks.

Towards the end of June, I attended, alongside Beth and Lynne Devine, the start of construction on the new Learning Campus, which was hugely positive. As a former pupil it was quite surreal to mark the end for the old building, but I'm very hopeful that the new building will be a step-change in terms of both the learning experience, but also community access too.

I also attended the Monifieth Gala, and saw a few familiar faces there – what a positive day despite the howling wind. In my time away from my desk, I've been out and about walking locally, and have been monitoring progress on the new Monifieth-Broughty Ferry expansion, which seems to be coming along well.

I know many of you will have been following the success of Carnoustie's banking hub, and seen the news that Brechin will benefit from one too. I've long thought that Monifieth's lack of banking facilities was a hindrance to many – and with the RBS closing in Broughty Ferry, this is underlined. I attended a meeting with LINK's Cash Access team, organised by Graeme Dey MSP, to explore whether Monifieth could get one. Currently, the criteria is very strict, and because of Monifieth's proximity to Broughty Ferry, along with the fact our 'urban' population is not sufficiently dense, and a lack of cash retailers on the High Street, we do not currently qualify. This is despite banking facilities in Broughty Ferry being reduced further. I am going to continue working with Graeme on this, and we are writing to the relevant bodies to seek changes to the criteria that will enable Monifieth to join Carnoustie and Brechin in securing a Banking Hub.

In terms of casework, I've been dealing as you'd expect with a large variety of issues; from roads, drainage, flooding, path infrastructure, and health, where I'm again working with Graeme Dey MSP.



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I've also launched a new website (www.lloydmelville.com) where people will be able to keep up with what I'm doing, and if anyone needs any assistance please don't hesitate to keep in touch.

Please can I ask that my write. update submitted for the last meeting be included even though I was unable to attend? I have included it below. It has in a few follow -ups from the May meeting.

Many thanks,

Heather

Please accept my apologies for the meeting. I will be attending another meeting this evening so unfortunately, I can't make it.

I wanted to note how sad I was to hear about the incident in Monifieth with the e-scooter. I raised the issue with the police at the last Scrutiny and Audit session before recess (in June) following the last community council. This meeting was before the incident occurred in Monifieth. They had reiterated that the scooters are illegal in the UK. They were aware that they are an issue and were going to take some steps to raise awareness. You can watch that here - <https://www.youtube.com/live/CkEQ64Q17eI?feature=share>

Over the summer I've had a number of meetings with people in Monifieth and issues have included - the state of the roads (Panmure) and worries about parking close to the secondary school and visibility for people who live in that area exiting their driveways. As the work on the school has now started it's likely that there will be more traffic - although there is dedicated space for parking within the construction zone. The roads team have agreed to monitor the situation and if there is a problem at the start of term it might be possible to put some temporary changes in place due to the construction work - changing anything permanently would take a long time to get approval as I understand it so this seems a sensible approach.

I was also delighted to attend one of the Monifieth Befrienders lunches over the summer where I spoke with the attendees and volunteers who are doing an incredible job. They have a call out for new volunteers if the community council were able to highlight that on their



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behalf https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0h8gmWq9UYLkuKDS89VCnqA5EUdWz5jHP4dHJcaAdRsLDU9JuuC5aY5MRRyyUAYdJI&id=100068402057042

I'm also still keeping up with the plans for the community fridge where I helped the group get over a stumbling block and that seems to be progressing now.

Finally, it was great to give my support to the new community centre in Monifieth at the last meeting of full council and I've been speaking with the group about their next steps and the challenges raised about access under the bridge.

Please let me know if there are any other follow-ups for me. I hope you've all had a good summer.

9.Public Questions

There was a long discussion regarding the new Seaview Primary School , School Friendly Zone that has been imposed on Queen Street with no consultation with the local residents .An email will be sent to various Traffic management staff regarding this

10. AOCB

James Culloch gave us an update on the Community Fridge the short term lease has been signed with the council for the use of the old toilet block adjacent to Monifieth Library and planning permission will be applied for in the next week .

A question was asked about the timescale for the building work at Invertay House to begin.

Cllr Whiteside sent this to the Housing Manager and here's the response:

"We're hoping to be onsite with this one next financial year (around Sept/Oct). We're hoping to submit a planning application reasonably soon and there is a lot of work going into aligning the project with Tay Cities Deal in terms, this will deliver a much higher energy efficiency standard for the properties but does bring some additional timescales to the project. We can look into whether



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parking can be restored although I suspect given the works that will need to happen onsite in the lead up to the construction starting, it may not be possible."

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

14th September 2023 @ 19:00hrs. Masonic Hall, 2 Dalhousie Street, Monifieth.