

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

