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GLAMIS & AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Glamis Kinnettes Douglastown Glen Ogilvie Charleston Roundyhill

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023 in the Masonic Hall in Glamis

Present :

E.Watson(Chair), J.Johnston (Secretary), C. Jackson(Treasurer), E.Walker Munro,R.Finlay, R.Dick, C.MacDiarmid, Cllr Proctor, Cllr Meechan, Inspector Haigh Community Police and various members of the communities.

Apologies

none

Action points

Unfortunately Cllr Mechan had missed the point in the last minutes where he was going to look into the problem of the footpaths along Glamis – Kirriemuir road and along the A94, however now that it has been brought to his attention he will take on the task. S.Dryden has been contacted by Cllr Proctor but as yet no response has been received

With regards to the Gardening Club's possible application for funding for replacement tubs further information has been received.Apparently the Gardening club has had a further discussion with regards to the replacement of the rotting tubs at the war memorial. The Gardening club have been lead to believe that the War Memorial site actually belongs to Angus Council and specific conditions and controls may apply and need to be met. With this in mind the Gardening club feel unable to proceed and don't wish to take on the responsibility of sourcing/purchasing items to be placed on ground belonging to Angus Council.

Action Pt: Cllr Meechan to enquire about what controls and conditions maybe in place. Any further discussion to be postponed till Joyce from the Gardening club is present.

With regards to the problem of a lack of grass cutting, apparently more than a metre from the roadside is not the responsibility of the Council.

Action pt: E.Walker Munroe is to contact A.Brough with regards to getting more than a metre cut.

E.Watson has investigated prices with regards to replacing various noticeboards, however R. Finaly came up with an alternative which cost less but still does the job efficiently. It was agreed to go ahead and purchase the less expensive alternative

E.Walker Munro has been in contact with Angus Council with regards to their housing policy and has had a reply saying that they may be able to attend a meeting in the New Year to explain their policy.

Matters arising from meeting on 18th September

Apparently there is an inaccuracy in the minutes produced in October. A Community Council suggested that they were inaccurate and wished for them to be amended as follows-

“suggested that attempts should be made to identify a resident from Charleston or Roundyhill who might be willing to be co-opted if indeed we need to co-op new members.“

Action pt: Secretary to amend the minutes as directed and re send them to Angus Council

A discussion then ensued as to whether or not the Community Council needed to coopt new members. As a Community council we can have up to 8 members and it was suggested that if we can have 8 members then we should have 8 members. Angus McMillan Douglas has expressed an interest in becoming a Community Councillor and a resident from Charleston, Mary Smith, has also been approached and agreed for her name to be put forward. According to our constitution any prospective candidate needs to attend the meeting and explain why he/she should become a member. Angus McMillan Douglas attended the meeting and spoke about how he wants to give back to the community and that after all his years as an Angus Councillor he knows who to contact with various problems. He was proposed by E.Walker Munro seconded by R.Finlay and with no objections A. McMillan became the 8th member of the community Council. It was pointed out that a Community Councillor had gone to some lengths to get a resident from Charleston to agree to put their name forward and what were they to do now that A.McMillan Douglas was coopted. R.Dick announced that come the New Year she was stepping down as a Community Councillor so the resident from Charleston could be coopted on at the January meeting. The Community Councillor agreed that this would be satisfactory.

Action pt: Secretary to contact the resident from Charleston with regards to being coopted on to the Community Council in January.

Minutes

Proposed R.Finlay Seconded: E.Walker Munro with amendment

Treasurer's Report

At present there is £8,409.24 in the Community Council account.

Of this, £1,796.20 “belongs” to the Gardeners' Group and Christmas Lights Fund is £1,090.17

In summary, the Community Council free funds amount to £5,522.87

Police Report

Inspector Haigh from the Community Police team attended and hopes to attend more in the future. It was pointed out to him that as a Community Council we are always a month behind with regards to getting the monthly Police report as it usually gets distributed to the various community councils the day after our meeting.

Action pt: Inspector Haigh to look into the possibility of us getting the Police report before the next Community Council meeting

Correspondence

The latest What's New in Angus and Voluntary Action Angus have been received. It was requested that the following items be added to the agenda:

1. Authorisation of Community Council fund payments - the council suggest that this continues as is at the moment but as a Community Council we need to ensure that there is a paper trail
2. Alternative venues for Community Council meetings – a suggestion was made that Community council meetings could be held in Charleston Hall once or twice a year and the Community Council agreed that this should be tried
3. The Community Council agreed to purchase a poppies for the planters at the War Memorial

Planning

There has been 1 planning application pertaining to our area:

Prior Notification for farm related building works (non residential) – Erection of a general purpose agricultural building

4 Plan of Thornton, Glamis DD8 1UA

Councillors Report

Cllr Proctor has been in touch with the Roads Dept with regards to flooding problems and is to contact them with regards to leaves round the castle.

Cllrs have been busy on council business

A.O.C.B

The village has been offered a 20ft Christmas for free. The only condition is that an advertising board be put up stating who donated the tree.

R.Finlay is to meet with the company. The Christmas lights have been erected but still need to be tested.

The benches in the village are to be painted by Community service people and they will also renovate the bus shelter and noticeboard

Action pt: Paint will be needed to be purchased for the painting of the benches.

Apparently SSEN are still progressing their programme for erection of giant pylons although very little has been heard from them. There is a possible consultation starting in December with regards to the actual positions of these pylons but nothing has come out officially. There is a possible change of the route taking the line away from Forfar but as yet there is nothing concrete. There is a group still pushing for the line to be put offshore.

A vote of thanks was given to E.Walker Munro for organising a very dignified Act of Remembrance.

Action pt: E.Walker Munro to contact Scottish National War Memorial with regards to some names which are not on the War Memorial

A vote of thanks was given to R.Dick for the many years she has given to the Community Council and the council wish her all the best for the future.

Next meeting will take place on Monday 15th January at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome.