

Minutes of a Meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at Hudson's Bar Brechin.

David Dewar took the chair and welcomed the company

Present

David Dewar, Douglas Murray, Ken Bruce, Garry Robertson , Robin Lee, Telmo Teixeira and Eric Gray.
Councillor Beattie (Angus Council)
PC Mckendrick (Police Scotland)
1 member of the Public

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Nicol and Scott (Angus Council) and Sandra Livingston (Communities Worker Angus Council)

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was proposed by Ken Bruce seconded by Douglas Murray that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2023 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising.

The Secretary said he contacted Angus Council with regard to the old Fire Station. But other than an acknowledge meant he had received no reply. Councillor Beattie said it was on forthcoming agendas. Community Council email addresses had been set up for all members. The Secretary had contacted Angus Council to get an indication of when SEPA and Angus Council would be finished with the flood modelling in order that a follow up meeting could be arranged but had received no reply. He will follow this up.

Treasurers Report .

The treasurer said the bank balance stood at £1663.08 with this year's grant of £535.98 having been received from Angus Council.

Planning Report.

There had been two planning applications in our area since the last meeting. Neither required commenting on.

Police Update.

P.C Mckendrick said that 41 crimes had been recorded in the Brechin area in November .

The breakdown is as follows

Group 1 - Crimes of violence, including murder, rape, extortion, serious assault, robbery – 0

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 0

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty - 9

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct –5

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 3

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking, - 18

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences –2

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 0

The Police continue to be concerned about Drugs Use, speeding and rural Crime.

Councillors Update.

Councillor Beattie said that most of the council work was concentrating on the flood recovery work. With cost for repairing roads and bridges across Angus estimated at £4million and the costs for housing and businesses probably many times that it is obvious that Angus Council does not have the resources to meet these costs. Talks about finance are ongoing with the Scottish Government.

Complaint Against Douglas Murray.

A complaint had been received from a member of the public regarding a Facebook comment by Douglas Murray regarding flooding compensation for business at Eastmill. The complainant felt that as Douglas's uncle and cousin own and operate one of the businesses he should have declared an interest.

After prolonged discussion, Ken Bruce proposed that as Douglas had no financial interest in the business and Community Councillors had no say in the award of compensation there was no conflict of interest, He was seconded by Telmo Teixeira and the motion was carried by 6 votes to nil with Douglas Murray abstaining. The Secretary will contact the member of the public informing him of the decision and advising him how to proceed if he wanted to take the matter further.

AOCB

The Brechin Bike and Trike event have been in contact to see if the CC Public Liability Insurance could be extended to cover there event in July 2024. The Secretary will consult with the risk assesment team at Angus Council to see if this is possible.

The Brechin Flood Group have the CC as a constituted group to sign a short term lease for 13 Swan Street Brechin to be used as a temporary as a furniture store to help victims of the recent flooding. The secretary will find out about cost and what would be involved a decision can then be made by email.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th February. Time and venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business David thanked the attendees and closed the meeting and 8.56pm.