

# **Minutes of a Meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Hudson's Bar Brechin.**

David Dewar took the chair and welcomed the company

## **Present**

David Dewar, Douglas Murray, Garry Robertson , Robin Lee, and Eric Gray.

Councillors Beattie and Scott (Angus Council )

Inspector Ahmed (Police Scotland)

1 member of the Public

## **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Ken Bruce, Telmo Teixeira, Councillor Nicol (Angus Council) and Sandra Livingston (Communities Worker Angus Council)

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

It was proposed by Gary Robertson seconded by Douglas Murray that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> 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 acknowledgement he had received no reply.

Councillor Beattie said it was on forthcoming agendas.

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.

We were unable provide Public Liability Insurance for the Brechin Bike and Trike Fest as the group is under the control of the Community Council.

We have signed a short term lease on 13 Swan Street to enable the Brechin Flood Group to use it as a base for delivering furniture to people affected by the floods.

The Secretary had contacted the person who made the complaint against Douglas Murray and advised them of the Community Councils decision and how to proceed further with the complaint if they were unhappy with the outcome. To date nothing further has been heard.

## **Treasurers Report.**

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £1663.08 with no outstanding commitments.

## **Planning Report**

The Planning Contact was not present but reported by email that there had been no planning applications affecting Brechin since the last meeting.

### **Police Update**

Inspector Ahmed reported that Sergeant Caroline Pattullo had been appointed as Community Sergeant for the Brechin/Montrose Area. Herris fencing has been erected round Brechin Police Station blocking access to the defibrillator attached to the building. The Inspector said he would look into this.

Recent crimes/issues in the Brechin area:

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Assessment period 01.01.24 – 31.01.24

In Montrose/Brechin section there were a total of 90 crimes recorded, of which 23 were specific to the Brechin area and 49 relate to Road Traffic offences within the area/A90.

The following is a breakdown of crime category in relation to these crimes:

Group 1 - Crimes of violence, including murder, rape, extortion, serious assault, robbery – 3

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 0

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty – 7

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 3

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 2

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking - 8

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 49

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 0

Emerging issues:

Speeding:

There continues to be concerns reported regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the

Local area, in particular 20mph speed zones.

Local Speed Initiatives will continue to be planned where possible and Road Policing Departments have

been notified of these continuing issues for extra attention.

Motorists will be warned regarding their use of speed and reported if necessary and further Initiatives will be planned in the future.

In addition, Speed deterrent measures will continue ('Pop up Jim and Jane' signage) to be used.

Ongoing work by Community Officers during February 2024:

Pitching in Program to Brechin High pupils and Maisondieu Primary  
Community Consultation within Brechin Fire station 13/02/24

### **Councillors Update.**

Councillors are busy working on the budget for the next financial year with savings having to be made across the board. They continue to assist flood victims in a variety of ways. New lighting is being installed in the Mechanic's Institute at a cost of £20,000,

### **AOCB**

H.M. The King was due to visit Brechin on 17<sup>th</sup> January but unfortunately this had to be postponed due to snow. It was agreed to write to His Majesty expressing regret at the postponement and wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

It was questioned why both accesses to Brechin were closed one way during the roadworks on the A90 and if some form of central reservation could be formed during future works. Councillor Beattie said he would look into this through his position in the MSP's office.

### **Questions from the Floor.**

A member of the public said there had been no consultation on the works on Dramachlie Loan. Seven trees had been cut down. Some local streets were without lighting. Parking on Dramachlie loan had been severely restricted and access for emergency vehicles would be nearly impossible. There seemed to be an issue with the railway embankment and nobody seemed to know where the utility pipes and cables were.

Councillor Scott said that there had been consultation before the works were begun. Removing the trees had been necessary to improve footpaths especially disabled access. New trees would be planted in due course. It had also been necessary to remove some lamp standards but again they will be replaced by new ones. The councillor will look into emergency vehicle access.

### **Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm in Hudson's Bar.

There being no further business David thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.