

Letham & District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on: 21st March 2024 at 7.30pm in Letham Feuars Hall

Present: Wendy Cameron, Karen Smith, Isobel Sword, Sandra Macrae, Cllr Nicoll, Debbie Dallas

Via Teams: Cllr Cowdy, David Lumgair Cllr Shepherd,

Apologies Gail Smith, Karen Kose, Tracy Andrews, Police

Absent Mhairi Dickson, Cllr Fairweather

Amendments to previous minutes:

- The litter pick is on Sunday 14th April, not 11th as in previous minutes
- In previous minutes where it is written 'The Feuars' it should have said 'The Feuars Committee'

Approval of Previous Minutes: proposed by: Sandra

seconded: Karen S

Matters Arising:

- **Police** – report shows 4 crimes of dishonesty and 2 traffic offences. There were 30 calls during February. They have also shared Information about a local and national campaign regarding Domestic Abuse: concerned friends and relatives now have a right to ask about the history of a partner. An application form is available from a police station or can be printed from online. Sandra raised the issue of the exploitation of Migrant Care Workers, a report from England shows that hard working migrant staff are being treated unfairly. Sandra requested that the Police conduct a report on Migrant Care Workers in Angus, although this may be the responsibility of the Care Inspectorate.

Action: Sandra to follow up seeking information regarding Migrant Care Workers

- **Cosgrove Award** – Wendy thanked the members of the Community Council who were in attendance and suggested that it is nearly time to nominate the recipient for 2024 – this will be discussed at the next meeting

Action: Isobel to give Karen S receipts for the refreshments

Action: Isobel to submit a photo and narrative to 'In The Pict-ure' about the Cosgrove Award and also include information on the Defibrillators

- **Defibrillators** – Karen S applied for a free Defibrillator, to go in Craiche, from the British Heart Foundation but had no reply yet. Money from Forfar Albion has now been transferred in to the account. The plan for the Pharmacy to have a Defibrillator located outside the building is not yet agreed – Wendy still to speak to Davidsons. Cllr Cowdy has put a request in to the Housing Department regarding Defibrillators on the outside of Council buildings, this has been chased up repeatedly but they are still busy from the previous storms.

Action: Cllr Cowdy to escalate request regarding Defibrillators on Council buildings

- **Litter** – Annual Litter Pick organised by the Feuars Committee will be on Sunday 14th April, 11.30am-2.30pm. All volunteers to meet at the Feuars Hall to be allocated an area – let the Feuars Committee know before the 9th April if you want to be given a specific area and they will bring the equipment to you. Plan is to include Dunnichen and Bowriefauld this year. Sandra suggested asking at the 'Warm Spaces' group for additional volunteers to do Jubilee Park area. With reference to the letter received previously by a Dunnichen resident there has been no further correspondence. Isobel suggested combining the litter pick with a letter box drop of a generic 'Dear Resident ...' letter.

Action: Isobel to print letters to be posted in letterboxes during the litter pick event

- **Funding** – Isobel contacted Mhairi Dickson (Community Officer) who is happy to meet with anyone who wants help with funding applications.

Action: Isobel to contact Mhairi Dickson and Rhonda McFarlane to arrange a date they are both available to meet

- **White Lines** – Karen S spoke to a council representative regarding permission for white lines and then spoke to Andy Barns, Team Leader Traffic. He sent an engineer out to see the situation and now both roads requested (Burnside onto Auldbar Rd and Old Letham onto Blairs Rd) will now be repainted at no cost to the Community Council as they have previously had white lines and these are just being reinstated. No date yet for when this will happen

Treasurer Report:

Footpath Account: £4028.92

Defibrillator Account: £1839.77

(will now include Forfar Albion money)

Community Council Account: £327.26

(payment has been made to the Information Commissioners Office)

(receipts for Cosgrove Award refreshments still to be paid)

- Isobel suggested continuing with the 'Parish Online' subscription (£50 for under 2000 residents and £100 for more – which Letham and District would be)
- In March 2023 an insurance premium for the ride on mower was paid so this may be needed again but Isobel has not yet received a reminder from them

Planning:

- Nothing to report

AOCB:

- Wendy questioned the Councillors present about the traffic cones on Blairs Road. Cllr Nicoll asked if Roads Department are sending updates to the Community Council but they are not so she will request this happens. There are due to be 10 days of road works on Dundee Road and Blairs Road for water and drainage pipes and also 5 days of works on Braehead Road from 18.03.24. Wendy requested an investigation in to the 3 random cones that are outside the pharmacy / Dunric (could be owned by a resident). Karen S asked about the rules regarding putting cones on a public highway

Action: Cllr Cowdy to find out about the cones on Blairs Rd

- Changes to the Recycling arrangements - Cllr Nicoll has put forward the suggestion by the Feuars Committee to use the space behind the Hotel and this has been accepted. Letham will be part of Phase 2 in October/November 2024. Cllr Nicoll asked for a named link with the Feuars Committee and Wendy suggested Ewan Cameron. Cllr Shepherd confirmed that according to their website the glass company previously suggested would cover Letham.
- Election date – 25th April – will be a 4th Councillor for the Community Council and details will be forwarded when the person is in post
- David raised concerns regarding the crossroads at Bractullo Mill Farm and The Gask where the water runs down the road and the problem needs to be

solved. Cllr Nicoll reported that this has been brought up repeatedly but with no progress yet.

Action – Cllr Nicoll to chase this up again

Close:

Wendy thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm