

Minutes of a Meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at Glebe Park Brechin

David Dewar took the chair and welcomed the company

Present

David Dewar, Garry Robertson, Douglas Murray and Eric Gray.
Councillors Beattie, Nicol and Scott (Angus Council).
P.C. Mc Kendrick (Police Scotland).
2 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Telmo Teixeira, Robin Lee,
Sandra Livingston and Hong Zang (Vibrant Communities Angus Council)

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was proposed by Garry Robertson, seconded by Douglas Murray that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2025 be adopted as a true and accurate record,

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising that would not be covered on the agenda.

Police Update.

P.C. McKendrick said there were 79 crimes in the area in February the breakdown is as follows:-

Group 1 - Crimes of violence, including murder, rape, extortion, serious assault, robbery – 2

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 3

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty – 11

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 8

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 10

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking - 14

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 31 (majority A90)

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 0

He also said that there continues to be concerns reported regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the Local area, in particular 20mph speed zones. Speed Initiatives will continue to be planned where possible and Road Policing Departments have been notified of these continuing issues for extra attention.

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

Constable Garnes and McKendrick attended at the Brechin High School Careers Fair where they engaged with various young people and discussed a career in Policing.

Constable McKendrick attended at JARS Community Centre drop in.

Due to operational matters focused speed checks in the area could not be carried out.

Ongoing work by Community Officers during March 2025

Community officers will now be carrying out the focused speed checks in the area during March.

Constable McKendrick is going to carry out Pitchin In Programme at Andover, Stracathro Junior Road Safety Officers and attend at Edzell Primary School Learning Café.

Treasurers Report.

The treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £1,550.54 with no outstanding commitments.

Planning Report.

There have been no significant planning applications for Brechin since the last meeting.

Councillors Update.

The Angus Council budget has set resulting in an 11% increase in Council Tax and charges for other services also being increased.

A general waste skip will be installed at Brechin Recycling Centre in April. Grants to Community Councils will be increased. Parking charges have been permanently removed from all Angus Council car parks and the payment machines will be removed. Extra money has been allocated for the maintenance of road signs bus shelters etc. An Angus Public Infrastructure fund will be established to fund things like coastal erosion. The Caledonian Railway in Partnership with Transport for Scotland are updating the level crossing near Andover School to make it disabled friendly. A new foot bridge is to be constructed adjacent to the Bog Road Bridge which is nearing the end of its useful life.

AOCB.

Several approaches have been made to the Community Council asking for support in objections to the proposed SSN overhead line from Kintore to Tealing. Agreed the Community Council will support this.

The Ride the North Cycle Event on 30th August 2025 is proposing to use Brechin High Street as a rest stop. This would involve closing the High Street and are asking for local opinion on this.

Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7.00pm at Glebe Park Brechin.

There being no firther business David thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

