

Minutes of a Meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at Glebe Park Brechin

David Dewar took the chair and welcomed the company

Present

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

Councillor Nicol (Angus Council).

P.C. Mc Kendrick (Police Scotland).

Sandra Livingston and Hong Zhang (Angus Council Vibrant Communities)

Mark Richardson and Brad Lowe (Dalhousie Estates and Glencaddam Distillery)

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Telmo Teixeira, Robin Lee, Councillors Scott and Beattie (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 March 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 reported that two teenagers had been arrested in connection with the recent serious fire in the old Maisondieu Church.

Other than crimes broke down as follows:-

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

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 1

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty – 10

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 11

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 6

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking - 25

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 5

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 1

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.

Acting Inspector Paul Walker will be the new locality Inspector from the beginning of April 2025.

Constable McKendrick has carried out the Pitchin In Programme at Andover Primary School, has carried out nursery visits explaining the role of the police and a One Punch One Life at Maisondieu Primary School.

Community officers will also be carrying out Safe Angus Event at Maisondieu Primary School which allows emergency services and partner agencies to provide talks to the pupils on different topics.

Presentation By Dalhousie Estate and Glencaddam Distillery

Mark Richardson and Brad Lowe gave a presentation on the proposed office, warehousing, bottling and transport complex for Glencaddam Distillery at the Brechin Business Park. A public information event will be held in the next few weeks. It was generally agreed that this would be a good thing for Brechin and would create local jobs.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer reported that the Bank Balance stood at £1550.54 with and outstanding commitment of £44.21 to maintain the website. An extra £200.00 is expected from Angus Council as a result of the increased funding for Community Councils in the recent budget.

Planning Report.

Apart from the Pre Application Notice for the proposed development at the Business Park there have been no planning applications affecting Brechin since the last meeting.

Councillors Update.

Discussions are ongoing on the future of flood relief in Brechin with some schemes being opposed by environmentalists. The old Leisure Centre and the Pipe Band hut will be demolished and suggestions are being sought for the future use of the land. In spite of past promises there has been no major funding from the Scottish Government. Councillors expressed concern about the lack of information. A new committee has been set up to deal with the backlog of repairs to Angus Council housing stock.

AOCB.

A revised survey form into possible improvement to the BMX track was approved. An online version will be available on goggle forms with paper copies being available in various shops throughout the City. An information stall will be taken at the Brechin Pageant on 6th June and the survey will run from then until the School Summer holidays begin on 27th

June. A meeting will be arranged soon to discuss the details and provide Community Councillors with VOCE training. There has been no further contact regarding the Ride the North cycle event in August.

Questions from the Floor.

There were no questions from the floor.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.00pm at Glebe Park Brechin.

There being no further business David thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 8.53pm