



Minutes of a meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in the Brechin Community Campus.

Susan Barr took the Chair and welcomed the attendees. The Convenor stated that the Community Council would be making no comment or answering any questions on the recent social media allegations about the behaviour of a member.

Present.

Susan Barr, David Dewar, Paul Wright, Mary Anderson, Jim Sherrit and Eric Gray
Councillors Myles and Houston (Angus Council)
Sgt Renilson and P.C. Martin (Police Scotland)
Four members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from, Steve Dempsey, Jill Scott and Shelia May.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

The Secretary was not present at the last meeting and another member had taken the minutes. However no typed copy was available.

Matters Arising

- **Recycling** The city of Brechin and Area Partnership had held a meeting with the manager responsible recycling. Various options for extending the hours at the skip site were explored, along with more use being made of Community recycling centres. A Further meeting would be arranged in the near future.
- **Dog Fouling Bags.** The Community Council had agreed to support a local person who was making dog fouling bags available on lampposts. It was agreed we would donate £100.00 worth of bags and the Treasurer would look into sourcing.
- **Micheal Jackson's Workshop** The Secretary had written to Angus Council Chief Executive and had received a reply saying that the Council were continuing to negotiate with Mr Jackson.

Police Update.

Sgt Renilson said that there were 79 crimes reported in the Brechin Area from 24th February till 23rd March with 40% being road traffic offences. There are no major trends but thefts from sheds and garages are continuing and the message is to make sure these premises are well secured.

Parking continues to be a problem which the Police are dealing with when they can. A new warden system is being introduced shortly with Community and Dog wardens being empowered to issue parking tickets.

People riding motor cycles off road in the Public Park had been identified and dealt with. Information from the public had been vital in this matter and the Sergeant asked that any information about this or incident be reported by dialling 101 with as much information as possible.



He said he would look into reports of vandalism and illegal motor cycle riding near Craig Pool which was causing upset to anglers and again asked that all information be passed on.

It is hoped a publicly accessible defibrillator would be installed at Brechin Police Office.

The Community Policing Team are to run surgeries in the area which will be advertised in the local press and on social media.

Councillor's Update

Traffic Calming measures were to be introduced in Duke Street with five 75mm speed bumps being installed.

They had nothing else to report as Angus Council is winding down towards the election on 4th May.

Charges for Community Council Meetings.

The Secretary said he had been advised by Angus Alive that the Community Council would no longer enjoy free lets at the Community Campus. The charges would be £12.00 per hour. He had contacted the Community liaison Officer about this but had not yet received a reply. He said he would keep members advised and would look in charges at other venues in the meantime.

Proposed Brechin Development Trust

It has been proposed that the City of Brechin and Area Partnership become a Development Trust for the area. To explain further what this entailed a meeting with the Development Association Scotland Trust had been arranged for 6.30pm on Tuesday 9th May in the Community Campus. The Community Council were invited to send representatives.

Reports

- **Convenor.** Susan Barr said she most of her report had been covered in the Agenda. The Park Group had contacted her about publicity for the outdoor gym in the Public Park.
- **Secretary** Eric Gray said he nothing major to report and continued to share all correspondence with members.
- **Treasurer.** Jill Scott had sent her apologies and a report saying the Community Council was in a healthy state financially. She also said that she was preparing the accounts for auditing.
- **Planning Contact.** Paul Wright said he had nothing to report.

AOCB. A member of the public said that during works by Scottish Water in Montrose Street the water was sometimes cut off without warning. Councillors will look into this.

A member of the public said she had nearly been struck by an HGV while crossing the A935 near the Brechin Castle Centre. She had written to Angus Council asking what proposals they had for pedestrian safety. They had replied saying that there was good visibility for both pedestrians and drivers at the bus stop crossing point and the road did not meet the criteria for improved crossing facilities or a reduced speed limit.



It was again mentioned that wheelchair users could not see over the new wall at River Street and could windows be installed. The Secretary will write to Angus Council to ask for this to be done.

A member of public said he felt that by not discussing the social media allegations against a member of the Community Council was condoning his actions. The member of the public asked that his comments be minuted. Susan Barr explained she had taken advice from Angus Council Community Liaison Team and a meeting had been arranged between the parties concerned.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Community Campus. Please note this will be in the General Purpose Room on the Ground Floor.

There being no further Business Susan thanked the Attendees and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.