

## **Monikie and Newbigging Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Brian Boyd, Cllr Mark McDonald

#### **Members Present**

Iain Richmond, Hamish Evatt, George Winslow, Betty Winslow, David Anderson, Caroline Richmond, BobNess

#### **Councillors Present**

David Cheape

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May were read and agreed. Proposed by David Anderson and seconded by Hamish Evatt.

#### **Police Liaison**

There was no representative at the meeting from Police Scotland. The members of the Community Council recognised that operational requirements must take precedence.

#### **Councillors Questions and Answers**

Cllr David Cheape gave a very informative update as to the composition of the newly formed council which following the election is comprised of 50% new councillors.

An induction programme took place for all members across all directorates and training days were organised in all aspects of local government. We were informed that all 3 of our area councillors took the opportunity to attend almost all of these days.

All the committees have now been formed and Cllr Cheape explained in detail his position re his representation of Carnoustie and District on Administration.

#### **Actions Points from Last Meeting**

##### *Monikie/Crombie Core Path*

Iain Richmond reported that all the landowners involved had been consulted and that one landowner had not agreed to the plan. The committee have now closed this.

### *Existing Core Path*

Dave Anderson has in hand the work to be done in laying mesh on the bridge .

It was raised that the accessing of the beginning of the path from the hall to the Denfind Farm entrance presents a problem as there is no pavement and necessitates walking along the roadside.

This project would require funding and further information would be needed regarding this.

Some information was given by Caroline Richmond as to accessing the path from behind the school and Camus place.

### *Removal of Bus Shelter*

This project was estimated to cost between £5,000 and £10,000 and funding would be the deciding factor if this project is to be viable.

Bob Ness suggested Awards for All from the Lottery.

Caroline Richmond will get estimates for this work and investigate applying for this funding.

### *Speed Limit Signs*

Cllr Boyd will report on this.

### *Defibrillators*

The funding for this was discussed. Bob Ness suggested crowd funding where money raised will be matched by the council up to £1200.

Other ideas which have worked with local groups were put forward such as table top sale, fun days where a charge was made and car boot sale.

This project will be discussed at future meeting.

### **Secretary's Report**

Until this post is filled the duties will be taken by appropriate members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Hamish reported that the annual grant from Angus Council of £740 had been received and the balance to date was £872.10.

He indicated that the annual sum for insurance and hire of hall for meetings was around £500.

## **Planning Report**

George Winslow distributed copies of planning applications and explained that the reason for 2 applications at Pitairlie Farm was the existence of a doocot on the site which is to be included in the building works and the change of use to a garden area in construction.

Hamish raised an issue regarding the site of the curling pond which has recently been put up for sale. Iain had more information regarding this and he briefly outlined some history of the site which was used as a curling pond from 1948/49 till around 1960 by the Monikie Curling Pond Association.

The Community Council will maintain an interest in the future of this site.

Iain Richmond informed the meeting that Angus Council were to confirm the ownership of the grassy area at the entrance to Broomwell Gardens.

## **Citizen Award**

Iain Richmond suggested that the Community Council sponsor a Citizen Award as a new project for next year and discussion took place as to what categories may be appropriate and how they might be presented.

It was agreed that this would be a worthwhile project and at the next meeting ideas will be discussed.

## **Wi-Fi**

The chairman noted that the Memorial Hall does not have wi-fi and discussion took place as to the benefits of this.

Bob Ness informed the meeting of the use Angus council is making of local facilities where internet access is available and the accessibility that affords to the public. As this can also make premises attractive to businesses as meeting places the financial benefits are clear.

It was agreed to make this suggestion to the hall committee and Iain will attend their next meeting.

## **A.O.C.B.**

The chairman raised a concerning issue regarding personal postings on the public comment page of the Community Council Facebook page.

As this use of this page is for the benefit of the community inappropriate comments will be removed and a statement regarding the monitoring of this will be posted.

Bob Ness brought to the attention of the meeting the Locality Plan Discussion Document for Carnoustie Monifieth and Sidlaw and issued copies of this to members. On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 there will be community stands and discussion opportunities in Carnoustie, Monifieth and Sidlaw. He emphasised that the opinions of members of the public are very important and can change plans.

**Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

