

## **Monikie and Newbigging Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**

#### **Apologies**

Cllr. Brian Boyd and Cllr. David Cheape

#### **Members Present**

Iain Richmond, Caroline Richmond, Betty Winslow, George Winslow, Hamish Evatt, Dave Anderson, PC Fiona Allardice (Police Scotland), Cllr. Bill Bowles, Bob Ness (Angus Council) and Jim Marshall (Secretary).

(Mrs. Steel, a member of the public was also in attendance and contributed fully to various discussions.)

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 February were read and agreed.

#### **Police Liaison**

Fiona Allardice (Police Scotland) gave a review of matters which were causing concern in the rural areas. This included the theft of a quad bike, sightings of suspicious vehicles and low-level disturbances being caused by some young people. She advised that sensible precautions should be taken by all to keep belongings safe. The meeting was informed of the finding of suspected drug paraphernalia in Monikie and Fiona stressed that, if in the future other such discoveries are made, the relevant authorities should be informed and involved in the disposal of these items.

Fiona also felt that a short contribution from Police Scotland in any future Community Newsletter would be of benefit to the readers.

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

Jim reported that Cllr. Brian Boyd had telephoned him to advise that he had been in contact again with the appropriate person in Angus Council regarding the Newbigging School speed warning lights. It was now believed that water had entered the control box and was causing the problems relating to incorrect timing of operations.

### **Actions from last meeting.**

Iain reported that despite an appeal on the Community Council Facebook page there had been no response.

The completed Newsletter was supplied to members by Hamish. Members thought the end result was excellent. He was warmly congratulated and thanked for his hard work. It was agreed that the Scout Group would distribute a copy to each household and a donation of £150 be made to the Scout Group Funds. In addition several members of the Community Council agreed to deliver copies to more outlying properties.

A consultation with landowners regarding the Monikie /Crombie Core Path had still to be undertaken.

A discussion regarding the feasibility of dealing with the repair and moving of the Monikie School bus shelter, the supply of a defibrillator and also the provision of flower tubs resulted in the decision that the bus shelter would be a short-term project with a longer-term goal to provide a defibrillator. Bob agreed to investigate if there was any funding stream that we could approach. It was felt that the flower tubs would wait until next year when they could be manufactured, planted and arrangements for watering finalised. Jim said he would contact the Men's Shed (Sandy Wallace) to advise.

It was agreed to spend £47 purchasing chicken wire which would be affixed to the wood on the bridge on the Core Path from Newbigging to Monikie, so reducing the risk of walkers slipping. Dave kindly offered to do the work.

The Committee decided to close the item regarding the High Hedges Act since the matter was now being dealt by solicitors on behalf of several of the residents involved.

It was noted that the damaged dog mess bin in Newbigging had been repaired.

### **Secretary's Report.**

There was nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

Hamish reported that the current balance stood at £302.10. This was after the payment of £279 for the printing of the Newsletter and the £150 donation to the Scout Group.

**Planning Report.**

**Field North Of No 10 Hillhead Road West, Monikie.**

A consultation from Angus Council regarding an application for a change of use from Grass Paddock to Plant and Machinery Storage including the Alteration of Ground Levels and Associated Engineering Works.

Jim (secretary) was in the process of expressing an interest when Mrs. Steel interjected stating that he “shouldn’t even be here”. Cllr Bill Bowles also indicated that he should leave the room. Jim did so. He returned after approximate 15 minutes but made no contribution to the discussions.

Mrs. Steel remained in the room.

The following minute regarding this item was recorded in Jim’s absence by Betty Winslow:-

Mrs. Steel attended and made various points regarding a previous planning application. These points were noted by the committee.

Jim was not invited to address the committee as a member of the public. The committee having heard at length from Mrs. Steel (the wife of the applicant), and without any other submission being made, decided not to make a comment to Angus Council regarding this consultation.

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

Mrs. Steel expressed concern that as Iain was cutting the grass outside Broomwell Gardens there could be a risk of litigation should a member of the public be injured. Clarification of the facts was given and it was explained that the Community Council did have public liability insurance cover.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7pm.