

## **Monikie and Newbigging Community Council**

### **Minutes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

#### **Members Present**

Iain Richmond, Hamish Evatt, George Winslow, Betty Winslow, Caroline Richmond, Cllr Mark McDonald, Cllr Brian Boyd, Steve Wilson (Police Scotland)

#### **Apologies**

Dave Anderson, Cllr David Cheape

The chairman welcomed Ian Ray, a member of the public.

#### **Police Liaison**

Constable Steve Wilson, Community Officer, gave a report of criminal activity in the area involving shoplifting, drug related offences and break-ins.

He highlighted the problems caused by the prevalence of drugs available in high schools and indicated that through the Challenge Fund bid £10 – 11,000 would become available soon for the purposes of Police involvement in drug education in schools.

The subject of neighbourhood security was discussed and he firmly emphasised several aspects of security:

Locking of vehicles on roadways and in private drives.

Locking of garden sheds.

Security lighting and burglar alarms.

Switching on timer lighting between 1.30 pm and 11pm.

Reporting any suspicious vehicles or individuals immediately to the Police.

The issue of the access to the park during the night was discussed and Constable Wilson agreed to discuss the situation regarding the locking of gates with the rangers and report back to the C/C.

Constable Wilson brought to our attention that funding for free football coaching had been secured.

This will take place in Wellbank on a Friday night starting in April 2018 – date to be confirmed - and is open to children in this area from primary school and year 1 secondary.

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

The councillors gave an update with regard to the recycling provision and indicated that there is no resolution to the situation despite 4 reviews since May, only one main decision having been taken at a cost of £250,000.

Reviews of operation of individual sites have raised certain issues eg. the size of trailers allowed.

The number of operating sites has yet to be decided but Monifieth centre will continue to operate meantime.

The issue of parking outside the park entrance has been resolved and double yellow lines will be instated. This was scheduled for end of October/beginning of November.

Cllr Cheape e-mailed with information on 3 tasks he is dealing with.

1. He has succeeded in getting roadside painting done at the Guildy Den corner of the B961.
2. He is dealing with the lack of street lighting in Sanderson Place, Newbigging.
3. He is unsure if the offer of the defibrillator move from Angus Alive will be an Option as the procedure seems very convoluted.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Hamish indicated that the balance stood at £563.24 , two recent items of expenditure being annual insurance of £175.24 and £33 for a wreath for Armistice Day.

### **Planning report:**

George circulated details of 3 applications. There were no issues discussed.

The application for the camping site at Denfind was discussed. It was noted that The Courier did not give the correct location in the newspaper report.

The Woodland Trust objected on the grounds that ancient woodland was involved but the latest report suggests that the only individual trees involved are at the entrance and are at the end of their viable life. The woodland area directly involved is a commercial spruce plantation.

Hamish raised the issue of notification and informed us that only immediate houses were notified. George will seek clarification on this point for next meeting.

There appears to be no opposition locally.

**Denfind Stone:**

A letter was received from Brian Binnie to invite members of the C/C to visit Denfind Stone and hear about future plans for the business.

They also have offered to try and relocate their defibrillator at a convenient site which would benefit the community.

This and other issues of mutual benefit would be discussed at such a meeting.

It was agreed to accept this offer and Iain will arrange the time and date of the meeting with Leanne Yates.

**AOCB:**

**Bus Shelter:**

Ian Ray raised the issue of the bus shelter and was updated on this and the financial reasons for abandoning this project. He seemed keen to pursue this and agreed to look into the issues of removal and relocation.

**Armistice Day:**

Iain will meet with the new church minister to coordinate arrangements for this.

Dave Anderson volunteered to lay our wreath on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Iain informed us that Struan Gorie, bugler, will play The Last Post at the ceremony.

The church will provide soup and teas after.

**Monikie School:**

Caroline informed us of a forthcoming event at the school.

**Winter Wonderland Event - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10am - 12pm in the school gym hall.**

P6/7 will be running a coffee morning at this event and the charity supported will be Guide Dogs.

**Date of next meeting; Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2017**

