

MONIKIE AND NEWBIGGING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING : Wednesday 2nd May 2018

Members/Councillors Present:

Iain Richmond, Hamish Evatt, George Winslow, Betty Winslow, Dave Anderson, Caroline Richmond, Cllr. Brian Boyd, Cllr. Mark McDonald.

Iain welcomed Neil Pryde from Police Scotland and Alistair Harbison, advisor to C/C

Apologies:

Cllr. David Cheape

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were approved by Hamish Evatt and seconded by Dave Anderson.

Matters arising:

These will be covered under other agenda items.

Councillors Questions and Answers:

Parking Charges:

Cllrs Boyd and McDonald listed the changes proposed for on street and Angus car parks charges and commented that projections of the money generated from these had been completed for this year and the next.

Discussion took place about the length of the free waiting period, the issue of residents parking on street and the granting of resident permits.

The situation with regard to the effect on small businesses was also explored and the reaction of supermarkets to the displacement of cars from on-street to their car parks.

Brian gave examples where the supermarkets had introduced parking ticket machines in their car parks when street charges were introduced.

Monifieth was cited as an example where there were few limited time spaces but the presence of Tesco car park seemed to be advantageous to the local shops.

The subject of the long standing parking charges in the Monikie and Crombie parks was discussed. As there were no charges for parking made at other similar sites run by Angus Alive it was felt that there should be a consistency of approach and that the same rate should apply to all sites.

Betty was asked to convey this last point to the Council by means of the Consultation on the reintroduction of car park charges in Angus before the end date of 8 May 2018.

It was noted that individuals may take part in this consultation on the Angus website before this date.

Amenity Sites:

Iain expressed concerns over the problems being experienced at these sites highlighting closures during advertised opening times for maintenance.

A question was asked if maintenance could not be done out with specified opening times but safety issues obviously dictate that the public cannot have access during movement of plant.

Shorter hours of opening seem to result in more focus in a lessened time scale and skips being filled more quickly resulting in more movement and extended maintenance closure.

Cllr Cheape has been successful in achieving a result that one of the sites will be open in the evening during the summer months.

Again the subject of the Dundee regulations having an effect on Angus sites was raised. In Dundee trailers are only allowed a visit once a month and so more Dundee residents are using Angus sites. Angus residents have been able to apply for trailer use at Baldovie with success.

The point was raised that the Monifieth site was only saved for one year and that if it were closed greater pressure will be put on the Carnoustie site.

Fly-tipping was reported to be on the increase and the request that a notice be erected in Monikie as described in previous minutes was raised.

Cllr Boyd agreed to have a site visit with Hamish who had been the instigator of this idea and this has been arranged.

Cllr Cheape had received a reply from planning re fly tipping at the curling pond site to the effect that the owner had been contacted with a request to remove the bags.

Guildy Corner:

Cllr Cheape had been successful in arranging repainting of white lines.

Denfind Brae:

This is still ongoing with Iain and Cllr Cheape and Cllr McDonald will liaise with them re the exact ownership of land on both sides of the road.

Police Report:

Neil Pryde is now our Police liaison officer and will be supervising the moving of the Police office in Monifieth. The present office will be closed on 9th May 2018.

He gave a Police report for April and was pleased to inform the meeting of the successful detection rate in the clearing up of a number of housebreaking crimes in the rural area.

A recent crime had been witnessed and vital information given that resulted in several crimes being attributed to one offender who was arrested.

The witness has been recommended for a commendation from the Chief constable for his valuable contribution in catching this offender.

It had been in general a good month in terms of anti-social crime, vandalism and assaults but **opportunistic thefts and rural crime continue.**

In the outlying Monikie and Newbigging area there was a housebreaking to shed, theft from a coin box and one drugs case reported.

The key theme is always security and crime prevention.

Details of the recent local crimes in the area can be seen in the copy of the Police report to the C/C included with the minutes in the Telephone box at the Village Hall.

Unfortunately we had to report to Sgt Pryde that all the information documents in the Telephone box had been removed by persons unknown and this will be regarded as vandalism.

This is not the first time this has occurred but the minutes of the C/C for April and future meetings will be available there for public information again.

Information about the forthcoming triathlon event was conveyed to Sgt Pryde by Hamish who had liaised with the organisers (C/C Minutes 4th April 2018).

Iain had a communication from a member of the public re speeding of commercial vehicles through Newbigging and conveyed this to Sgt Pryde. This particular issue had been the subject of Police and council action in the past and findings were already a matter of record.

Sgt Pryde was also asked for advice and information about speed regulation solutions. There is a marked increase in the numbers of young children in Broomwell Gardens and with the summer approaching and observations by council members of the need for vehicle drivers to significantly reduce their speed it was felt to be an area for action.

The road configuration especially on the corners where visibility is poor gives great concern.

The 30 mile an hour limit was felt to be inappropriate in the present circumstances and Sgt Pryde has agreed to inform the C/C as to procedures for reducing this limit.

The chairman thanked Neil for his first contribution to the C/C.

Planning Report:

George reported that there were no applications.

Betty had enquired of Fraser McKenzie of planning what the current planning status was for the site Ref: 501386 – the land opposite the former Monikie shop premises.

The reissue of the pre-planning application in Jan. 2014 had expired in 2017 and at present there was no extant planning.

It was noted that this land is now for sale.

Treasurer's Report:

Hamish reported that the balance was £443.24 at 02/05/18 with the annual grant from Angus Council still awaited.

Curling Pond Update:

Alistair Harbison gave an update on information re this item. The prosecution of the owner is at present being prepared by The Forestry commission and despite the owner applying for

liquidation of his company the liability remains with him, the named owner when the offence was committed.

Discussion took place as to a community group registering an interest if site is offered for sale and Alistair agreed to take responsibility for investigating this and liaising with the C/C.

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Defibrillator:

Iain gave an update about this. He was delighted to report that the defibrillator which was given to the community by Denfind Stone was now in place in the telephone box at the village hall and 11 people had already volunteered for training.

This will be conducted by Dr J. Rodger and Iain is arranging for a date and time for this at the village hall.

Overview Experience:

This is the festival described in previous minutes which was to take place in the Monikie Park this year.

Betty contacted Gavin Gowans who informed her that a decision had been made to change the date to Autumn 2019.

He appreciated the support shown for the idea in principal and will furnish the C/C with details in due course.

C/C Membership:

Iain informed members that the procedure for welcoming a new member to the Council will be followed in the next 14 days with members being balloted.

Date of Next Meeting:

WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 2018

