

**MONIKIE AND NEWBIGGING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING : WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**Members/Councillors Present:**

Iain Richmond, George Winslow, Betty Winslow, David Morrison, Cllrs David Cheape and Brian Boyd.

**Apologies:**

Alison Binnie and Cllr Mark Mac Donald

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes were approved by Iain Richmond and George Winslow

**Matters Arising:**

New Members:

David Morrison was welcomed as a new member and Caroline Richmond was accepted as a co-opted member.

Office Bearers:

Chairman – Iain Richmond  
Secretary – Betty Winslow  
Treasurer – Alison Binnie  
Planning – George Winslow

Previous Members:

It was unanimously agreed that formal letters of thanks be sent to Jim Marshall, Dave Anderson and Hamish Evatt in recognition of their past commitment and contribution to the work of the Community Council.

**Councillors' Questions and answers:**

Repairs to Kerbing:

Again the poor standard of work carried out was brought to the attention of the meeting and Caroline presented photographs of this and safety issues were raised. Caroline will send these photos to Cllr Boyd who will pursue this matter.

Pitairlie Brae:

A request had been submitted to the roads department in light of concerns over safety resulting from damage sustained during the last snow clearance, the general state of the verges and the nature of the landscape being precipitous on either side of the road.

The ownership of the land and the lack of priority seem to be in question and David and Brian will contact Cllr MacDonald who was at the site meeting regarding this case and endeavour to obtain an update.

David Morrison raised an issue regarding the corner in the village at the top of Panmure Road leading to the bridge and Kirkton Road. He wanted to clarify if reconfiguration of the road at this point had ever been on the plan when the granary site was developed for housing.

This corner can be a problem for drivers due to poor visibility and parking at times.

Some research is needed to refer to previous plans before any relevant discussion can take place. When reference numbers are sourced councillors can proceed with clarifying position.

### **Police Report:**

Constables Steve Wilson and Matthew Oliver attended the meeting and in the absence of a printed Police report for October gave an update of relevant events.

There have been a number of changes within the area and these will appear in the next report.

A number of calls were made to the Police mostly concerning road problems.

Crombie Park reported theft of money from the cairn in the car park and were advised to empty this on a daily basis to deter thieves.

Two males acting suspiciously were reported in Newbigging but the presence of the householder deterred any crime being committed.

There had been two incidents involving young people which had been resolved quickly.

He cited crimes in the Tealing area which is similar to ours where there were 2 thefts of trailers and a housebreaking where the perpetrators were caught.

Constable Wilson gave an update on the success of The Challenge Fund which involved the pupils of Carnoustie and Monifieth High Schools.

Pupils took part in sports training and dance activities and this was especially relevant to young people who had for various reasons become disengaged from school and appropriate behaviour.

Feedback from the schools was very positive there being an improvement in behaviour.

Constable Wilson commented on the good relationship they have with the schools.

### Safe Drive Stay Alive

This initiative is aimed at young drivers, the target group being sixth year pupils and new college entrants and highlighted the dangers faced by new and inexperienced drivers.

Transport was provided from Carnoustie and Monifieth to The Reid hall in Forfar where participants experienced what was reported as an intensive session of activities and presentations aimed at making them aware not only of the dangers of irresponsible driving but also the devastating impact on families whose children have been victims of accidents.

Various agencies were involved including Radio Tay.

Constables Wilson and Oliver and Cllrs Cheape and Boyd had first hand experience of this event and gave positive reports regarding the impact on the young people taking part.

On completion of this positive report Constable Wilson asked if we would make the community aware of precautions which can be taken to deter crime as criminals are coming into this area at all times looking for opportunities to commit offences especially theft.

It was agreed that a previous list should be included in these minutes.

He emphasised the following:

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 officers were thanked for taking time to provide the meeting with a very comprehensive report particularly as both were on active duty.

### **Planning Report:**

George gave details of 2 planning applications received both for the stable block in Panmure Estate

Ref: 18/00821/FULL and 18/00822/LBC

**Curling Pond Update:**

Both George and Alister Harbison had received communication from Graeme Dey MSP to inform them that the Forestry Commission is still waiting to hear from the Government Reporter on the matter.

**Tree Preservation in Village;**

George reported that the request for a T.P.O. on the site Ref: 13 / 01070 / Full had been responded to by Planning initially but despite an e-mail to request an update on action taken to be provided for consideration of the meeting no response has been forthcoming.

The meeting was not satisfied with this and instructed him to forward details to Alan Mc Keown , Strategic Director – Place.

George emphasised the importance of being pro-active in such situations as the inadequacies of the law can readily lead to detrimental activity by developers as was the case in relation to the Curling Pond.

Angus Council is committed to protecting trees (Ref: The Policy Framework – Part 2 Policy PV7) and should be obliged to respond positively to requests.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The balance on 1<sup>st</sup> November was £3,299.24 and Hamish Evatt, retiring treasurer, presented a bank statement and correspondence to pass to Alison Binnie. This total includes the grant money from Carnoustie Golf Links for the purchase of new notice boards for the villages.

**C/C Projects:**

**Noticeboards**

Hamish had reported that the first firm considered had been slow to send details and so new options have to be explored. Information will be gathered by members for the next meeting. Betty and Iain both have names of suitable companies and details of options.

**Memorial**

The addition of WW2 fallen to the memorial stone was agreed by the new council and details of costs and funding will be prepared.

**Community Walking Group**

Iain Richmond has been in discussion with village residents about the establishment of a community walking group and Brian White and Ian Stephenson are willing to organise this. The chairman will liaise with them and they will gather information about setting up and funding this group.

There was agreement about the health and social benefits of this to residents.

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

##### Children's Christmas Party

Lynn Duncan, Jolie Tocher and Caroline Richmond from the village presented to the meeting the idea of a fund raising event for a Christmas party for the children in the area.

They had, under the banner of the school PTP, raised funds last year for the school by having a Santa journey round Monikie. Their intention this year was to have the support of the C/C to stage a similar event for the purpose of organising a party in the village hall with an entertainer and the usual party activities.

They will take the full responsibility for organising this event and will submit to the C/C a breakdown of the cost involved.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that the C/C would donate £150 as a contribution towards sponsoring the children's entertainer.

##### Telephone/Broadband

Betty raised the subject of reception quality and line disruption she had experienced and reported that she had learned that the problem was wider spread and had spoken to an engineer working on this in Broomwell Gardens. Her server is at the moment endeavouring to solve this.

Other members were becoming aware of the deterioration of the service in the village and general area.

Experience of the dissatisfaction of the Openreach service was shared and Iain agreed to post on facebook a request for input from the residents. Information will be gathered as to how to effectively raise a complaint and the names of the agencies who may be helpful in generating a satisfactory outcome. The general agreement was that a detailed response from Openreach about the reasons for the deterioration in service was required.

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**