

**MONIKIE AND NEWBIGGING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING : WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**Members/Councillors Present:**

Iain Richmond, George Winslow, Betty Winslow, Alison Binnie, David Morrison, Cllr. David Cheape, Cllr Mark MacDonald, Cllr. Brian Boyd.

**Apologies:**

Caroline Richmond

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes were approved by David Morrison and George Winslow

**Matters Arising:**

Co-opted Members:

David McGovern was accepted as a co-opted member.

Pitairlie Brae:

This issue was looked at during a site visit by the roads department and Cllr MacDonald which also involved 2 other road safety concerns.

There is still doubt about the ownership of land around the site , the original purpose of the wooden fence and the responsibility to maintain this as well as solutions to the problem of the dangers posed by the deterioration of the verges and the sheer drop adjacent to the road.

Cllr. Cheape suggested that the danger posed to cars because of this deterioration should be emphasised.

This area has been the scene of a few fatal accidents in the past.

Cllr MacDonald will re-visit this issue and endeavour to clarify the points raised during discussion.

The problem of parking in the road at the village hall is still posing a danger to traffic as overtaking parked cars leads to motorists driving on the right of the carriageway directly towards any cars turning the corner into Panmure Road. These cars can be travelling at speed due to the nature of the approach.

Members discussed this , giving their observations recently , including the fact that although on one occasion there were parking spaces in the hall car park and plenty

road space further up Panmure Road cars were still parking in the above area of concern.

The meeting agreed that the placing of double yellow lines would at least help to alleviate this.

Although after the original site visit there was no intention of providing yellow lines Cllr MacDonald is arranging to have a member of the roads department revisit this.

Pavements:

This issue is still ongoing and Cllr Boyd is attending to this.

Telecommunications:

The response to the request for information on the problems faced by residents in our area with telephones and broadband was very useful to our chairman , Iain , who has been pursuing this with various agencies.

Iain detailed his actions.

He wrote to Michael Matheson MSP, the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity who responded and now awaits correspondence from the relevant officer.

The response from BT was deemed unsatisfactory and it was agreed to pursue this with Openreach as to how to get a better service.

Iain is putting all relevant information on MNCC Facebook.

The poor service is not only affecting households but local businesses. It was reported that some have had to install satellite systems to be able to operate effectively.

### **Councillors' Questions and answers:**

Introduction of Parking Charges:

There was discussion as to the current situation with Councillors asking for feed back from members.

The main issue seemed to be the lack of detail presented to the public and the length of time taken to sort out the problems experienced.

Other issues were the necessity to use card payment instead of cash for what could be very short stay parking and the need to enter vehicle registration number .  
In general the whole system seems unnecessarily complicated in all respects.

Recycling Centres:

Iain commented on the courteous and helpful staff at the Carnoustie and Monifieth Centres.

The Councillors advised the meeting that these two centres had the top recycling rates in Angus but that despite their objections it was proposed to remove the general waste facility from them which would mean that Arbroath was the nearest facility for this.

Despite the fact that Arbroath, Forfar and Montrose had the poorest recycling rates they were to keep their general waste facility.

Discussion took place emphasising that recyclers in this area would be penalised for their commendable commitment to this by having to make another journey by car if they had mixed waste to dispose of.

The meeting conveyed to their councillors their support for an opposition to this decision.

**Police Report:**

No report had been forwarded for this month.

**Planning Report:**

George indicated that the following planning application had been received.

Planning Application Reference Number: 18/00875/PPPL

Erection of a dwelling house including the incorporation of existing garden ground and change of use and incorporation of adjacent land at the Nook, 1 Broomwell Gardens Monikie Dundee DD5 3QP.

As this land is a Right of Way the meeting felt it warranted discussion and a response.

The history of this area was explained to the meeting with an emphasis on Angus Council's involvement in maintenance of this Right of Way and the fact that residents in the street had contributed financially to the upgrading of the Right of Way and this part of Broomwell Gardens before adoption by the council.

It was pointed out that within the terms of the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967 Section 46 (1) encroachment and building was not permitted on a Right of Way.

Members of the public had raised concerns and objections with C/C members and these were discussed and noted.

It was agreed that a letter of objection to this application be sent from MNCC.

Tree Preservation:

George indicated that this is ongoing and we await communication from Planning.

Cllr MacDonald suggested that in the light of issues such as those relating to the Monikie Curling Pond the Council, in deliberations regarding the local development plan, should focus on identifying vulnerable wildlife sites within Angus for consideration thereby of applying appropriate conservation measures if required.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Alison had received all the accounts from previous treasurer.

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

WW2 Memorial:

Iain has the names to be added and will get a costing for next meeting.

Noticeboards:

Information had been obtained for discussion and decision in the New Year.

Walking Group:

No current information on this project is ready yet.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019 7PM IN MEMORIAL HALL**