



Minutes of a meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 6th March 2019 in the Brechin Community Campus.

Jill Scott took the chair and welcomed the company'

Present

Jill Scott, Steve Dempsey, Douglas Murray, Jocky McLean, Garry Robertson and Eric Gray.

Councillor Myles (Angus Council)

Andrew Mitchell and Mr Coloughn (Brechin High School)

1 member of the public.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from David Dewar, Mary Anderson and Councillor Nicol.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

There were no minutes of the last meeting available.

Skatepark and Half-Pipe.

Angus council have located the half-pipe and made it available for a Community Asset Transfer. It was agreed we would apply for this and Garry Robertson will complete the paperwork. If we are successful local businesses will be approached to do any necessary repairs. It is hoped this will lead to a permanent skate park in Brechin.

Parking Charges.

Cllr Myles updated the meeting regarding the new monthly and 3 monthly permits which will be available to buy from the 16th March. Discussions again around the cost of the permit at £260 per year. We had one of the school Captains in attendance, as they drive they had to pay £260 which they stated would be the equivalent of a years supply of books, stationary etc. It was a vast amount for a school pupil to pay. Cllr Myles said he would feedback to council.

South Esk Street Toilets.

Again we raised concern that these toilets are due to close (no firm date yet). £2400 is available to any group that wishes to take in the management and running if this facility, so far no groups have come forward. Angus Tourism Co-operative had hoped to bring a comfort scheme to Brechin through Flourishing Destinations but are unable to do so at this time due to lack of support. The Bus Stance facility is needed by anyone travelling to or through Brechin. It costs £8500 per year to keep this facility open, not too much to expect. Questions asked around the funding proposed of new build toilets in Forfar and Montrose. Update at next meeting.

Damacre Road Consultation.

Angus Council has consulted on making Damacre Road one-way from Southesk Street to City Road. With the majority of people consulted being against the proposal it will not be taken forward.



Waste and Recycling Centres.

Many People who are extremely angry that the general waste facility has been removed have contacted the Community Council. Questions have been asked around the savings to the council, especially as they will be hauling out waste back past Brechin to take it to Dundee. Disappointment was expressed that the council had not embarked on education rather than removing the waste skips. It is felt that the smaller burghs in Angus are being discriminated against with only the three larger burghs retaining general waste skips and seven day operating. It was also felt that this goes against Angus Councils policy on carbon emission reduction with the public having to travel further to dispose of their general waste.

Police Update

During the period from 01/01/2019 – 27/02/2019 there has been 160 crimes reported in the Brechin area which cover a variety of incidents. Included in these numbers are Vandalisms/Theft/Theft by Housebraking/Assault/Sexual Crimes/Fireraising/Anti Social behaviour/Drugs and Road Traffic Offences. Out of these crimes approximately 50% were detected.

There has been a number of complaints relating to anti social behaviour involving local youths including vandalism and threats. Fortunately the persons involved form part of a small group who are well known to the local community officers. These incidents are taken seriously and the public are encouraged to report any such incident which will be investigated thoroughly with action taken when evidence allows. The most concerning of these incidents related to vandalism being caused at Brechin Cathedral and youths meeting in large number for the purposes of fighting. Fortunately the persons involved in these incidents have been identified and those found responsible will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

During the review period there were a number of crimes under investigation in both Brechin and Montrose relating to Theft by Housebreakings to both domestic and commercial premises as well as sneak in thefts to vehicles. As a result of combined work between local officers and the divisional community impact team 3 males have been reported for these offences and will appear in court for trial in the coming months.

Concern has been raised relating to the content of messages on Facebook with regards to the current crime issues detailed above which are not acceptable. Comments such as name and shame can only cause problems and it is disappointing that persons are engaging in such activity. Any complaints of a criminal nature should be reported to the police

Councillors Update.

Councillor Myles said that the surgical unit at Stracathro Hospital was being upgraded and would begin treating patients from Aberdeenshire as well as Tayside. This will help to safeguard the future of the hospital. The Angus Council budget has been set with cuts having to be made to some services. The former Flicks building in the High Street has been sold to a private developer and we await progress.

Health Group Update.

The Health Group's Community Asset Transfer Application for the Infirmary Building will be submitted this month. They are arranging a meeting with NHS



Tayside management. The Health Group have expressed an interest in acquiring the Phone Box in Dramachlie Loan from the Community Council.

Dubton Farm Development.

Contact has been made with the developers for an update on progress. Some enablement work has been done on the site .

High School Resilience Plan

Brechin High School Captain Andrew Mitchell outline a project at Brechin High School. He requested that Community Council work together with the High School on some aspects of this. Further discussion will take place.

Sustainable Transport.

Two members of the Community Council had attended a meeting with SusTrans about increasing walking, cycling and the use of public transport in the Brechin Area. An action plan will now be drawn up to see what is possible.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.00pm in **The Crickety**