



## **Minutes of a meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 in Brechin Community Campus.**

Jill Scott took the Chair and welcomed the company.

### **Present.**

Jill Scott, Mary Anderson, David Dewar, Garry Robertson, Douglas Murray and Eric Gray.

Councillors Braes and Myles (Angus Council)

2 Members of the Public.

### **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Susan Barr, Jocky M<sup>c</sup> Lean, Councillor Nicol and Police Scotland.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting.**

It was proposed by Garry Robertson, seconded by Douglas Murray, that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

### **Police Update.**

During the period from 01/08/2019 – 30/08/2019 there has been 54 crimes reported in the Brechin area which cover a variety of incidents. Included in these numbers are Vandalisms/Theft/Theft by Housebreaking/Assault/Sexual Crimes/Anti Social behaviour/Drugs and Road Traffic Offences. Out of these crimes approximately 50% were detected.

A serious incident occurred in City Road Brechin where a male was knocked over by a vehicle. This incident is being dealt with by the CID as an Attempted Murder incident with enquiries continuing to trace who was responsible.

August saw the appointment of a new Local Police Commander for Angus namely Chief Inspector Wayne Morrison replacing David McIntosh who has moved to Dundee.

Police surgeries are to be arranged for the remainder of the year. Officers are looking to vary the locations so there is opportunity to expand attendance across the area.

### **Councillors Update.**

The Susan Carnegie Clinic at Stracathro Hospital is being upgraded and refurbished as a surgical Unit.

Several projects have been included in a bid for funding from the Town Centre Fund, there has been a lot of local opposition to plans for the Mill Steps.

Applications have been made to the Common Good fund by both the Brechin Brass Band and the Brechin Pipe Band for money to improve their halls.

The Old Leisure Centre is the subject of a Community Asset Transfer bid.

### **Health Group Update.**

The Health Group are at a critical stage with the Scottish Land Fund.

A Community Asset Transfer application is being prepared for the Brechin Infirmary a survey is required and they are applying for funding.



### **AOCB**

Again the matter was raised of the lack of dropped kerbs on Commerce St after being told that there is no money for these until 2020/21. There are also several dangerous areas on the pavements on Commerce St and Scott Street. Photographs supplied to Councillors. It is unacceptable that residents are at risk and for some this street is inaccessible. Councillor Braes to raise again with council officers.

After contact from several residents regarding traffic issues the length of our town, several issues were raised.

A935 - residents from Barehill Braes have reported difficulties exiting onto the A935 due to speeding traffic. Request for speeds to be monitored.

Concerns re children crossing the road safely at Southesk St to get to Andover School. 10 family homes being built in former Damacre site will add to the children in the Andover catchment.

Heavy Goods Vehicles- lorries etc passing constantly either heading to the slaughterhouse or Montrose Port. Montrose Port is expanding as part of Tay Cities deal. Whilst this is great news for Montrose many residents in Brechin have expressed their concern as we already have a large volume of traffic coming through the town from Castle St, St David St, Southesk St and Montrose St.

The level of traffic is making crossing the road difficult. Pavements are in parts very narrow. We have asked that the length of the town be assessed for crossings as residents feel there is a safety risk already without the expansion of the port. Asked Councillors if the relief road from A90 to Montrose Port was going ahead.

Councillors confirmed that it had been mooted and routed were still being looked at. A resident from Montrose St attended the meeting and raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Montrose St. He also highlighted dangerous parking and an accident that occurred last Friday evening between a car and a bus at the junction of Scott St.

30 minute parking on Montrose St. This has been raised many times with people still contacting us. Angus Council has deemed Montrose St as a commercial area, there are only two shops on Montrose St and Scotmid has its own car park. Montrose St is mainly residential and many residents are now unable to park outside their own home or are constantly having to move their car every 30 mins. Surrounding streets and parts of Montrose St without restrictions are congested causing difficulties such as the bus being unable to get into the bus stop. Cllr Nicol has spoken to a resident regarding this issue but no update has been received.

Councillor Myles to request traffic surveys to monitor level of traffic for crossings and speed.

Councillors asked to confirm rumour that they have purchased land on the A935 (near the Castle Centre) for another business park. Cllrs unable to confirm.

There have been complaints of lack of dog poo bins around the Inch Park.

David Dewar was congratulated on his re-election as Vice Chair of the Angus Access Forum.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00pm in the Crickety.

There being no further business Jill thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.