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MONIKIE AND NEWBIGGING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Members/Councillors Present:

Iain Richmond, George Winslow, Betty Winslow, David Morrison, David McGovern, Caroline Richmond, Cllr David Cheape, Cllr Mark McDonald, Cllr Brian Boyd, Constable Steve Wilson

Apologies:

Alison Binnie

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were approved by David Morrison and David McGovern

Matters Arising:

Roads:

Pitairlie Brae: Cllr McDonald will pursue this with the roads department. Betty had written to Andrea Strachan indicating our concern that no action was to be taken in solving the parking problem. We will continue to try and find a solution.

Telecommunications:

There has been a good response from the householders in the area and the project is to be taken forward to the next stage.

Councillors' Questions and answers:

Parking:

Our Councillors continue to pursue this issue on our behalf and at recent council meetings emphasised the lack of alternative parking in the smaller Angus towns making the point that larger towns benefitted from the parking facilities at supermarkets but the motion to extend the free parking time was defeated. The need to enter car registration and use cashless payment is still unchanged.

The council were adamant that a one-tier system should apply in Angus.

The impact on small businesses was discussed and all evidence points to a dramatic fall in turnover in 12 months and a deep concern was shown that new routines have been established by the public to the detriment of small towns.

Our councillors view this as a serious issue and will continue to update us on this.

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A question was asked about the need for such a measure which has had such a dramatic effect on our towns. A decrease in the resources coming in and a rise in costs and wage increases necessitated the need to raise revenue. The parking initiative has failed to raise the amount expected. The point was made that a very small rise in council tax would have negated the need for such a measure which has been to the detriment of our towns.

Recycling:

Councillors continue to request that general waste skips be installed in Monifieth and Carnoustie. They argue that if a one-tier system applies for parking then it should apply for amenity sites especially when these sites have the highest rates of recycling and those diligent householders are being discriminated against by having to travel to Arbroath to deposit general waste.

The point was noted that during the recent industrial action general waste skips were made available at these two sites.

Cllr Boyd brought to the attention of the meeting that a facebook page “Our Carnoustie” was a forum through which opinions on this discrepancy could be aired.

Police Report:

Constable Wilson had no major incidents to report but was still concerned about the number of unnecessary car accidents mainly caused by speeding and careless driving in the area.

Cllr Cheape agreed to find any information available on the problems around Kirkton of Monikie where road markings may be of use in alerting motorists to the dangers at the bends.

Rural patrols are currently being carried out by the Police with the reduction of the above in mind.

He expressed concern about the rise in anti-social behaviour and also fly-tipping and all information regarding these should be relayed to the Police as soon as possible.

He always points out to the meeting the need for vigilance in attending to home security.

Planning Report:

George reported that there were no current planning applications and that there was no further update available on the Curling Pond site but would continue to seek information on this.

He reported that the communication with Kate Cowey of planning regarding the marshalling yard site was ongoing.

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Treasurer's Report:

Alison had indicated that she is now named as treasurer by the bank and is pursuing information from them regarding internet banking but that there was nothing further to report.

C/C Projects:

Noticeboards:

Iain had received a communication from the suppliers with an apology that they were slightly behind with orders but that they should be coming soon.

War Memorial:

We contacted the Memorial Hall Committee for their support in raising the amount needed to add the names of the WW2 fallen and await a reply before proceeding with this.

A.O.C.B.

A council member reported to the meeting an incident when they had been subjected to verbal abuse from a member of the public on Easter Sunday when Monikie Park was very busy and parking issues had occurred. It was emphasised that all such incidents should be reported immediately to the Police.

Councillors related incidents where there had been confusion as to the role of community councils in dealing with issues which should have been referred directly to Angus Council.

Iain agreed that these points should be relayed to the general public via the Facebook page.

Telephone Box:

A suggestion had been relayed to the meeting that the telephone box could be used as a book exchange point and this was discussed.

The general opinion was that this would be of little merit, the main reason being that the area inside would become cluttered and access to the defibrillator would be hampered.

Meeting with Angus Council for C/C members

Thursday 16th May Time to be confirmed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2019

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