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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, Iain McRae and Cllr Brian Boyd.

Apologies: Alison Binnie, Caroline Stevenson, Cllr David Cheape and Cllr Mark Mc Donald.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: There was no quorum for the meetings planned for June and July 2019 and so the Minutes for Wednesday May 1st 2019 were approved by Iain Richmond and seconded by George Winslow.

Matters Arising:

Roads – Pitairlie Brae. It was noted that wooden fencing had been installed on both sides of the road. Cllr Mark McDonald had been involved with the roads department on our behalf and in his absence there was no information as to why this option had been chosen. At a previous meeting the possibility of a metal barrier had been mentioned. Cllr Boyd is to discuss this with Cllr McDonald and report on this.

Telecommunications: No update on this has been received.

Councillors' Questions and answers:

Cllr Boyd has been in touch with Planning to arrange a meeting with them and Betty, George and Iain Richmond will liaise with him to arrange this.

Police Report: The meeting welcomed PC Stark who informed us of the changes in personnel and gave a comprehensive report of the recent statistics in the area.

Following the retirement of Sergeant Steve Wilson new officer Dawn McGaughay will take up duties at the end of September.

PC Stark presented the latest area report in which all crimes were assessed between 1st July and 4th September. There had been one incident reported but no subsequent crime reported and reports of speeding in the area of Panmure Road.

She emphasised the need for vigilance and the taking of security measures around the home which are more important as autumn approaches. Suspicious vehicles should always be reported to the Police and registration numbers are vital in tracing these.

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Fly Tipping is still a problem in rural areas and the advice given is not to challenge the perpetrators but to report this to the council with the registration of the vehicle involved where possible.

A member of the public attending the meeting asked to raise an issue at this point. Morag Herve informed us that the Police had responded to a concern regarding speeding in the Craigton area and had set up an operation there 5 weeks ago issuing on the spot fines to the drivers caught speeding. They had told her that a speed check indicator would be installed but she raised concern that this had not yet happened.

As this was a matter for Angus Council Traffic Department and not the Police Cllr Boyd agreed to take this on board and contact Ms Herve with information. She also raised concerns about the very heavy traffic using this area and discussion took place regarding the legislation which PC Stark explained to the meeting.

PC Stark also explored the possibility of the installation of the Pop-ups which help in these situations.

Planning Report: George reported that there were no planning issues to discuss but he informed the meeting that he had contacted MSP Graeme Dey requesting an update on the situation regarding the Curling Pond.

In response to this Graeme had requested an update from the Forestry Commission which reads as follows: “ Following the enforcement notice being put in place, a restoration plan has been worked up and this is expected to be finalised this week and its commencement should happen at the end of this month.”

Treasurer’s Report: Alison had contacted the chairman with a brief report which had indicated that all bank business re the transfer of names etc had been finalised and that the balance remained as at last meeting.

C/C Projects:

War Graves: Iain gave an update on this and informed the meeting that The War Graves Commission have now taken responsibility for the maintenance of the site as it has been officially recognised by them. This is a significant advantage to the Memorial Hall. Iain is still pursuing funding for this and is in touch with the Memorial Hall Trustees to this end.

It is hoped that work to add the names of the fallen in WW2 will commence soon.

A.O.C.B.

David McGovern brought to the attention of the meeting the problems being faced by residents who live in the area of the scout hall on Panmure Road. He explained that at times when parking is dense in the area access to the road can be a major problem because of the lack of visibility and several near misses have occurred. The danger to cyclists is particularly bad. As Cllr McDonald has experience in dealing with road issues in this area David agreed to contact him personally with a view to the possibility of some traffic management. He will report back on this.

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Noticeboards: Betty asked if any formal thanks had been sent to the Golf Links. They had also requested that some indication of their support could be put on the boards and Iain Richmond agreed to deal with this and also arrange a photo opportunity with them. He will contact Cllr Cheape on this.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd October 2019