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**Members/Councillors Present:** Iain Richmond, George Winslow, Betty Winslow, Alison Binnie, David Morrison, Iain McRae, Cllr Brian Boyd

**Apologies:** Caroline Richmond

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were approved by Iain Richmond and seconded by George Winslow

#### **Matters Arising:**

Noticeboards: Betty agreed to write a letter of thanks to the Carnoustie Golf Links to express our thanks for the grant which enabled us to purchase the 2 boards which are now being used by both villages. She will also contact Cll Cheape to arrange a formal recognition of this in the form of a photo opportunity. Thanks are also due to Iain Richmond for installing them.

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

Speeding: Cll. Boyd confirmed that the installation of Pop-ups to help highlight speeding issues in the Craigton area was still ongoing and he will deal with this.

Regional Car parks: Cll. Boyd addressed this and informed the meeting that it still continues to be a major problem for the towns. He said that coin operated machines were to be introduced over the coming weeks and he is to suggest to the council that where there are coin operated facilities the car parks should be made free until Christmas. He feels that this arrangement could encourage shoppers in this busy time to use the small towns .

The members were in complete agreement with this initiative and hope that it will come to pass and thus assist the economy in the rural towns.

#### **Police Report:**

Inspector Gary Aitken from the Local Community Team was welcomed to the meeting.

Copies of the Local Community Policing Area Report were available to members and he talked about the issues raised.

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He informed the meeting that a week long national hate crime campaign targeting the night time economy will run between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

National and local campaigns and messages can be accessed by the public on <http://www.scotland.police.uk>

Recent crimes reported in the area between 04/09/19 and 29/09/19 included one driver reported for dangerous driving in the area of Crombie Park, one instance of vandalism to a vehicle in Monikie and a complaint to the Police regarding the ‘dangerous parking ‘ of vehicles at the entrance of Crombie Park by users of the country park avoiding paying parking charges in the main car park.

Rural speeding continues to be an problem and a member of the public Morag Verve who had brought up an issue in the Craigton area at the last meeting updated us. She had received a letter from the Police and Cllr Boyd who had dealt with this matter informed us of the results of the speed test carried out in the 30mph area at Craigton.

These showed an average speed of 30.4 mph with 85% of drivers doing 37mph. Much discussion took place about this as residents can quote witnessing excessive speeding on frequent occasions. These problems are also experienced in the village of Monikie as drivers approaching from the Lucky Slap tend not to reduce speed on reaching the 30mph limit . Council member Iain McRae who lives in this area confirmed that this is often the case.

Inspector Aitken highlighted the difficulties in policing this on a permanent basis and certain suggestions were made about positioning a speed indicator sign or other means of alerting drivers as to the restrictions but general indications are that these are not effective in deterring the drivers who are the frequent offenders. Although this was accepted by members the general feeling of the meeting was that any initiatives that could potentially address the problems of speeding in rural areas should be acted upon.

Inspector Aitken emphasised that all accidents caused by speeding issues should be reported to the Police and that the C/C web page could be used to advertise the problem.

The chairman thanked Inspector Aitken for his valuable contribution to the meeting.

### **Planning:**

George reported that there were 3 relevant planning applications:

19/00640/MS - Naraden

19/00657/FULL - Newbigging

19/00738/FULL - Newbigging

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### **Treasurer's Report:**

Alison reported that despite her best efforts she is still having problems with the bank regarding the change of treasurer mainly to do with the address to which the bank statements are sent. This is entirely due to the bank administration and she is intending paying another visit to the bank to try to finalise matters.

She indicated that there is £1061.04 currently in the account.

Alison referred to the fact that a voucher has been sent to Paul Arkel in the past in recognition of his auditing of the C/C accounts and the meeting agreed that this should be continued to show our appreciation to him.

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

War Memorial: Iain Richmond gave an update and he will instruct Robertson Memorials to process our order.

The funding to add the names to the memorial and plant additional trees is being provided by private donations.

Discussion regarding a dedication service took place and this will be arranged at a future meeting.

Iain Richmond reminded the meeting that the hall grounds are now officially designated as a war grave and the area being maintained by the War Graves Commission is kept in pristine condition by them.

Core Path: Iain reported that he had done some maintenance to the path. Alison Binnie mentioned that members of the public are unnecessarily entering the steading of Denfind farm in order to access the path which she felt might be important to highlight as it is a safety issue. Notices are in place on the farm to warn the public but the meeting felt it important to bring this to the attention of users of the path and Iain will put it on the web page to warn them that the steading should be a no go area for reasons of public safety.

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**