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MONIKIE AND NEWBIGGING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Members/Councillors Present: Iain Richmond, Alison Binnie, George Winslow, Betty Winslow, Ian McRae, Cllr Mark McDonald, Cllr Brian Boyd

Apologies: Cllr David Cheape, David Morrison, Caroline Richmond

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were approved by Ian McRae and George Winslow

Matters Arising:

All business will be dealt with under agenda items.

Councillors' Questions and Answers:

Our councillors addressed the following issues.

Parking Charges:

Charges will be suspended for the two Saturdays before Christmas but it was felt that this had not been sufficiently well advertised and would not be enough to have significant impact on the small towns.

The councillors informed the meeting that the revenue gathered from Brechin, Kirriemuir and Carnoustie contributed an insignificant amount to the overall revenue from car park charges and removing the charges from these towns could benefit them economically. The members were in agreement with this suggestion .

Roads:

The recent flooding and subsequent traffic problems on the Arbroath road were discussed and Cllr Boyd informed the meeting that maintenance of this area was still the responsibility of the original builder.

Police Report:

There was no Police report available.

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Planning Report:

Planning Applications;

George reported that there were 2 relevant planning applications – 19/00903/FULL and 19/00831/FULL.

No related issues arose.

Meeting with Planning Officer:

On 29th November Iain Richmond, George and Betty met with an officer from the planning department to discuss issues relevant to the area.

George had prepared points for discussion and the meeting proved very useful as we were provided with more specific information regarding these which should help in future discussion at meetings of the C/C.

Treasurer's Report:

Alison reported that there was a balance of £853.64 in the accounts.

A.O.C.B.

Curling Pond Update:

George had received an e-mail from MSP Graeme Dey to inform him that a meeting had been arranged at the site between the owner and the Forestry Commission to outline plans for work to restore the site as outlined in the Enforcement Order.

Discussion took place as to how this site should be given protection in the future which was one of the points discussed at the aforementioned meeting with planning.

The council will respond to the concerns of wildlife organisations and formal designation of protected sites by SNH in consideration of a planning application but has no responsibility to designate a site for protection.

This gives no reassurance that a similar scenario to that of the curling pond would not arise in the future .

As it is important to protect the curling pond site for the future we will continue to pursue this matter and the broader issue as to how sites of value are identified and protected.

C/C Project – War Memorial:

Betty has applied for a grant from Carnoustie Golf Links to help fund this project.

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Newsletter:

Alison Binnie had an enquiry from a resident who stated her appreciation of the newsletter produced by Hamish Evatt, our former treasurer , who had spent much time and effort to produce and distribute this.

Alison offered to look into the possibility of producing something similar which could be made available on social media and will report back on this.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th February 2020