MEARNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

26th August 2024

**Location:** Mearns Community Campus

**Present:** Andrew Macdonald (AM), Dave Stewart (DS), Janette Anderson (JA), Chris Rushbridge (CR),

Carol Medlock (CM), Kevin Todd (KT), Ken Williams (KW), Paul Green (PG), Remi Salvan (RS)

**Observers:** Phyllis Bruce (PB) Gordon Reid (GR)

**Ex Officio:** Cllr Evison, Cllr Carnie

**Minutes:** Emma Murray (EM)

**Apologies:** Alasdair Shiach (AS), John Lovell (JL), Ashley Buchan (AB), Cllr Carr

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Circulated and reviewed with no further comment, no matters arsing.

Proposed KW, seconded CM

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None were declared.

**3. Matters arising from previous meeting minutes**

No response from Amey

AB still to send her map of Marykirk pothole issues

The roads department have sent nothing back regarding parking/yellow lines at Miss Molly’s

– we have heard they are planning to deal with this after the summer

Cairn O’ Mount – no contact from cartographer, potential graphics company contacted

No resolution to banking issues

Developer obligation money / Planning gain is approximately £320000

**4. Police Report**

Circulated as received, taken as read.

**5. Correspondence**

Circulated as received and taken as read.

**7. Settlements**

Auchenblae: pavements – still holes, new sink hole in middle of Kintore Street - advised to

use Fix my street website

Fettercairn: planning permission near Fasque Estate (build 3 dwellings) lack of transparency from planning dept

Fordoun: trees blocking out light 7 houses that are affected by this - people with blue

badges will have to access their cars in complete darkness.

A car taking pictures of people’s houses. A crime report filled out with police.

The Junction coming into Fourdon off the A90 is a nightmare and nothing is getting done. Tess White had some correspondence with the council saying they should fix it. Action: Andrew to send more pictures to Amey again.

Edzell Woods: Shakin Brig estimated £400000 to repair it. OAPs not able to get to the post

office so we need more information on this. Action: Meeting has been set up between

Angus and Aberdeenshire Councils.

Glenbervie: Nothing to report.

Laurencekirk: Roads / lack of double yellow lines from Miss Mollys to outside church you can’t see coming round that junction beyond barber shop.

New house built just beyond Haulkerton farm – Aberdeenshire Planning dept insisted on hard standing for the bins but Aberdeenshire Council refuse to pick them up insisting they are presented at the roadside. Action: Carol to speak to supervisor Aberdeenshire Council (Dave Duncan)

Asset transfer small building at Burgh building next to the library.

Dickson Hall needs £15000 of repairs. Action: advise their committee to approach Tullo windfarm fund and try to do local fundraising

Mearns Healthy Living – increasing number of people having to pay to go for appointments out with Laurencekirk, it was quoted it costs £20 to take someone up to Stonehaven for a vaccination.

Luthermuir: lane at the local hall overgrown bushes is blocking the entrance making it impractical to gain vehicular access, Aberdeenshire council seem unable to resolve the situation.

Action: Andrew to take it forward to Aberdeenshire Council, again.

Marykirk: AB was making a list of outstanding roads issues – CR been reporting potholes –low priority from the roads department. At Napier Place the whole of the road surface is

disappearing.

Culvert under the road, which is 90% choked now, so water cannot longer go under the road – roads people saying they don’t have any money to do it, Action: formal complaint being sent.

West Cairnbeg: salt bin issue ongoing

**8. Roads**

Speed limit sign was broken Aberdeenshire Council would not repair so a resident bought bulbs and fixed it

**9. Planning**

Development at Waterlair by Finlay Brock was supported by MCC, it is understood that Aberdeenshire Council are likely to refuse permission. It is further understood Cllr Carr proposes it needs further discussion

**10. Treasurers Report**

Bank balance is £10,155.52

**11. Single Election 2024 verbal update**

Process is underway, forms are out – up to the individual if they want to be nominated. (open 19th August, close on 8th September)

**12. SSEN Verbal update**

Public consultations scheduled for October 2024 (feedback exercise)

**13. Briefing / update from Councillors / ex officio attendees**.

Nothing to add until the meeting on the 30th September 2024

**14. AOCB**

Mearns Youth Forum Bank Account signatories, MCC have no involvement with this organisation.

A lot of discussion about Aberdeenshire Council’s attitude toward MCC and the south of Aberdeenshire in general. Individual Council employees do not seem to want to engage in any meaningful way.

Next meeting - Monday 30th September 2024 – Mearns Community Campus