***MEARNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL***

***Approved note of Meeting February 2022***

1. In attendance: C Rushbridge; J Stuart; C Medlock; S Brown (Sec).

M Robson; D Stewart; A Lawson; A Shiach; A MacDonald; J Lovell; J Anderson; K Williams

Ex Officio: Cllr J Hutchison; Cllr G Carr

Visitors: M Mitchell; PC Camus

Apologies: Provost Howatson; K Todd; M Stewart; Mrs A Evison

1. Approval of minute of January 2022 - Proposed J Stuart; Seconded J Lovell
2. Matters Arising – Area Manager to be asked once again for confirmation that the shed used to store potentially hazardous waste at Laurencekirk station is SAFE rather than SECURE. There appears to have been some damage to the shed during recent storms.
3. Police
4. Police reports circulated as received.
5. PC Camus still seeking RTA incidents on A90. He advised that his will not be a full record as Police do not attend all incidents.
6. Concern re speeding on School Road, Luthermuir – Speed check to be conducted.
7. Question re monitoring cameras on A90 and rural roads in the area – Police have no knowledge.
8. Correspondence – circulated as received.
9. Settlements
10. Auchenblae:
11. Ongoing pothole issues
12. Several delivery companies, taxis, grocery deliveries etc are refusing to deliver to some areas around Auchenblae due to the poor state of the roads.
13. West Cairnbeg:
14. Grit Bin ongoing
15. Edzell Woods:
16. While the road at Capo was closed due to fallen trees Edzell Woods was left with no bus service for two weeks. Angus Council provide this service – is there communication between the local authorities?
17. Fettercairn: No Report
18. Fordoun
19. When will the lights on the railway bridge be hard wired and the barriers, which lie on the road most on the time, be removed? Cllrs advise this well overdue.
20. Glenbervie:
21. Mearns CC has asked for a meeting with Transport Scotland and BEAR re A90 junctions. Awaiting a date
22. Laurencekirk
23. Sign/cones on High Street still there – this since October 2021. Roads were investigating.
24. Bridge at Burnside still silted up – can this be checked again?
25. Problem with flooding on pavement at the north end of the High Street has still not been addressed. Council was to write to householders re who was responsible for what. This now been over four years.
26. Burgh Buildings – Building deteriorating – can Council check and repair as necessary. This is though to be part of the common good property in Laurencekirk.
27. Question re Clansholm at Kinnear Square. Is this common good property?
28. Luthermuir
29. Question as to where developer obligation for Luthermuir is spent.
30. Marykirk:
31. Lade silted up – this on a regular maintenance plan but no evidence of work being carried out.
32. Water route inserted as a by-pass also requires cleaning.
33. Roads Issues
34. Closure notices sent out as received.
35. Agreed to put together a survey re the traffic on Laurencekirk High Street. Money (thought to be about £2.6m) was allocated to form a traffic management plan for Laurencekirk.
36. A90/A937 flyover – Tess White MSP has offered to make this a priority and to seek further information re timescale from the transport minister.
37. Planning:
38. All weekly lists circulated.
39. APP/2121/2892 – Erection of dwelling house at Crosspoles. Concerns re obstruction of Right of Way have been passed to the applicant.
40. APP/2017/1165 – Caravan Park at Dowrieburn – CC to contact planning enforcement re the formation of a footpath. This was a condition of planning permission being approved.
41. WIN – 110 – 3 - Glen Dye Wind Farm. JL will represent Mearns CC at the meeting if available.
42. Concern about the handling reports on planning applications. CC to write to planning with their concerns.
43. Landscape Services
44. It is thought that a participatory budgeting consultation is to be carried out re the Memorial Park – SB to seek confirmation.
45. Tree down at the back of the cemetery.
46. CC to ask Neil Ingram for an estimate for repair of Dr Buchan Memorial. This will be claimed from Common Good Fund. Landscape Services have taken no action to repair the structure.
47. Treasurer Report – £4743.22 available
48. Recycling
49. CC to seek confirmation that kerbside glass recycling is to resume
50. AOCB
51. KDP – Representation to be reviewed at the AGM. It is acknowledged that there have been improvements to some aspects of how KDP operate.
52. Platinum Jubilee – CM attended a meeting with other Laurencekirk Groups. Further detail will follow.
53. Resilience Plans – template sent to members who will discuss withing their settlements. Concern voiced particularly re analogue phones no longer functioning and about lack of heating in some properties should there be significant power cuts. CR will represent the CC at a meeting called by the area office to discuss the impact of recent storms.
54. Website – site not updated to include approved minutes of recent meetings. Each settlement to have a page where details of what to do and links to relevant groups can be shared.
55. Aberdeenshire Council – members have agreed to write to Aberdeenshire Council advising that they have no confidence in service delivery. This will be addressed to the Chief Executive. Is should be noted that the complaint does not refer to front line workers who deliver the services concerned.
56. DONM – 7.00pm on 28th March 2022 at Mearns Community Campus. Please wear a mask and follow any COVID notices.