

SDCC Notes Of Meeting 11.8.20

Present

Raymond Christie (RC), Paddy Coffield (PC), Keith Simpson (KS), Jim Stephen (JS), Gerry Towler (GT), Daniel Veltman (DV), Lindsey Wood (LW), Mike Duncan (MD) Alistair Lawrie (AL), Ian Hunter (IH), Bill Watson (BW).

Councillor Dickinson (Cllr S D), Councillor Robertson (Cllr D R), Councillor Agnew (Cllr W A)

1) Apologies Lindsey Wood

Bruce Stewart not coming. More notice needed. Hopes to attend next meeting.

RC read letter from Bruce Stewart. Already circulated.

Agenda

1) Welcome and apologies.

2) Aberdeenshire Council budget shortfall.

3) Spaces for People Initiative

4) Beachfront Parking.

5) Participatory Requests.

6) Planning Care Bed Home APP/2020/1233.

7) AOCB.

2) Cllr SD budget £60 mill shortfall no furlough Income loss caused shortfall and savings not realised plus some increased costs.

MD requested clarity on this

Cllr DR Info is public knowledge/is transparent. Costs created by covid

Lengthy discussion ensued particularly about what constituted such a large shortfall

BW not an unusual situation for council/applies to others too

Agreed to have fuller discussion at next meeting with full disclosure figures and issues influencing this

3) **Spaces for People**

RC read BS's comments

Cllr DR explained SFP intended as a safety/public health measure. Is temporary and could be eased but should remain until crisis over

RC some are dangerously positioned outside Nickel and Dime/Cllr DR It is being dealt with

MD Businesses are concerned by threat to their business

Cllr WA Could have done other things with this money/not happy with them. Officers decided this not councillors. Cllr SD Cones signalled change

MD Other towns look better eg Inverurie

Cllr DR Other areas needed new ones. Cones were here but other areas needed new purchase/is worried businesses may close/whether parking is available

Discussion of why people aren't shopping

AL Many elderly and infirm can't get parked and are afraid to walk down

Cllr SD See what review brings

PC suggested extension to blue badge giving priority to them in the Square

JS spoke of getting employees to park elsewhere

Cllr SD council are monitoring next week to see how school return affects it

JS SDCC contact Aberdeenshire Council to insist councillors be more involved

MD asked why weren't all parties involved

Discussion of why officers have led on this matter

RC wait to see what happens next week

4) Beachfront Parking

MD made two suggestions 1 Paint double yellow lines and 2 Speak to Caravan Club to ask for them to oversee more fully

RC Current parking is too heavy. Should be restrictions

IH Camper vans an issue. Put double yellows on pool side of road/Pc supported

5) Participatory Requests IH reported on this

G T had produced a Mental Health Update which was well received and he was thanked for his efforts.

6) Planning Care Bed Home at Cowgate, The CC were concerned with parking, contamination of the land and felt the area would be better used for sheltered housing. K S will advise Planning of these concerns.

AOCB

J S said that litter on the Beach front was terrible at weekends with bins overflowing.

Cllr S D responded by saying that bigger bins are due to go in.