

SDCC Note of Meeting 10.11.20

Present

Raymond Christie (RC), Paddy Coffield (PC), Keith Simpson (KS), Jim Stephen (JS), Gerry Towler (GT), Fiona Tavendale (FT), 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)

Proposed Co-optees – Dawn Black (DB), Christine Mann (CM), David Lawman (DL), Steven McQueen (SM)

Jane Cruickshank from Bellman, Janine Esson, Alix Gunn, Julie Lindeman, Alan Turner, Emma Storey (Aberdeenshire Council) Committee Officer.

Agenda

1. Chairperson's Welcome

Chairperson's Statement

Apologies & Declarations of Interest

2 Appointment of co-options

3 Appointment of Chairperson

4 Approval of last minute

Matters arising from last minute

5 Police Report & Matters Arising

6 Financial Statement re Defibrillators & Christmas Lights.

7 Christmas Tree

8 Planning update Craigneil Wind Farm APP/2018/0993

9 Application for Premises Licence, Lab Rat Brewing, 33 Bernham Avenue - LAPREM/05041/20

10 Community Planning Participatory Request

11 Correspondence

12 AOCB

1. RC welcomed everyone and update on matters in relation to double yellow lines at Farrochie Road. He then went on to read a statement including a number of successes that were attributable to the CC over the past year

Apologies were received from Lyndsey and Steve Holt

Declarations of interest – KS at item 9 on agenda

2. There were 5 nominations for co-options. 4 were present but due to breakdown in communication one had not been invited to attend. Agreed to invite to next meeting Each prospective co-option gave a short introduction to themselves and stated their aims of being on the CC

David Lawman – nominated by AL, seconded FT

Steve McQueen – nominated AL, seconded IH

Dawn Black – nominated JS, seconded AL

Christine Mann – nominated IH, seconded AL

Andrew Gorrara – to be invited to next meeting

Chair welcomed all co-optees to the Community Council

3. Cllr SD took the chair for appointment of new chair and invited nominations

RC suggested the idea of a rolling chair

PC stated he did not see this as a good idea and preferred a fix chair

PC nominated Bill Watson (BW), seconded by AL

PC stated how important it is to support the chair and share the workload and emphasised the need for all to get involved.

AL stated that he was happy that a volunteer had come forward and removes the need for a rolling chair, but if chair can't attend there should be cover for him

BW accepted the position and took the chair.

BW stated that he would do his best to facilitate the enthusiasm within the CC and would welcome any new ideas

4. The minutes of the meeting of 13.10.20 were agreed

RC proposed they be approved, seconded by BW.

In matters arising DB gave an update on the spaces for people initiative. She stated that no feedback had been received from the consultations to let us know what's happening. Bruce Stewart had chased up as had Cllr DR. She also reported that the business association had been advised of installation on new parking meters and asked for clarification

Cllr SD stated it was her understanding that the group leaders were preparing a report, but it had not happened yet – looking for it next week

Cllr WA stated she was informed that Banchory meters were to be in before Christmas

DB proposed to 'ask for better communication from the Council'

AL queried if it was not just the case that we were awaiting the communication?

Emma Storey stated that an update was imminent and that she would update the CC when available.

DB made a second point in relation to the Community garden on the north end of the Market Buildings, whereby the full amount of funding from the Phoenix fund had been granted and she was awaiting formal grant letter.

5. Police report was discussed – fairly standard and routine, nothing new to discuss.

6. JS gave an update on the defibrillators and in particular the need to carry out on-going maintenance with the replacement of batteries and pads. He went on to report that given the frequency of the replacing parts he needed to be

able to have access to funds with little notice and couldn't wait from one meeting to another obtain approval. He asked for funding to be ring fenced for this purpose.

RC reported that there was £1,613 set aside in the accounts for de-fib and £3,271 for Christmas tree lights.

PC stated he didn't see a problem with this as de-fib maintenance was already budgeted for and should be subject to normal procedures.

DB proposed that where advance notice is given of the expenditure is known it is paid immediately, seconded by IH

JS went on report of a proposal for a de-fib at Mackie Academy, Diane Henderson had approved £1,800, asked for £2,000 covers the cost of pads for the year, number of community groups have pledged over £1,000

JS asked if the CC make a donation of £200 towards this

RC suggested this comes from bequest fund, seconded by IH

JS stated that there would be no nippy dip this year. He suggested that although businesses have helped in the past, everyone was finding it difficult just now

Cllr DR suggested this be taken off table and look at alternative funding streams

DL prepared to help out and get involved with this

JS to report back at future meetings

7. JS update the CC on the Christmas tree for this year. Scheduled to be up on the last Friday in November, waiting for a car park closure to allow access to lorry – only a few spaces need to be cordoned off. He also reported that there had been damage to the lights and asked that the transformers be tested which may cost £150 - £200 depending on damage. Also need for more robust baubles which would cost around £400 – so looking for about £600 in total for this purpose

BW reported that there was funds available in bank for this.

JS proposed that £600 be made available for the service of the lights and replacement baubles, seconded by BW

8. KS reported that he had submitted a response to the Craigneil Wind farm proposal. The report was primarily a letter of support from the CC to the project with the caveat that the CC be consulted on any traffic management plans after approval.

9. KS outlined the background to an application for a premises licence at 33 Bernham Avenue for the off sales via the internet to take place within the timeframe of 10am to 10pm.

RC queried the 10am till 10 pm element and whether persons would be attending the premises to buy alcohol

KS reported that this was not his understanding and that all sales were online

FT asked if this would have an effect on local shops

AL asked if it was specialist beers and not something that other shops were likely to stock

It was agreed that clarification be sought as to customers attending the premises, but the CC were not objecting just seeking clarification

10. IH reported on the Community Planning Participatory Budget and asked for feedback.

11. AL reported that there was no paper correspondence

RC reported that there was a need for a CC rep on the Meikle Curew decision making panel. He went on to say that he had done it previously with substitutions made by MD. It was agreed that RC would be willing to go again with MD as substitute.

12. AOCB – AL updated on the Hannah Dyson community awards and need to start thinking of getting nominations and sought help in making choices thereafter. RC and CM agreed to help.

BW asked that a new treasurer be elected as he did not wish to hold position of chair and treasurer simultaneously. Agreed to be on agenda for next meeting.

IH advised of an outbreak of Japanese knotweed

Cllr DR suggested Landscape services be contacted to see if they can do something to get rid of it.

Cllr WA advised of how difficult it is to get rid off

JS – advised that he had been contacted by Roger Barnett of Highland games as he was trying to obtain lottery funding and needed some form of acknowledgement from the CC that the games committee is a bone fide organisation. Agreed to seek further clarification of what he's looking for by understand that this has been done before – would just need a letter.

JS suggested that following the last meeting of the year, the CC thank community voluntary groups on social media for their work over the year

MD responded that he thought there should be some caution as not to give thanks to some organisations and then not recognise others.

MD queried what was being done to clear up stones and debris on beach

Cllr SD stated it was being dealt with using the sweeper

PC proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing chair, seconded by AL who suggested he had been 'a steady hand on the tiller'.

Meeting closed

Date of next meeting – 08.12.20