



Junior Community Council Meeting

Thursday 7th March at Southesk P.S.

Present

Gail Penman NEWSolutions (Chair)

Various staff from the primaries

Items Raised by the Children

Reason why we are meeting: To make Montrose a better place

Went over questionnaire results – good parks and play activities areas e.g. sports centre. What could be better – shops – clothes shops for young people and sports shops

Parking spaces and potholes

Better housing options. Families with children having to share bedrooms, no garden

Best way of getting opinions of young people: Comms through parents, Glow, social media platforms, Seesaw, Groupcall (all schools), Google Classroom, Parent Council page

Litter is a good starting problem. Need more bins and litter pickers. Arrange volunteers for litter picking, maybe in school time and target a certain area. Schools to get involved with CC litter picking day. More fun/customised bins like in McDonalds with targets. Little changes make big differences. Time out of school but still part of the curriculum, just as important. Be part of the solution, not the pollution.

More flowers and parks

Path going down to the beach – coastal erosion

More accessibility to clubs – location e.g. park run at Broomie not good for people at other side of town. Provide a central **space** / facility. Free clubs – cost of living crisis families can't afford club

fees even Mohub (£3.50 per session). Funding support? A place to hang out but adults there to ensure it is safe – no vaping.

Clean up the parks – vandalism, sewage (drainage problems). Posters to take care of things

Communication more clarity about events – what's on and where? Accessible for all. On-line particularly for people who are visiting Montrose to plan. Facebook page? Website? Clubs etc can post events. Diary as part of that.

Smoking and Vaping – group very vocal about this – passionate dislike. Easy availability of vapes and attractive to young people. 'Shady'

*****All schools to check pupil availability for meeting at the Montrose Playhouse on Thursday 21st March 5 – 6pm. Main meeting with councillors at 6 pm and for this first meeting Montrose Academy pupils to represent Jnr CC. Please let Gail know who can attend.*****

Will meetings be held in different schools – rota? Decide where and dates.