

## Letham & District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm in Letham Feuars Hall

**Present:** Wendy Cameron, Karen Smith, Isobel Sword, Gail Smith, Karen Kose, Sandra Macrae, Cllr Shepherd, Debbie Dallas

**Via Teams:** Cllr Cowdy

**Apologies** David Lumgair, Tracy Andrews, Police

**Absent** Cllr Nicoll, Mhairi Dickson, Cllr Fairweather

### **Amendments to previous minutes:**

- The total balance for the Defibrillator account should have been £1835.59

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** proposed by: Karen S

seconded: Wendy

### **Matters Arising:**

- **Police** – report sent out with previous minutes – 2 crimes of dishonesty. Sandra raised concern that the police are so thinly spread across Angus that they are unable to attend meetings. Isobel has shared the dates of the meetings but it is dependent on the shifts they are working. Cllr Shepherd met with Ross Fitzgerald (Local Area Commander) about Police presence at meetings, a request for current Police numbers is not possible but there was an assurance that there are sufficient staff to cover all duties.
- **Cosgrove Award** – the date chosen previously (23<sup>rd</sup> February) clashes with the Village Hall Quiz Night. Isobel feels that it should be a special occasion to recognise the recipient and therefore draws attention to the work of the Community Council. Isobel suggested Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30-9.00pm in the Church Hall. There would be an opportunity to share the Community Council work on establishing the Defibrillators in the Village.

**Action:** Isobel will book the Church Hall and advertise the new date on FaceBook

**Action:** Wendy & Karen S to produce information on Defibrillators to be displayed at the event

**Action:** Isobel to organise refreshments

- **Defibrillators** – There is a plan for the Pharmacy to have a Defibrillator located outside the building so it accessible all the time. Sandra had been at a

meeting at Jubilee Court and they had asked why they don't have a Defibrillator placed there, they would also like training on how to use one. Karen S suggested that 'Heart Start' can provide training. Isobel shared that historically Jubilee Court didn't want one there. Wendy reiterated that outside cabinets (all Defibrillators) need to have a power source and so agreements are needed for who would pay for the electricity. Cllr Shepherd said he would like to say that all Angus Council buildings would provide the power for a Defibrillator located on one and Cllr Cowdy said she would contact a colleague and ask if this is possible. Cllr Cowdy also suggested that Angus Council have staff who can apply for grants / funding to help with costs.

**Action:** Cllr Cowdy to check the situation regarding Defibrillators on Council buildings and speak to staff regarding external funding to support them

- **Hedges / Walls / Litter** – Wendy updated the meeting regarding the previous letter of complaint – the complainant didn't give addresses of offending residents so letters not yet sent out. The sofa has been removed – Cllr Shepherd said that the council staff had been out to remove it but it had already gone. Karen S raised that there is a wall falling down and encroaching on the road between the Carnoustie Road and the Gask. Isobel has drafted a general 'Dear Resident ...' letter that can be sent out from the Community Council, it will include the Community Council email address in case a resident needs help with the problem. Isobel suggested that the Community Council could assist with the Feuars Litter Pick (11<sup>th</sup> April).

**Action:** Wendy to chase up the issue at Dunnichen

**Action:** Wendy to speak to the Feuars regarding the litter pick and also organise additional volunteers

#### **Treasurer Report:**

**Footpath Account:** £4028.92

**Defibrillator Account:** £1837.68 (includes interest)

**Community Council Account:** £362.26 (less £35 paid to the Information Commissioners Office)

#### **Planning:**

- Although there were over 200 objections to the new Chicken Sheds that are to be built the planning has been approved

## **AOCB:**

- Changes to the Recycling arrangements - Wendy asked for an update regarding the location of the new recycling points and reiterated that the Feuars are still happy for the land at the back of the hotel to be used. Cllr Nicoll was going to put forward this as a suggestion but no update as yet. Cllr Shepherd suggested that there is a company who will collect glass for £6 / month, currently operating in Arbroath.

**Action:** Cllr Shepherd to find out if the glass recycling company would cover Letham also

- Bollards behind the Craft shop – Sandra asked for an update on this issue but this has all gone quiet now
- White Lines on road ends – Karen S raised the concern that some road ends do not have white lines and so children have been walking/running straight out across them – a near miss was witnessed and reported to Karen S (Old Letham on to Blairs Road and Burnside Road on to Auldbar Road mentioned). Karen S has asked Cllr Nicoll if all road ends could have white lines painted. Cllr Shepherd is doubtful that anything can be done due to both the cost and the un-adopted road status of some in Letham – he asked if the Community Council could fund the white lines in the interests of residents safety

**Action:** Cllr Shepherd to contact Cllr Nicoll regarding the situation and to find out when Tayside Contracts might have more funding. Cllr Shepherd will also enquire as to the cost for Community Council to pay for the white lines

- North Lodge Bridge – Gail shared photos of the bridge and how this is now a trip hazard. Wendy shared that the Community Council will need to organise repairs to the path to 'Devil's Dump' and are looking to Root 1 for funding – and to the Feuars for the repairs to the bridge.

**Action:** Isobel to write to Rhonda McFarlane (funding/grants officer for Angus Council) and ask about sources of funding that can be applied for

## **Close:**

Wendy thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.27pm