

Letham & District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on: 18th January 2024 at 7.30pm in Letham Feuars Hall

Present: Wendy Cameron, Karen Smith, Isobel Sword, Gail Smith, Karen Kose, Tracy Andrews, Debbie Dallas

Via Teams: Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Nicoll

Apologies Cllr Cowdy, Sandra Macrae, David Lumgair, Mhairi Dickson, Cllr Fairweather, Police

Approval of Previous Minutes: proposed by: Karen S

seconded: Tracy Andrews

Matters Arising:

- **Police** – have requested the dates of the meetings – Isobel reported the police have indicated only 1 or 2 crimes locally (speeding related)
- **Cosgrove Award** – the next recipient is currently overwhelmed for personal reasons so date in February suggested: Friday 23rd February in the Church Hall.

Action: Isobel will book the Church Hall

- **CLEAR** – Community of Letham Emergency Action Resilience – Wendy went to the meeting and information will go into ITP (In The Pict-ure) every month with a different focus – will include what individuals can do and also contact numbers. There will be another meeting for the public in Spring. There is a grant (£500) for the Community Council to be used for Resilience – CLEAR will complete the forms and the money can be used for whatever is needed – Wendy suggested a mobile phone so the council can be contacted if/when needed. Members of CLEAR include: 3 from the Hall committee, 2 from the Feuars, 2 from the Pensioners committee, 1 from the Church and 2 additional members also. There is guidance form the council resilience officer (Jennifer). In an emergency people could come to the village hall to be cared for – CLEAR are a point of contact to support others – The Village Hall has an outlet for a generator. CLEAR would organise the hot food van etc if needed. CLEAR can't have a register of vulnerable residents but individuals can self-refer to SSE and be on their lists for priority power to work medical aids. Isobel advised that if you are concerned about a resident you only need to tell the police they are vulnerable and they will be helped. Karen S raised

concerns about where the grant money will be held – Wendy advised it will be in a CLEAR bank account. Karen S asked if Community Council can donate money to CLEAR and Wendy confirmed this is possible. Wendy advised that often we don't know what is needed until there is an emergency.

- **Defibrillators** – During the meeting Tracy texted Bruce regarding having the defibrillator on the side of the building in Craiche – he apologised for forgetting but will action it on Friday. Half the money (£363.46) for the defibrillator came from a football fund and the link is Elaine Miller.

Action: Wendy to phone Davidson's (Pharmacy) Head Office to enquire about the defibrillator being located there

Correspondence:

- (See item in AOCB)

Treasurer Report:

Community Council Account: £362.26

Footpath Account: £4028.92

Defibrillator Account: £362.26

- There are outstanding receipts from Isobel still to be paid
- There has been no update from Carmyllie regarding their defibrillator – they want it located at The Corn Kist as this would have a power source but is not near houses. The Primary School was suggested but this would mean going through the Council

Planning:

- Nothing to report

AOCB:

- Wendy has been sent a letter from a resident of Dunnichen regarding the condition of their village: neglected trees overgrowing the roads, rubbish being left (sofa – left since before Christmas), walls at the edge of the road. Wendy requested that the Councillors at the meeting address the issue of the sofa. Wendy suggested a 'litter pick' be organised for Dunnichen (could be at the same time the one is done in Letham). Questions were asked regarding who owns the walls that are falling down

and therefore who is responsible for repairs (they could be private boundary walls). Cllr Shepherd suggested that the Community Council approach the homeowner of the wall on a less official basis. Isobel suggested contacting the roads department of the council but Cllr Shepherd advised that they are currently overloaded due to the recent weather.

Actions: Cllr Shepherd to follow up the removal of the sofa

Isobel to draft a letter from the Community Council to the homeowner of the wall and Wendy will sign it on behalf of the Community Council

- Changes to the Recycling arrangements – The Feuars have suggested the land behind the hotel for the new recycling bins. Cllr Nicoll said the locations are not yet confirmed but both Councillors will put this forward as a suggestion.

Action: Cllr Nicoll & Cllr Shepherd will put Feuars suggestion for location forward

- Overhanging tree in Blairs Road – Karen K also informed that there is a hedge encroaching on to the road on Dundee Street. Cllr Shepherd suggested the Community Council write a letter to the homeowners to ask them to deal with their tree / hedge. Isobel suggested an article in ITP from Community Council to request homeowners maintain own trees / hedges etc

Action: Isobel to draft a letter for Wendy to sign to be sent to homeowners – template to be kept ready for future

- Feuars Meeting / The Greens – Gail questioned whether The Greens are the responsibility of the Community Council. Isobel explained that the Feuars' Committee, as owners of the Greens have responsibility for the Greens. Wendy said that the Feuars will look at how to manage The Greens in the Spring. The grass should not be cut to address the want of individuals. Volunteers who cut the paths and The Greens work through the Community Council as we hold the account for the maintenance of the equipment and insurance.
- Formal Complaint – Isobel shared that her formal complaint is being dealt with and that she has received assurances that a plan for managing flood risk (from the Vinney and from run off from the roads) will be drawn up and implemented.

- North Lodge Bridge – Karen S informed that it is a very deep step now to get on/off the bridge. Isobel explained that it is **NOT** the landowner's responsibility to maintain a right of way. Wendy said that this will be another path that the Community Council will need to upgrade – suggestion made regarding asking Root One (new Garden Centre) to support this
- Defibrillator Flyers – Karen S asked if flyers for the defibrillators (previously shared at the AGM meeting) should be 'letterbox drop' now.

Close:

Wendy thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.26pm