

Royal Burgh of Arbroath Community Council

Notes of Meeting Held at 16 Barbers Croft, Arbroath on 5 March 2024

Apologies: Jamie Mackay, Fiona Doran, Councillor Brenda Durno

Co-option of New Councillor

John Steele and Steven Findlay were Co-opted to join and welcomed to the Council.

Matter Arising from Previous Meeting

Arbroath Harbour has suffered from further storm damage after this was raised at the last meeting.

Correspondence

Tayside Contracts Funding Scheme is now operational.

Councillor Updates

Martin Shepherd:

- Angus Council Budget recently agreed. Parking Charges to be 'revisited' and Council Tax Freeze was approved. Council Tax Band D is currently the lowest in Scotland
- Northumbria Council car park 'disk' system (purchase a disk valid in all their car parks for a one-off payment) was mentioned as a suggested way forward.
- Confirmed that the £4 million for the A Place for Everyone scheme was mostly funded by Sustrans grant.
- Questions about cuts to services but not clear where.

Treasurer's Report

Balance is £8,853.30. Year end accounts have been drafted but not yet audited.

Planning Update

Noted that the Starbucks application at West Links has been approved by Angus Council. The Council has objected to the application by Wetherspoons for the outdoor seating area at The Corn Exchange.

Police Report

Concerns were raised by the public attending the meeting over possible local drug dealing at some premises in the town – Police asked to investigate.

Request from member of public for number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued in School Friendly Zones. Community Police Officer said she would enquire.

Consultation on Day Care in Angus

Rogan Frith referred to the On-line survey and had concerns about the tight deadline and accessibility of the survey. Councillor Serena Cowdy said she would ask for the survey period to be extended with further publicity in the Arbroath area.

Bike Meet

Alex Smith asked Councillors Martin Shepherd and Serena Cowdy if this could be held at Victoria Park and if so can the toilets there be opened when the meeting takes place.

AOCB

Stuart Walker raised the proposed service cuts by Stagecoach East Scotland to Service X7 which would reduce the number of through buses to Ninewells and remove all the through services to Perth. It was agreed that the Community Council would contact Stagecoach with their concerns.

Concerns continued to be expressed by members of the public attending over the School Friendly Zones and lack of consultation with residents affected.

Arbroath Connections – which at the last meeting had been served with notice to quit – has had a 3 month emergency extension, but they still need to find longer term funding and a permanent venue.