

Royal Burgh of Arbroath Community Council

Notes of Meeting Held at 16 Barbers Croft, Arbroath on 2 April 2024

Apologies: Martin Chisholm, Rogan Firth.

Plans for Starbucks at Dundee Road/Queens Drive - Presentation

Presentation by Hamish Rankin and Catherine Wales agents for the applicants.

Time Banking

Presentation by Chair of Time Banking Scotland. A 'bank' of individual volunteers. There are 5 in Scotland and wish to set up one in Arbroath. Drop in sessions at Arbroath Library 2nd and 16 May, Morrisons 10 May, Arbroath Sport Centre 18 May.

Seagreen Macro Grants

Craig Mullen of Seagreen explained the scheme.

Correspondence

Stagecoach have replied to the Council's objections to the reduction in X7 route. They say Arbroath network is not profitable and the cuts are necessary to ensure financial stability.

Letter received from Mary Struthers about the Community Centre Consultation meeting on 21 March expressing concerns that notification of the event was inadequate and there was no representative from Angus Council present.

Angus Councillor Updates

Martin Shepherd:

- Visited School friendly Zone – it is important to finish the trial and conclude whether or not to continue. Thanked all that took part in the meeting (public discussion on the Zones then took place)
- Concerns about speeding at East Arbriot road – double yellow lines at junction have been added.

Serena Cowdy:

- Report going to Angus Council Policy and Resources Committee on 30 April about the £2 million Levelling Up Fund. At present Angus Councillors do not know more than anyone else. A Town Board to be set up but the chair cannot be a Councillor.
- A Place for Everyone works – suggested someone from the Angus Council Infrastructure Team asked to attend next meeting, or a separate meeting.
- Flooding and Housing issues top of her casebook.
- Took part in a litter pick as part of Angus Beach Clean.

Brenda Durno:

- Residential rehabilitation for Drug and Alcohol - £6 million available across Scotland.

- Camper Vans charging proposal – currently Common Good Land so might need Court Order if charges were to be introduced. Such charges should be ring fenced for the sea front. (Lois Speed mentioned the proposal will need a business plan and public consultation).
- Corn Exchange – licence changed so children can be served meals up to 10pm.
- LACER funding – another potential source of grants.

Lois Speed:

- Listed the Committees she currently sits on.
- Concerns about families struggling to put food on the table.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

Report presented. Unfortunately no Community Police were available to attend the meeting.

Planning Update

Applications have been received for two energy storage systems.

Expansion of Pylons – Wind Farm Expansion

Concerns about SSEN proposals to erect 150 – 200 feet high electricity transmission pylons associated with wind farm expansion. Community Councillors to discuss at the next Planning Meeting.

Potential Breach of Flood Defence Wall, Marketgate.

Alex Smith expressed concerns about this. There is a dispute over ownership making it difficult to arrange repairs, but it is an important part of Arbroath's flood defences.

Next Meeting

7 May 2024.