

Letham & District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on: 15th August, 2024 at 7.30pm in Letham Feuars Hall

Present: Wendy Cameron, Karen Smith, Isobel Sword, Gail Smith, Karen Kose, Tracy Andrews, Sandra Macrae, Cllr Nicoll, Debbie Dallas

Via Teams: David Lumgair, Cllr Cowdy

Apologies Mhairi Dickson, and Sergeant Gary Miller (Police)

Absent Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Cruickshanks,

Approval of Previous Minutes: proposed by: Karen S

seconded: Karen K

Matters Arising:

- **Police Report** – this was sent out to committee members. Wendy indicated there was nothing of significant concern
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Strategy** – Isobel has received an email from Emma Faulkner, Protecting People in Angus, requesting input on ASB from community representatives

Action: Isobel to reply to email and invite Emma Faulkner to come to the next meeting

- **Community Council Footpaths** –

The Disposition says that there is right of access in the area shaded blue but the other plans don't have a blue shaded area on it. Isobel is keen to meet with Thorntons Solicitors to discuss the inaccuracies/discrepancies between the documents. Sandra has said that as an ex-Conveyor she would like to join Isobel at the meeting.

Isobel has been in touch with Paul Clark, Right of Access Officer with Angus Council, to request Angus Council recognition of the paths network and arrange appropriate signage for them all.

The proposed expenses for the drainage improvements to the 'Mossburn path' (between North Watson Street and Guthrie Street) have been submitted to the Community Council. The gravel has already been bought and paid for. The other items are: 300m coil of pipe = £331.20, Hire of the 'trencher' = £360.00, Grass & Clover seed = £100.00 and Digger hire = £100.00. Total costs = £891.20. There is enough money in the paths account to cover this. The letter written by Alison Towns for Wendy to sign has been sent to the Council.

Gail shared photos of the bridge over The Vinney where the hard core has washed away and there is now a considerable step on/off the bridge. During the meeting Tracey shared that Doug would install a concrete ramp at either end of the bridge and only charge for the materials.

Action: Isobel to contact Steven Mitchell and get the details of the solicitors at Thorntons and arrange to meet with them

Action: Isobel to chase up Paul Clark and ask him to register all the community paths with CROW (Catalogue of Rights of Way) and then install signs

Action: Isobel to put a notice in 'In The Pict-ure' to inform community of the plans

Action: Wendy to contact Alison Towns to get an update on the progress so far

Action: Isobel to meet with Mhairi Dickson regarding any/all funding opportunities that can be applied for following the email she received

- **Cosgrove Award** – again there have been no nominations. As the extended closing date has passed the decision of all the committee is to leave the award until 2025.

- **Correspondence** –

There has been a £435 grant from Angus Council received to support the Community Council. There are very strict rules on what the money can be used for.

The newsletter from Scottish Community Councils has been forwarded to committee members.

An email has been received from a resident who was given a fixed penalty notice for parking on a pavement. Cllr Cowdy shared that she was copied in to an email to Cllr Shepherd regarding this and he has been dealing with it. Cllr Shepherd has received a response from the Traffic Officer and this has been forwarded to the resident.

Treasurer Report:

Footpath Account: £3300.89

Defibrillator Account: £2223.10

Community Council Account: £540.16 (includes grant from Angus Council)

Karen S shared that TSB are introducing new rules for business banking. Will still be protected from fraud.

AOCB:

Defibrillators - Sandra discussed the letter sent to Karen S regarding Defibrillators and the agreement by Angus Council to allow one to be installed on the outside wall at Jubilee Court. Karen K shared an introductory paragraph that she has written to go on the 'Crowd Funding' site. Money raised will be used to purchase cabinets and Defibrillator through St John's as per the email sent to Karen S. Karen K feels that 'Option 1' is preferable as any money raised over what is needed can go into the account and be used for ongoing maintenance. The Crowd Funding target will be set at £5000 and will be launched on 15th September. Karen S has been contacted by Helen Brady of HeartStart regarding training. She needs a minimum of 5 people and can do various dates: 30th Sept, 2nd or 28th Oct, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 25th, 26th or 28th Nov. It was suggested to mention the training to CLEAR group as they might want to come. Karen S also suggested that there is signage around the village to indicate where the defibrillators are located and also signs at the cabinets.

Action: Isobel to organise a venue for the HeartStart training and email Karen S who can contact Helen Brady and confirm the training

Action: Isobel to put a message in In The Picture inviting people to engage with the HeartStart training – they will be able to sign up via the Community Council email.

Action: Karen K to launch the Crowd Funding on 15th September

Notice Boards - Sandra shared her updates: she has contacted a lady who can support with the costing. Michael Glen will write the words. Sandra phoned Robertson Mitchell to see if they could reproduce the bi-centenary book and is now waiting to hear back.

Action: Sandra will produce a report once she has the costing to share at the next meeting

Trees –

The trees backing on to gardens in Heather Croft have been raised by a resident wanting permission to cut them back/down. Wendy confirmed that the resident can do this

Wendy raised concerns that the trees / bushes on East Den Brae are damaging double decker buses as they go past and asked that this be reported to Angus Council

Action: Cllr Nicoll to follow this up

Transport – Isobel was asked to mention transport from Letham to Gardyne Campus, Dundee as the buses are not convenient. Isobel has suggested to the resident that they speak to the College as there is nothing the Community Council can do.

- **Planning** – initially David reported that there was nothing contentious within planning, however, there was then a discussion regarding the proposed work to Letham Craft Shop and concern that the right of way would become access to car parking. The plans submitted show the whole of the right of way as being part of the application, despite this land not being owned. The neighbours of the Craft Shop are concerned that access to the rear of their properties would be impacted. There was consensus that the Craft Shop is an asset to the village and improving the business would be supported. Isobel suggested making comment on the planning application pointing out the restrictions that are needed to maintain the neighbours and community rights of access.

Action: Isobel to draft comments objecting to the planning application and share with the committee before submitting

Close: Wendy thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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