

# **Minutes of a Meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the Bridgend Bar Brechin**

David Dewar took the chair and welcomed the company

## **Present**

David Dewar, Garry Robertson, Douglas Murray and Eric Gray.  
Councillors Nichol and Scott (Angus Council).  
P.C. Mc Kendrick (Police Scotland).  
Two Members of the Public.

## **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Telmo Teixeira, Robin Lee, Councillor Beattie (Angus Council)

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

It was proposed by Garry Robertson, seconded by Douglas Murray that the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 be adopted as a true and accurate record,

## **Matters Arising.**

It was confirmed that Sharon Faulkner is the lead office for Brechin.

## **Police Update.**

P.C. Mc Kendrick said there is little crime in Brechin but patrols would be stepped up over the festive period to combat shoplifting etc. The breakdown of crimes for November is:-

Group 1 - Crimes of violence, including murder, rape, extortion, serious assault, robbery – 1

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 4

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty – 7

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 7

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 3

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking - 15

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 16

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 0

There continues to be concerns reported regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the Local area, in particular 20mph speed zones.

Local Speed Initiatives will continue to be planned where possible and Road Policing Departments have been notified of these continuing issues for extra attention. Motorists will be warned regarding their use of speed and reported if necessary and further Initiatives will be planned in the future. In addition, Speed deterrent measures will continue ('Pop up Jim and Jane' signage) to be used.

November 2024 Events Community Officers from Montrose and Brechin Community Policing Team attended at the All Souls Coffee Morning at Aberlemno Hall. Officers provided information in relation to After Dark (advice regarding keeping homes secure) and Scam Awareness.

### **Treasurers Report.**

The treasurer report that the accounts for the last financial year had been audited and submitted to Angus Council. The operational grant of £198.88 had been received and the bank balance now stood at £1550.54.

### **Planning Report.**

Planning permission has been granted for the conversion of the former Common Good property in Panmure Street.

### **Councillors Update.**

The Community Engagement events held at the Crickety and at Jars were well attended but did not last long enough for meaningful engagement. A working group will be set up in the new year to look at various options for the City has been reported that there is a damp smell coming from the hole city. It will consist of the local Councillors, Community Councillors, representative of the business and local communities. It has been reported that there is a damp smell coming from the unoccupied properties in the River Street area. There are approximately 330 empty council properties across Angus,

### **AOCB**

The Community Council has secured a funding grant of £15,000 to buy free-standing temporary flood barriers along with a portable generator and water pump to be used as part of a community resilience scheme. Discussions will be held with Angus Council about a suitable storage space.

The Pipe Band hut at the Inch Park has been badly damaged in the flooding and may require to be demolished.

A meeting will be arranged with Communities worker Sandra Livingston, Communities Worker, to discuss possible Community Council involvement in the future of the BMX track.

### **Questions fro the Floor.**

There were no questions from the floor.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00pm at Glebe Park Brechin.

There being no further business David thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.