

MINUTES OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF MONTROSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 21st November 2024
at The Playhouse, The Mall, Montrose, DD10 8NN

Present:

Ross Thomson (Chair), David Paton (Vice-Chair), Maggie Braid (Secretary), Roy Gill (Treasurer), Council members - Pip Hills, Dave Wood, Joan Murray, William Nicoll, Gail Penman, Archie Shepherd (JMCC), and Councillors Bill Duff and Tommy Stewart.

1. Chairman's welcome

Ross Thomson (Chair), welcomed the members of the public attending the meeting and PC Mark Garnes.

2. Apologies for absence

Councillor Iain Gall, Dawn McNeal, Kirsten Tomlinson, John Tomlinson, Jenny May and Charlotte May

3. Feedback from Montrose Junior Community Council group

Gail Penman gave an overview of the MJCC meeting and confirmed that future meetings will be held January, May and September. The MJCC meeting had a visitor, Sheena Beattie, Learning for Sustainability Officer.

4. Minutes of last meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2024 were taken as read and approved.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

a. Presentation From Angus Health & Social Care Partnership with regards Annat Bank closure and Minor Injury Provision in Montrose

Following the meeting, details were received confirming that the Annat Bank surgery will be re-opened as a new practice on 2nd December 2024.

A letter was also received from Jillian Galloway, Chief Officer, Angus Health & Social Partnership providing further information in response to our requests. A copy of the letter is attached for further information.

b. Request for MCC to host a meeting relating to the ongoing anti-social behaviour issues in Montrose

Discussions took place regarding the arrangements being made by Police Scotland and Angus Council to hold a public meeting. Details will be provided to the Borrowfield community as soon as possible. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the community with information regarding the parameters they can work within regarding the anti-social behaviour by Police Scotland and what can be done by Angus Council, and what is within the community's power.

Gail Penman commented that we need to consider that the current anti-social behaviour and the ongoing issues is raising mental health issues with children in the local community.

c. **Common Good List Consultation**

Councillor Bill Duff advised the meeting that public consultation is being undertaken and the results will be issued as soon as possible. Ross Thomson requested that MCC be involved in Angus Council's decision to allocate future Common Good funding. Councillor Bill Duff advised that raise this request at the bi-annual Community Council meeting.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

An account of the current position, already emailed to all MCC members, was explained by Roy Gill, Treasurer and agreed that the balance is £12,148 with £6,944 held for transfer to ProMo.

7. **Councillors Report**

- a. Councillor Bill Duff advised the meeting that Angus Council are in the budget season discussions with the Scottish Government and that no decision would be made until early December.
- b. Councillor Bill Duff updated the meeting on the O4 development and advised that discussions were still taking place with Crown Estates relating to progress on this project.

8. **Questions from the floor**

No questions were raised from the floor.

9. **Agenda Items:**

a. **Seagreen Large Project Voting Process Update**

David Paton advised the meeting that Seagreen have confirmed that the two winning projects are Montrose Community Trust and ProMo. Award of the project funding is taking place and will be publicly done on 17th January 2025.

b. **Seagreen Microgrant Applications**

MCC agreed the funding application of 3 local organisations:

1. **Borrowfield Community Centre** - £500 contribution to further upgrading of the Centre with upgrade to female and disabled toilets and further lighting updates.
2. **Borrowfield Bites** (Borrowfield Parent Council) to set up a farm to fork group for school children who are growing vegetables etc., in polytunnel to teach them how to cook them
3. **Montrose Live Music Company** - £500 to enable free attendance for local attendees and live acts

Further applications will be sought for the remaining 2024 funding allocation.

10. **Police Report**

PC Garnes advised the meeting that Borrowfield area still seen as a problem area and the actions currently being taken are as follows:

- Police are conducting various foot patrols throughout the night
- An 'After Dark' campaign is being set up advising residents to leave lights on etc., in their homes if they are out
- Neighbourhood Watch has been set up by various residents

Efforts are being made by both Police Scotland and Angus Council to support residents and necessary legal actions will be taken wherever possible. The situation will be closely monitored and reports will be provided to MCC on a regular basis.

11. Correspondence

See correspondence from Angus Health & Social Care Partnership indicated in item 5

12. Planning Report

David Paton advised the meeting of relevant planning applications within Montrose.

13. AOCB

- a. A full member of the community council – Gail Penman was proposed by David Paton and seconded by Ross Thomson and welcomed as a full MCC member.
- b. Dave Wood, leader of MCC coastal erosion sub-group, updated the meeting on the Angus Council coastal erosion project.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Dates of next meetings for 2025 are:

Thursday 16th January

Thursday 20th March

Thursday 15th May

Thursday 17th July

Thursday 18th September

Thursday 16th October (AGM)

Thursday 20th November