

Letham & District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on: 16th January 2025 at 7.30pm in Letham Feuars Hall

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

Via Teams: Cllr Shepherd

Apologies Cllr Cowdy, Cllr Nicoll, Police, Paul Clark

Absent Mhairi Dickson, David Lumgair, Cllr Cruickshanks

Amendments to Previous Minutes:

- None

Approval of Previous Minutes: proposed by: Karen S

seconded: Karen K

Police Report:

- 52 calls in December – 10 crimes from these calls: 4 traffic; 1 miscellaneous; 1 anti-social; 1 damage and reckless behaviour; 1 dishonesty
- Next 'Cuppa with a Cop' on Sunday 2nd February, 1.00-2.00pm in the Village Hall

Matters Arising:

- **Injury to Local Resident –**

The situation at the Chicken Factory is getting worse, especially when it is icy. An email was sent to all Councillors and the Community Council – reply received from Cllr Nicoll to say she had been in touch with the factory owners previously and would now chase this up again. The resident who was injured is a 90 year old who walks round the village daily and is extremely fit. Her injury required a hospital visit and treatment for a chipped bone. Sandra shared that there is a public duty on the council to ensure safe passage for all residents. This is now the third time that the Community council have discussed the seepage from the Chicken Factory. Isobel shared that there is a meeting on Monday 27th January to discuss Community Council Action Plans which she will attend and report our issues. Gail shared her disappointment in the reply from Angus Council to the email: 'Thank you for reporting this, we will check this out and take appropriate action, if required. This has now been closed'. Cllr Shepherd said that he would try passing the concern to the Roads Team and feedback at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Shepherd to raise the concern with the Roads Team

- **Community Council Footpaths –**

Isobel shared an email that was sent to the Community Council from Mrs Jolly, in response to the letter sent to her in December. For clarity, the path is owned by the Community Council having been bequeathed by G. Mitchell and therefore Mrs Jolly's suggestion of land ownership to the centre of the river is inaccurate. Karen S shared information she was given in February 2023 regarding the right of way. The action to register this, and all paths, has been passed to CROW. Isobel informed that The Ramblers of Scotland are recording all paths electronically.

Action: There needs to be a meeting on site with Paul Clark, possibly in April ahead of the path's grass being cut again. Isobel to contact Paul Clark again to arrange this

- **Email from Mr T Rizza –**

An email was sent to Cllr Cowdy with questions about the Community Council which she then asked of Isobel and Debbie. The questions and answers are as follows:

- How the paths group's membership was chosen, and who is currently on it? **Volunteers make up the group**
- Does the Community Council lead/run the paths group? **No, it is run by volunteers. The Community Council manage the bank account**
- How was the £3400 currently stated as being in the paths group account raised? **Donations**
- Will the above statement apply to all un-adopted roads in Letham, or just some of them? **The statement referred to was inaccurate. Previous minutes have included reference to Paul Clark being involved in the registering of paths / rights of way and he will advise which ones will be included**
- Is the paths group involved with / linked with the Feuars Committee, and if so, how? **There is some overlap of membership**

Action: Isobel to feedback to Cllr Cowdy

- **Article for In-the-Pict-ure**

This will include information regarding the Paths and also the defibrillators

- **Defibrillators –**

Karen K has taken collection of 1 cabinet and 2 defibrillators. She has also chased up Davidsons and secured £250 from them towards the installation – they are happy for the Community Council to arrange this. 1 cabinet and 1 defibrillator is for Craiche. 1 cabinet is needed to house existing defibrillator at Davidsons. The defibrillator from the KeyStore will go to Jubilee Court, cabinet also required. Sandra will check with Claire Warrender / Rachel Rodgers whether Angus Council will need to undertake the installation – Cllr Shepherd

will also check this. The new defibrillator will go into the Square and the one from there will go to Craiche. Callum Ramsay contacted Karen K to say that there is now a defibrillator at The Bowling Club in memory of Brian Milne. Karen S will apply to St John's to purchase another defibrillator and cabinet – the cabinet will be used at Jubilee Court and the defibrillator will replace one of the out of date ones.

Karen S shared feedback from the recent defibrillator training – no one knew the Wi-Fi password for the trainer, no heating was on in the main hall, they used the small hall and the heating went off, the hall should not have been accessed before 7.15pm but it was. As the intention is to do more training Karen S has acknowledged these concerns and ensured that things would be better next time

Action: Karen S to check with St John's if the pads on their defibrillator are suitable for both adults and children – also does the battery need to be replaced every time the device is used.

Action: Sandra / Cllr Shepherd to check on installation requirements for Jubilee Court

Treasurer Report:

Footpath Account: £3300.89

Defibrillator Account: £2896.82 (+£250 to come from Davidsons)

Community Council Account: £273.33

- **Planning –**
Nothing to share

AOCB:

Housing Committee –

Sandra asked if the Community Council have received a letter from Angus Council to join the Housing Committee? Because any volunteers on this committee would have no powers / voice no one has, as yet, stepped forward. Sandra could contact Beth Whiteside, Ross Greig/Greg or Jill/Gill Scott regarding this

Community Council Meetings –

Sandra has had a request from a member of the public to know when the Community Council meetings are held and asked if they could be advertised. There is a list of dates displayed on the notice board in the Square. Sandra will take a copy of the dates and display it on the Jubilee Court notice board

Mattress –

Mattress and bed base dumped at 'Soo's Snout' (top of West Hemming Street). This has been reported to the Access Line and will hopefully be removed soon

Water on Old Blairs Road –

The water on the road at the bottom of Old Blairs Road has become very slippery for walkers. Isobel advised that she has plans to repair this

Close: Wendy thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.02pm

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