

MINUTES OF MONTROSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Thursday 16th January 2025
At The Playhouse, The Mall, Montrose, DD10 8NN

Present:

Ross Thomson (Chair), David Paton (Vice-Chair), Roy Gill (Treasurer), Joan Murray, David Wood, Gail Penman, Jennie Young, Pip Hills, Charlotte May, Kirsten Tomlinson and John Tomlinson. Councillors: Iain Gall, Tommy Stewart and Bill Duff

1. Chairman's Welcome

Ross Thomson (Chair), welcomed the members of the public attending the meeting

2. Apologies

Maggie Braid, William Nicoll and Dawn McNeal

3. Junior Community Council update

Gail gave a brief update of issues that had arisen at the December meeting. Minutes to follow.

4. Minutes of last meeting

These were taken as read and approved. Ross Thomson proposed, David Paton seconded

5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- a. Feedback from Annat Bank - seems to be going well and no issues have been forthcoming.
- b. Angus Council have offered to host a meeting re Anti-social behaviour at Borrowfield, though there are issues trying to get everyone together. Alison leaving at end of January. Cllr. Bill Duff agreed to find out if there is someone in place as a replacement and if this is still something AC will be doing.

6. Treasurer's Report

Roy gave a quick overview of the finances and confirmed Pro Mo funds which had been held by MCC has now been paid to ProMo.

7. Councillors Report

- a. Cllr. Bill Duff – confirmed that temporary sand bags had been put in place at required areas just before Christmas.
- b. Some discussion took place about the problems at the seafront with members of the public round the table. Cllr Bill Duff provided an update from AC.
- c. Ross Thomson suggested that we get another visit from Kim McCrossan from Angus Council to get an update. Dave Wood to contact her to see if she is available to come to our March meeting.
- d. New Recycling Bins - not arrived in Montrose yet possibly in the spring before we get them.
- e. Buses and routes - issues are being looked at but it appears that the bus companies are the problem. Cllr. Iain Gall is to look into this.

8. Questions from the floor

- a. Peking Palace - building now for sale but there will still be a presence in Montrose in the old Rug Bug Bennies.

9. Agenda items

a. **SeaGreen Awards evening**

The event will be taking place at The Playhouse on Friday 17th January and will include a drinks reception plus the new Playhouse pizzas. There will be two x 10 minute presentations from the successful recipients, Montrose Community Trust and Pro Mo. Ross Thomson explained to the floor the micro grants and their purpose.

b. **Micro Grants**

Still £700 left from the allowance up to March 2025. After March there will be another £9,000 issued from Seagreen.

c. **Pro Mo**

David Paton updated the meeting :

- First property, Chrystalle, has been purchased and will be ProMo base. Project Officer will work out of there too. 4 applicants received so far.
- Properties will be let out at reasonable rents to try and encourage new businesses to the town.
- Offer has been accepted on old Blockbuster shop.

10. **Police Update**

Ross read out a short report received from the Police pointing out issues that occurred during December into January.

11. **Correspondence**

E.mail from Community Planning about a forthcoming meeting on 27 January. Maggie to attend.

12. **Planning Report**

- a. Proposal for old Rope & Sail in Bents Road. Already 12 objections regarding parking and access. A resident of Bents Road, who attended the meeting, has huge concerns about parking and stopping which will result in further congestion. At the moment people are parking on the pavements. Helen Campbell, Panmure Place, also has an objection to this application. As a result of her contacting the Access Office she was told she would have to e.mail. She has no way to do this and it was suggested by Cllr. Bill Duff that she should write to Angus House and the Planning Department.
- b. It was suggested a letter should be sent on behalf of MCC with comments about issues that were raised at the meeting. Access, parking and safety
- c. A vote was taken and the majority of the MCC agreed a letter should be sent with comments.

13. **AOCB**

- a. Question was raised about any available funding when SeaGreen runs out. Bill Duff sent an e.mail to Sandra Livingston with suggestions.
- b. John Tomlinson wanted to express thanks for the wonderful Christmas lights that Tommy Stewart and his team displayed this year.

14. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 20 March 2025 @ 6pm following the Junior Community Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm