

Newcastle & District Community Council

Tuesday September 13th 2022

Minutes of Ordinary meeting

PRESENT: Cllrs Watson McAteer, Jane Cox, CC members: Iain Crosbie Barbara Elborn, Lyndsay Patterson, Jim Lewis, Rob Irwin, 2 members of public.

APOLOGIES: Ian Nichol, Marcus Day, Keith Brough, PC Allan Patterson

- 1) Welcome & apologies
- 2) Declarations of Interest: nothing to declare
- 3) Acceptance of code of conduct – JL, IC confirmed. IN to be asked Oct meeting
- 4) **Police Report** provided by PC Allan Patterson and read to the meeting: Hit and run Vehicle Accident at old Police house, vehicle collided with parked car knocking off door mirror. Possible vehicle responsible traced through part left at scene and CCTV. Report of family lost in hills around village, traced safe and well before Police attended. Two reports of sheep being worried by dogs at Clerkleap area, currently under investigation. Fly tipping at cauldron area of burn near Saughtree. Weekend of Holm Show group youths from Newcastle were camping leaving all their tents and a disgusting mess of rubbish and broken glass. Spoken to them and vehicle details recorded. Mess cleared to Hawick refuse centre. Currently seeking Northumbria Police to attend and assist with charging the registered keepers with Fly Tipping and culpable and reckless conduct, due to the broken glass left. Report of vandalism to items within Primary School, attended and have photographs of damage, also CCTV images of those responsible. A list has been compiled of those responsible some of whom have already come forward, apologised, and tried to assist in making reparations. All involved to be visited with consideration into being charged with the act of vandalism. Single vehicle VA at junction with Hermitage Road. Report of speeding vehicle in Langholm Street, video of the vehicle driving at what would appear to be excessive speed. Registration noted, D&G Police emailed to attend and speak with driver regarding his manner of driving. Hawick & Hermitage police report was also received.
- 5) **Minutes of the last meeting** August 2022 accepted as being accurate record of the meeting. Proposed RI, Seconded JL
- 6) **Matters arising:**
 - a. Continuity of 2nd Tuesdays was previously agreed in the Aug meeting, elected members were asked to support the CC in their endeavours to get the Area Partnership meeting moved so that the CC could attend
 - b. Admin support for CC Grant to be submitted
 - c. Neighbourhood Support Fund update IC reported back on feedback submitted to the AP but outcomes were unknown as not in attendance.
 - d. BE advised new Youth project underway locally, grant application to be considered to support this initiative
 - e. Etleton Cemetery – previously agreed that paths and safety more important than repairing a monument. Heritage would be approached to seek support to follow up on monument. Elected members asked to provide update on SBC proposal to upgrade the pathway within the cemetery.
 - f. 5G mast – planning withdrawn
 - g. D'Main Holm – road still extremely patchy and considered even worse than last month when it was raised, no evidence of any repairs being actioned. Elected members asked to

clarify what SBC meant when they indicated that repairs had been forthcoming.

- h. EnergieKontor invited to attend Oct CC meeting to discuss amend plans and community benefit funds.
- i. CCTV update riverside install – LP updates in KB absence. Works to be recommenced in Sept with view to completion end Oct.

7) Planning

- j. Muirhall Windfarm – Community Benefit Fund meetings attendance BE/JL will attend Oct 26th, Hawick
- k. Pines Burns proposed site changes – feedback on opportunity to comment, lack of TMP, no dates provided for CBF discussion
- l. Newcastleton Forest amendments – felling all agreed that the timing of the work was essential which was still unknown, efforts to establish when this might happen were providing challenging.

8) Correspondence

- m. MOP sought CC support ref Complaint 101002301453 Stage 2 SBC Response riverside bund/conservation status on trees. This was discussed the outcome decided that there was nothing to be gained. The CC agreed not to take further.

9) SBC Cllrs Feedback/updates

- n. Douglas Square pedestrian crossing update was sought and would be discussed at next CC

10) Public forum/Community issues

- o. Riverside concerns ref children had been raised by MOP, common place to see children cycling straight onto riverside without due care of traffic. Police to be asked to attend the school to remind the children of the dangers
- p. Bund – MOP requested options to cross the bund. It is understood that steps will be placed over it so that it can be crossed safely to access seating areas
- q. Breathing Space seat – MOP reported bolts had been severed and it looks like attempted theft was underway
- r. Heritage Centre request for help – to be discussed outside the meeting with HC team; funding bids need to be multipurpose/not exclusive use, incorporate renewables into the building and retrofit insulation so the building fabric was fit for purpose. Huge capital investment required to do this.
- s. Cllr McAteer proposed the CC write to David Robertson interim CEO, SBC to request a road safety review given issues raised; children/bikes, Douglas square crossing, speeding car etc.
- t. BE reported that she had requested detail from SBC ref cost of living support for community warm spaces program, nothing had been forthcoming.

IC thanked all for attending. Meeting closed at 8:30pm