

Chairs' Report

Chairman's Report for Year ended 30th April 2016

Another year passes by swiftly and once again I am happy to report on the various activities undertaken and achievements seen throughout this past financial year. As always I take the opportunity to say a big "Thank You" to my fellow community councillors whose endeavours and conscientious support at our monthly meetings is greatly appreciated. Their names can be found on the minutes of our meetings posted in our Notice Board in Loch Lane.

Undernoted, I have listed a brief bullet-point report highlighting some of the activities undertaken throughout the year for the benefit of local residents and visitors. This is not a comprehensive overview but gives a flavour of what we do, and should anyone reading this report wish to consider joining us in either a formal or casual capacity my contact details are given below.

- Ongoing dialogue with Aberdeenshire Council re creation of a safe pathway Whitehills/Ladysbridge village (highlighted in past three Community Action Plans). Hopefully a resolution can be reached this year.
- Enhanced floral displays round the village.
- Well attended Remembrance Day Services with Poppy Wreaths laid at the Memorial and the Cemetery.
- Continued efforts to keep the village tidy with 'Doggy Bag' dispensers available at strategic points.
- Our team of volunteers achieved another "Gold Loo of the Year Award 2016" - thanks to all. The Baby changing facility has been reinstated.
- Numerous meetings and discussions with Ab. Council re proposed amendments to Community Council Constitutions – still not resolved !!
- The damage on the back path has been tidied up with new hard core laid.
- The pathway from Boyndie Centre to the Windfarm has been cleared and tidied up.
- New Picnic benches have been sited on Low Shore.
- WDCC (Whitehills & District Community Council) is now a "corporate member" of the new "RAF Banff" project.
- Creation of a new WDCC (Whitehills & District Community Council) website is in hand to keep our activities and facilities in the public eye.

Additionally we have provided a number of project grants throughout the year through the Boyndie Windfarm Community Fund to the extent of £11,751.

Applications for consideration can be found on our website –

www.whitehillsanddistrict.co.uk

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