**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 21st November 2019**

**Present:** Ross Balharry (Chairman), Duncan Leece, Anne Balharry, Chas Findlay, Robert Mackie, Stuart Ironside, Bill Bain, Alistair Wiseman, Mick Moloney, Alan Stewart

**In Attendance:** Cllr John Cox, Cllr Mike Roy, Rebecca Ross, David West

**Apologies:** None

**Introduction of Rebecca/Banffshire Partnership:** Ross introduced Rebecca Ross, from The Banffshire Partnership and explained that since Mattie’s departure as secretary, the Banffshire Partnership would be taking on this role for the same payment, which will go towards supporting their Dial-A-Bus service.

**Adoption of Minutes of 17th October 2019:**  proposed by Robert Mackie and seconded by Bill Bain

**Matters Arising:**

* Chas reported that the rotted base/struts of the information board at the church had been fixed.
* Ross reported that letters of thanks have been sent to the Fire Brigades for their excellent service and help.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. The Gift Account remains the same. Payments have been made for repairs to the information board of £59.50, Remembrance teas, £47.40 and £184.88 for dog waste bins. This leaves a balance in £4258.02 in the working current account. Stanley Smith has put in a bill over and above normal maintenance fees for Red well. Discussion was held over recognition of the toilet volunteer’s work over the year – agreed to keep gift amount the same as previous year.

**Community Action Plan – Monthly Review:** Duncan was tasked with going back to the Ladysbridge Village Association and has done so. Duncan will also help them do a windfarm application. Cllr Cox pointed out that they have a new committee after their recent AGM. Duncan is hosting a meeting at Boyndie on the 2nd of December for the Ladysbridge Village Residents Association regarding developer’s obligation for public art. A discussion was held over the pathway from Ladysbridge Village to the school and possible alternatives.

**Flooding Issues – Update following meeting with Nick Rae Aberdeenshire Council:** Billreported back on his recent meetings with Nick Rae. He also reported that the sandbag boxes are now in position with two filled with the rest being delivered tomorrow (22nd November). Alan and Annette Addison will be keeping extra sandbags. David will be joining the meeting later to report on his new plans of the drains.

The post flooding debris behind the black shed was raised. ***Action* – Ross will send a letter to Scottish Water.**

**Archaeological find presentation:** Ross reported that the event was a great success, with a turnout of over 80 people.

**Car Park at Red Well:** A discussion was held surrounding the Car Park at Red Well, which has been damaged by heavy-duty machinery churning it up.***Action* – Duncan will have a conversation with Colin Smith regarding what can be done and how much it will cost.**

**Planning:** Duncan reported that there were 3 planning applications; one being the alterations to the Harbour Office. He reported that there appeared to be no objections.

**Correspondence:** Rossread out the correspondence; which included a thank you card from Mattie and a thank you letter from Brenda Stewart for the money from the gift aid account, they will be doing a presentation to the Community Council when they return.

**AOCB:**

* Robbie updated that he was just waiting for the sparky to progress the Christmas lights but it had to be done within the next week. Chas reported that he had spoken to the sparky and it will be done by the 1st December.
* The condition of the cemetery was raised and Ross thanked Chas for tidying it up before the Remembrance Day. Cllr Roy updated that the condition of the cemetery had been raised with the Area Manager who will take this forward. Ross has also been perusing this matter and has been told that the work will be carried out this financial year.
* Ross updated that the Remembrance Day went well but there was not a huge turnout.
* It was noted that the bottle banks are now down at the harbour at the old skip site but the residents do not seem to be aware of this – ***Action* Alan will put it on social media and Rebecca will put it on the website.**
* Mick reported that the Boyndie path had been tidied up and clipped right back. The bill will go to Mick who will pass it on to the Community Council.
* Chas updated that the house opposite the bakers remained the same.
* It was reported that Seafield Estates have a new property manager – Susan Shand

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 19th December