**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 20th August 2020**

**Present:** Duncan Leece**,** Anne Balharry, Chas Findlay, Robert Mackie, Bill Bain, Mick Moloney, Alistair Wiseman, Alan Stewart

**In Attendance:** Rebecca Ross

**Apologies:** Stuart Ironside

**Adoption of Minutes of 20th February 2020:**  proposed by Bill Bain and seconded by Mick Moloney

**Matters Arising:**

* Bill updated on current flooding information.
* Duncan updated that PC Rachael Davison is the new community policing officer.

**Community Council AGMs and Elections for vacancies and of officers:** Duncan updated that the current position from Aberdeenshire Council is that the AGM should go ahead in October and elections for vacancies and of officers in spring 2021. Members questioned the value of an October AGM?

Stuart Ironside has expressed his wish to retire forthwith. All members wished to record their thanks to Stuart for his years of work supporting the village.

**Planning:** Planning applications all pertain to the on-going development of Ladysbridge Village - No comments or objections have been made.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. The Community Council is ‘holding’ the Whitehills Community Hub money. Various payments have been made including the plants from Boyndie for the planters. £500.00 was paid from the Gift account to the Community Hub leaving the balance at £21290.78.

**Remembrance arrangements:** Duncan has spoken to Andrew Simpson, The Lord Lieutenant regarding arrangements, who is waiting for advice regarding current procedures. Anne will be ordering the three wreaths.

**On-going daily operation of the Community Council:** A discussionwas held regarding the roles and responsibilities within the Community Council, Duncan suggested that each individual area was allocated a ‘lead’ person. This was agreed by all parties as the way forward, and jobs were assigned.

**AOCB:**

* Bill mentioned that the bins require more frequent emptying due to the number of visitors.
* Bill has had a query from a member of the Community about introducing an ‘adoption’ scheme for people to look after the planters.
* A discussion was held regarding new grass cutting equipment – ***Action, Bill will look at the legalities of volunteers operating the potential new equipment.***
* A discussion was held around the existing website and setting up a Community Council Facebook page. There is a high amount of spam emails coming through the contact page on the website – ***Action – Rebecca will investigate ways in which to stop the spam.***
* A request has been made from the Millennium Committee to work with the Community Council to install a memorial bench for Ross Balharry.Chas suggested a potential site which was agreed by all and Chas will also take this forward.
* Bill brought up the poor condition of some of the picnic tables, it was agreed to replace these in the spring.
* The venue of the next Community Council was discussed, it was agreed that it would be held at the Boyndie Visitor centre in the same format.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 17th September, 7.00pm.