**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 18th February 2021**

**Present:**  Duncan Leece (Chairman), Anne Balharry, Chas Findlay, Alan Stewart, Bill Bain, Mike Duncan, Robert Mackie

**In Attendance:** Cllr John Cox, Cllr Mike Roy, Cllr Glen Reynolds, Rebecca Ross

**Apologies:** Alistair Wiseman, Jill Clark, Mick Moloney

**Adoption of Minutes of 21st January 2021:** Proposed by Alan Stewart and seconded by Robert Mackie.

**Matters Arising:**

* Dog Poo bag dispensers were ordered by Anne, one was delivered to Boyndie and there is a spare in reserve.

**Police Report:** The outcomes of the recent anti-speeding operation were reportedby Duncan on behalf ofPC Davison.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. The Dog Poo bag dispensers cost £300.17; £264.00 was paid for the Red Well cleaning. The Windfarm and Gift Account balance remains the same.

**Planning Issues:** Duncan reported one planning application for alterations and an extension to a dwelling in Reidhaven Street – no comments or objections have been recorded

**Correspondence:**

* A funding application has been received from The Playing Fields Association for an upgrade to the Blackpots Pavilion. Discussion was held around the application and it was approved. *Action – Duncan will work with the Association*
* A request has been received for the Community Council to publicise (particularly for those not digitally connected) the public consultation in regards to the proposed Canal Park development in Banff. *Action – When a contact number is realised the CC will place it on the notice board.*
* A notification has been received to attend a seminar on the ‘Circular Economy and how it relates to the planning system’. *Action – Duncan will attend.*
* A request has been received to provide feedback on the ‘Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 (STPR2)’. *Action – Rebecca will attend to this.*
* Aberdeenshire Council has notified that the AGM should be held on the 17th June 2021, further guidance regarding elections will follow.
* A request has been received from the Area’s Manager’s Office to find out if any scope exists in the Community for an existing Community group to take on the role of snow wardens.

**Projects Update:**

* Christmas lights – Robbie had circulated the options for the new Christmas light. A discussion was held and a unanimous decision reached. *Action – Robbie & Anne will take forward the ordering and payment.*
* Flooding – Bill updated on recent emails.
* Red Well Road signage – Bill updated that the signs are ordered and cost £195.00 Inc. VAT.
* Website – No new update.
* Public Toilets – All reported that the toilets are looking well kept.
* Coastal erosion – A letter has been received from a local resident outlining concern. Cllr Cox updated and a discussion was held regarding this ongoing issue.
* Plants & Planters – Bill updated on progress, Cllr Roy flagged that Aberdeenshire Council can obtain planters that may be an option. Duncan reported that Boyndie has now had plugs delivered.
* Alan updated on paths in particular the condition of the Reidhaven Street Path. A discussion was held regarding the way forward with this issue.

**AOCB:**

* Bill flagged up an initiative from CAMPA (The Campervan & Motorhome Professional Association) regarding working with them to have designated Chemical Waste facilities etc.

**Confirm DONM:**

The next meeting will be held virtually on the 18th of March, joining instructions will be sent out by Rebecca.