**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 18th March 2021**

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

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

**Apologies:** Alistair Wiseman, Jill Clark, Cllr John Cox

**Adoption of Minutes of 18th February 2021:** Proposed by Anne Balharry and seconded by Mick Moloney.

**Matters Arising:**

* No matters arising

**Police Report:** No report this month

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. £10.00 received in Christmas light fund, £96.00 in toilet donations. Turriff printers have been paid for signage. £9000 was given to the Playingfields for new flooring, and £1483.38 to Blachere for new Xmas lights. Both of these transactions were on the Windfarm Account.

**Planning Issues:**  No planning applications.

**CC on-line forum re Scheme of Establishment – report from Duncan:** Duncan reported on pertinent matters arising from this meeting.

* Clarification around the reduced rate for planning applications for Community Councils who are the led partner or intrinsically involved in the project going forward for planning permissions. Wording in the constitution will be strengthened to reiterate this.
* There will be a move to a single election date for all Community Councils – this is Scotland wide.
* Community Councils have the option to amend their constitution so that those whose primary address is not within the CC catchment area can stand as members. Decision was taken that there was no need to make the change in Whitehills currently.

**Correspondence:**

* Duncan passed on an invitation from the Area Managers Office to attend an online Skype meeting on the 14th April

**Projects Update:**

* Christmas lights – Robbie has placed the order for the new lights.
* Flooding – Bill updated on recent emails from Lee Watson
* Red Well Road signage – Bill updated that the signs have been received and are now in place.
* Public Toilets – All reported that the toilets are looking well kept.
* Coastal erosion – Duncan updated on recent email correspondence and an in-depth discussion was held regarding this ongoing issue ***Action – The Councillors were asked to progress a possible site meeting to look at options.***
* Plants & Planters – Bill updated on progress. Duncan confirmed that although Garden Centres are struggling to obtain plants Boyndie will have plants available for the CC.
* Alan updated on paths and a discussion was held re progressing repair of the ‘back path’.

**AOCB:**

* Alan expressed the CC thanks to the road sweeper – Mikey will pass this on.

**Confirm DONM:**

The next meeting will be held virtually on the 15th of April, joining instructions will be sent out by Rebecca.