**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 19th November 2020**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr John Cox, Cllr Mike Roy, Cllr Glen Reynolds Rebecca Ross, Jill Clark, PC Rachael Davison

**Apologies:** Alistair Wiseman, Robert Mackie.

**Welcome:** Duncan welcomed Jill Clark and PC Rachael Davison.

**Adoption of Minutes of 15th October 2020:** proposed by Bill Bain and seconded by Anne Balharry.

**Matters Arising:**

* Water lying between Boyndie and Whitehills: Mick reported that this had been dealt with.

**Police Report:** PC Rachael Davison introduced herself to the group and gave an update on any issues in the area. She highlighted the upsurge in fraudulent email’s and phone calls and to keep the elderly and vulnerable informed about these. Duncan and Rebecca updated on a Dial-A-Bus lady who had been a victim of this only today. PC Davison is going to get material printed to go out on the Dial-A-Buses.

PC Davison also updated about a new Council App that records noise complaints, once we have the information, Rebeca will add it to the website and Chas will put a hard copy on the notice board.

**Planning issues:** Duncan advised that there are 2 planning applications, a further proposal to the walled garden application mentioned last month there are no comments or objections and a planning application for the Cutty Bar for a change of use which also has no comments or objections.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. Monies have been received from the Harbour Commissioners and the Millennium Committee for their share of the memorial bench. £25.00 was in the Christmas lights fund. A payment of £264.00 was made to Stanley Smith for cleaning of the Redwell. The gift account and Windfarm account remains the same.

Ladysbridge Village and the Football Club will be doing windfarm applications and Duncan and Anne will deal with these once they are progressed.

**Correspondence:** Duncanattended the Community Council Forum on the 4th of November. The Costal Path project was raised and following this Ken Munro has made contact with Duncan to discuss this project at the consultation stage.

**Projects Update:**

* Jill updated on how the toilet cleaning is working and the volunteer input for opening and closing the toilets (opening times 8.30 – 4.30). She raised concerns about evidence of potential drug activity in the area. Duncan thanked Jill for all her hard work and stated how valuable the service was to the community and visitors. ***Action – Duncan will feedback to PC Davison.***
* Bill updated that Nick Rae has sent a preliminary plan for the flooding work. A maintenance team will be going to clear the overgrown burn (Alan confirmed that he had seen a grass cutting team there). Sandbags have been delivered by the sea wall and Bill will put them into the boxes.
* Red Well Road – Bill reported that 2 passing places are in now; however he believes a couple more maybe required. Alistair Wiseman is going to source some tar to tidy up the passing places. Bill has been in contact with Alistair Miller re the signage. Duncan stated that it is fantastic start to the project but there is still a bit of work to be done, everyone agreed that Seafield Estates had been very helpful.
* Remembrance: Duncan thanked Bill and Chas for organising the remembrance event in what was a very difficult time.
* Duncan and Chas reported on recent developments on the coastal erosion issue at the Compass Rose which involve the ownership of the land. – ***Action: Duncan will email all relevant documentation to the councillors and Angela Keith and form Sub-group.***
* Alan updated on paths and Bill reported that we have a cost for ongoing maintenance of some of this in 2021. It was agreed that the CC will take a 1 year contract to get the paths back in good order.
* A discussion was held regarding the football park.

**AOCB:**

* Bill reported that last night’s storms had thrown up a lot of debris at the sea wall, which goes as far up as the brae.
* Alan brought up the amount of weeds in the kerbs particularly in Reidhaven Street, Mikey said that it might be worth enquiring if this could done as part of Community Service.

**Confirm DONM:**

The next meeting will be held virtually on the 17th of December, joining instructions will be sent out by Rebecca.