**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 21st January 2021**

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

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

**Apologies:** Alistair Wiseman, Jill Clark

**Note of December meeting and emails:** Duncan went through the technical difficulties which resulted in the December meeting having to be abandoned. An email was sent to all Community Councillors to ascertain if any urgent matters were arising and to update on the business of the day – no matters were arising and as a formal meeting could not be completed, no minutes needed to be approved.

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**Police Report:** PC Davison updated on recent activity in the area and reminded the public to stay vigilant and report any concerns. A new anti-speeding operation is to be implemented shortly. Rebecca updated on recent ‘scams’ reported by Dial-A-Bus customers.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. £15.00 was in the Christmas lights fund. The Seafield Estate money has been received. The FALCK monies have been received into the windfarm account. The Gift Account remains the same.

Duncan and Anne are monitoring all applications and progress to the windfarm account.

**Planning Issues:** Duncan reported one planning application for erection of a garage and store in Knock Avenue – no comments or objections have been recorded,

A notification has been received that the Inverboyndie road will be closed for one day on the 6th of April – *Action – Rebecca will put on website.*

**Correspondence:**  Duncanand Mick have been in correspondence with the North East Drift Club who will be starting events adjacent to the go-kart track. They had discussed neighbour concerns regarding noise pollution and the club are very keen and helpful about addressing these concerns and have put forth satisfactory suggestions to combat this issue.

An invitation has been received from the Area Management Team for the Community Councillors to attend a webinar from Zero Waste and Planning Aid Scotland on the 22nd of February.

**Projects Update:**

* Bill updated with input from David West about the current situation and timescales.

Duncan and Mick also reported an issue with the road around the Auds water tank which is icing badly due to water lying. Duncan also flagged up the amount of water lying at the entrance to The Boyndie Visitor Centre.

* Red Well Road – Bill updated on the situation with signage.
* Website – Duncan and Rebecca reported regarding recent correspondence from the UK government regarding accessibility compliance with public websites, they have involved the Area Management Team with these issues and will update accordingly.
* Public Toilets – All reported that the toilets are looking well kept.
* Coastal erosion – Chas updated and Cllr Cox agreed to check progress. Bill flagged up that an email has been received concerning engagement events around coastal paths.
* Christmas lights – Robbie updated that one display may have to be replaced, Robbie will take this forward. Duncan thanked Robbie and all the volunteers involved with the display and removal.
* Alan updated on paths and said that they are in as good a condition as can be expected this time of year.

**AOCB:**

* Dog Mess, Bill reported the volume of complaints regarding dog fouling within the village – a discussion was held regarding this ongoing issue.
* Dog bag dispenser at the Boyndie Visitor Centre is the old style – Anne will order anew style one.
* Bill discussed plants for the village floral displays and the possibility of finding ‘adopt a planter’ volunteers to look after their upkeep. It was noted that some of the planters will need to be replaced this year, Bill and Chas will co-ordinate on replacing them.

**Confirm DONM:**

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