**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 20th May 2021**

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

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

**Apologies:** Alistair Wiseman, Alan Stewart, Robert Mackie

**Adoption of Minutes of 15th April 2021:** Proposed by Bill Bain and seconded by Mick Moloney.

**Matters Arising:** No matters arising.

**Police Report:** PC Davison updated that no matters specific to the village were to be noted, although there will be a visible police presence in the future in the area around the school in response to parking concerns. Duncan reported on behalf of Alan that the problems in Old School Court remain ongoing. Duncan also reported on neighbour concerns about the use of The Boyndie Centre car park in the evenings.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. Various bills have been paid including £618.00 to Lovie’s for the new planters at the crossroad, £80.00 for the grass cutting and £312.00 for the quarterly cleaning of Red Well. £2000.00 has been transferred from the windfarm account to cover grass cutting and Red Well going forward. The working account balance is £4780.91. Windfarm balance £117524.27 and the gift account remains the same. As Anne had previously advised the deposit account matured in May and she has ‘rolled it over’ for another year.

Duncan reported that Robin Maddock had returned the accounts and could not find a single mistake and he thanked Anne for all her hard work.

**Planning Issues:**  2 planning applications are noted; 8 Seafield Place, alterations and extensions – no comments or objections and a steading conversion at St Brandon House – no comments or objections.

**CC AGM and Elections:** Duncan updated that the AGM will take place in an online format, the link has been sent out to everyone to fill in their nomination forms – all have done so. Duncan will advise if an election is required.

**Correspondence:**

* Alan emailed to query the appearance of a portaloo in the Red Well car park – Duncan will investigate.
* Correspondence has been received from a local resident, Bill has addressed some of the issues and Duncan will reply with contact information of a Council Officer that can help with her other query.
* An invitation has been received from SAMH for an information/training event on suicide prevention on the 27th May – if anyone is interested Duncan will forward the link.
* An invitation has been received from Aberdeenshire Council to attend the Community Impact Assessment event on the 7th June, Duncan will be attending but if anyone else wishes to join he will forward the link.

**Projects Update:**

* Toilets - Jill updated that everything is working well and two new volunteers have come forward.
* Planter at Crossroads – Mick updated that the plants are organised and the project is progressing well. Duncan thanked everyone involved and said that it was a classic example of a Whitehills community involvement project.
* Information sign near Compass Rose – The sign has now been removed and Colin Smith is rectifying it in his spare time.
* Reidhaven Street path – Duncan reported that Colin Smith is now liaising with Nick Rae. They will co-ordinate the work together from this point. Colin Smith will contact the CC if the costs go over the original quote.
* Coastal erosion – Chas updated a quote has been received from Colin Smith all agreed for Chas to give Colin Smith the go-ahead.
* Plants and Planters – Bill updated that everything is going to plan has completed his part. The volunteers are all organised. Bill has relocated some of the planters which everyone approved of.
* Flooding – Bill updated that the works are set to go forward in September.
* Paths - Alan updated by email that there are no new issues and all paths look in good condition.

**AOCB:**

* Bill has been approached by a group of ladies, keen to become involved in ‘beautifying’ the village.
* Chas has had a conversation with Jimmy Forbes about putting up the ‘Welcome to Whitehills’ banner – all agreed that it should go back up.
* Chas has been approached by a lady wishing to place a memorial bench at the crossroads. All agreed that it could replace the 1953 metal bench (which should be saved and relocated) Chas and Mick will liaise with the lady.

**Confirm DONM:**

The next meeting will be the AGM and held virtually on the 17th of June; joining instructions will be sent out by Rebecca.