**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 16th December 2021**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr John Cox, Rebecca Ross, Brian Wilkie, David West, Annette Addison,

**Apologies:** Chas Findlay, Cllr Glen Reynolds, PC Racheal Davison, Cllr Mike Roy

**Adoption of Minutes of 18th November 2021:** Proposed by Mick Moloney – Seconded by Anne Balharry

**Matters Arising:**

* Queen’s Baton Relay – ongoing.
* Duncan is awaiting a reply from Zurich Insurance – ongoing.
* Ladysbridge Village junction – ongoing.

**Police Report:** No new report received. Duncan updated on the parking issues and confirmed that he had contacted PC Davison; patrols in the area will be watching for any traffic violations. Jill asked if traffic calming measures in Seafield Street could be re-visited (possibly an illuminated 30mph sign erected) ***– Action – Duncan will contact relevant Council officer.***

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. The balance of the Working Account is £12462.54 (this includes the Hub and Fisherman & Seafarers Memorial Fund money). The balance of the Gift Account is £20219.78.

**Planning issues:** No new applications.

**Funded project update - Ladysbridge:** Brian updated on the progress of the Developers Obligation application.

**Harbour Commissioners project:** An application has been received for funding towards the rebuild of the harbour offices, specifically for the building of a downstairs Heritage Centre. The CC were all in agreement to support this application with the proviso’s that; the Heritage Centre must created and the funding from Marine Scotland must be in place before funds are released.

**Queen’s Jubilee Beacons:** Duncan has contacted the primary school and the Playing Fields Committee, who are engaged with the idea, however due to the current uncertainness surrounding Covid-19 events are difficult to plan at the moment.

**Correspondence:**

* Falck have been in touch to request the report on the use of the windfarm money.
* A link has been received if anyone wishes to access it for the consultation on Aberdeenshire Council’s gambling policy.
* Alison Simpson has emailed Duncan in her new role as Project officer for Coast Aberdeenshire and she would like to come and talk to the CC regarding the Coastal Path Corridor project – date to be confirmed.
* A letter has been received from Robbie, thanking all those involved in helping to put up the Christmas decorations and if anyone is available to help the lights etc. will come down on the 8th & 9th of January .

**Discussion re recent weather…..are there any lessons to learn?:**

Duncan led those attending in a discussion about the problems faced by the community during the recent storm, and actions taken by both community groups and public agencies. What worked, what didn’t and what was maybe missed altogether? Are there on-going problems/issues? Brian gave a very comprehensive report pertinent to Ladysbridge, resulting from a similar de-brief exercise completed within his group. The overall aspiration of the discussion was to distil useful feedback for communication to Aberdeenshire Council. ***– Action – Duncan will contact the Area Manager and Elected Members with a suggestion as to how this could most effectively be done.***

**Project updates:**

* Toilets – Jill updated that there is a problem with the lights in the ladies toilet which has been reported.
* Xmas lights – See Correspondence.
* Plants & Planter’s – Bill updated that everything is under control.
* Reidhaven Street path & Flooding – Bill updated that the plans have been viewed and are very comprehensive however the plans cannot go on public display until the tendering process is completed a discussion was held and it was felt that a clarification on the tending process timescale would be helpful for residents***- Action – Bill will take this forward.***
* Other paths – no issues.

**AOCB:**

* Alan thanked all the volunteers for filling up the dog bag dispensers and noted that usage had dropped slightly.

**DONM:**

The next meeting will be held in person on the 20th of January at the St Brandon Centre (subject to the Covid-19 situation).