**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes – Thursday 15th September 2022**

**Present:**  Duncan Leece (Chairman), Anne Balharry, Chas Findlay, Mike Duncan, Billy Gatt, Brian Wilkie, Audrey Cameron

**In Attendance:** Rebecca Ross, Cllr John Cox, Cllr Stewart Adams, Alison Jenkins, Gordon Donald, Carol West, David West

**Apologies:** Alan Stewart, Cllr Glen Reynolds, Jill Clark

**The meeting commenced with a minute’s silence in memory of Her Majesty the Queen.**

**Adoption of Minutes of 16th June 2022:** Proposed by Chas Findlay – Seconded by Mikey Duncan.

**Matters Arising:**

* A household recycling/bin collection timetable has been received – ***Action – Rebecca has circulated.***
* Cllr Cox asked for feedback regarding the flood prevention work carried out –the community councillors provided this and reiterated their thanks to all council officers involved.

**Short summary of what has happened since last meeting:** this covered a number of practical repairs and projects completed round the village, and Mike updated on matters pertaining to the grass cutting on paths, and of the football park. A discussion was held around this latter issue. The CC wish clarity, on behalf of several local residents, on which areas the Council will cut on-going, and plans for the remaining areas ***– Action - Cllr Cox and Cllr Adams will make enquiries and report back.***

Chas has fixed the information boards. Concerns have been raised at the cost of maintaining the Red Well – a discussion was held.

David West updated on information and correspondence received regarding getting action to address the condition of disused buildings near the Harbour. Duncan thanked him for his efforts to help the community and noted his frustration with the outcome.

**Police Report:** Duncan updated on the recent police report. Concerns were raised about damage being done to the playing fields – anyone with concerns should report these to the police. ***Action - Duncan would write to the community police officer.***

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. Various bills have been paid. The balance of the Working Account is £15266.62 (This includes the Hub and Fisherman & Seafarers Memorial Fund money). Duncan expressed the CC thanks to Anne.

**Planning issues:** Four applications have been received; 11 Fife Court Ladysbridge, erection of a garage (retrospective) - no comments or objections received. ‘Kingswell’ Cornhill Road, alterations and extension to dwelling house – no comments or objections received. Two properties in Ladysbridge Village, alterations and extension to dwelling house (retrospective) - no comments or objections received.

**Community Council Forum at Crudie 12th September:** meeting postponed until 22nd September at 6:30 pm.

**Remembrance:** annual services open to all, would be held at **Whitehills Cemetery War Memorials, on 11th Nov, just before 11.00am**, and the **Seafield Street War Memorial on Sunday 13th November, 1.00pm**

**Ladysbridge update:** Brian gave an update on all recent developments and public perception of lack of progress in a number of areas, that was now creating significant dissatisfaction among residents. On the matter of Nursery provision little or no further progress seems to have been made, either. ***Action - Relevant issues have been passed to Cllrs Cox and Adams for any assistance they can provide and Duncan will write to relevant Council officer regarding matters for the Planning/Building Control Department.***

**Correspondence:**

* Consultation was received on the Post Office move to the new shop. Duncan had replied positively, on behalf of the CC. Billy updated that the potential opening date of the new shop is hoped to be the 20th October, or thereabouts (tbc).
* Duncan reported on a request for funding from, and subsequent email exchange with Macduff Doodle Bugs. Unfortunately, they are not eligible for the W&DCC Windfarm Fund, but he had offered to assist them with other potential funding streams.

**Project updates:**

* Toilets – Jill updated by email. The toilets have had no issues. She has not had any quotes for the upgrades yet but is ‘on the case’ and hopefully soon will have figures.
* Plants & Planter’s – Carol provided a full and comprehensive update including the advancements on green spaces and bio-diversity. Duncan reiterated that Carol and her volunteers have the full support of the CC in whatever help they require.
* Historic School Bell – Chas updated – ongoing.
* Paths etc. – condition report. - Alan updated by email that no path problems have been reported.

**Thoughts on projects or themes for the coming year:** The assembled personages had a full and productive discussion on potential projects that could be achieved over the next year. Suggestions included; lights fitted along the coastal path to the caravan park (solar powered?), strips of grass down each side of the harbour steps (artificial grass?) and the potential to have allotments? Duncan stressed that this discussion was just a starter and would continue in future meetings, and now we are not fully absorbed in COVID response, it would be a great time for the CC to get back to proactive project work. Ideas from everyone are welcome.

**AOCB:**

* Alan reported that a resident asked if it was possible to have the “monument” within Old School Court inspected as some of the cement has fallen off. Also, is it possible to have a small plaque explaining what the monument represents - Action ***– Duncan will find out who to contact?***
* It has been reported that sadly the Peek-a-Boo group is no longer active.

**DONM: October the 20th at the St Brandon Centre. 6.30pm**