**Whitehills & District Community Council**

**Minutes– Thursday 21st April 2022**

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

**In Attendance:** Rebecca Ross, Brian Wilkie, Cllr John Cox, Cllr Glen Reynolds

**Apologies:** PC Racheal Davison, Bill Bain, Jill Clark, Cllr Mike Roy

**Adoption of Minutes of 17th March 2022:** Proposed by Anne Balharry – Seconded by Alan Stewart

**Matters Arising:**

* Toilet visit – in addition to the proposed ‘toilet reviews’ being carried out by Aberdeenshire Council the WDCC would like to meet with a council officer to discuss upgrades that are proposed using CC money and if permission is required to do this – Cllr Cox will make enquires.

**Police Report:** Duncan reported on the new format of police report that has been received. Cybercrime has been highlighted along with the recent thefts of diesel from rural properties.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Anneupdated on the activity since the last report. The balance of the Working Account is £12714.18 (this includes the Hub and Fisherman & Seafarers Memorial Fund money). £ 1326.25 has been received from AC for the toilet grant (1 year). £19.50 was in the toilet box collection. £177.00 was spent on plants. The balance of the Gift Account and Windfarm remains the same. The accounts are now ready to go to Robin Maddock to be audited.

**Planning issues:** Three applications have been lodged. 9 Redwell drive – no objections and neighbour support. Alterations to the campsite – no objections. Site Adjacent to Ladybrae Cottage – neighbour objections noted.

**CC AGM & Election:** The AGM will be held on the 16th of June.2 of the CC have to retire, Mick Moloney has decided not to re-stand and Duncan thanked him for his contributions. Chas will be re-standing. Currently there are 3 vacancies. Nomination forms will be available from the 5th of May and must be submitted by the 26th of May.

**Funded project update - Ladysbridge:** Brian updated on the group’s progress. There is no new update of the Pavilion. The Easter event was a great success. Concern is ongoing regarding nursery provision at Whitehills primary. Brian has been in contact with James Martin, Early Years’ Service Manager at Aberdeenshire Council, who it is hoped will come to a Community Council meeting to discuss holding a community consultation event.

**Jubilee arrangements:** no new updates

**Correspondence:**

* A response has been received from Alistair Miller regarding the automatic speed signs, it is the policy of Aberdeenshire Council not to replace these (if broken down) until a new survey of pedestrian count is undertaken – this is on the ‘to-do list’ and if this survey is favourable they will be reinstated – ***Action Cllr Reynolds will take forward.***

**Project updates:**

* Toilets –no new updates.
* Plants & Planter’s – all underway.
* Flooding – a week’s delay in the start of works – now scheduled to start 2nd May.
* Steps – Chas updated.
* Other paths – condition report – Alan updated, no real concerns and work is in hand.

**AOCB:**

* Anne brought up the matter of which flags should be flown at the harbour during the Jubilee celebrations – Anne will take this forward and order the flag.
* The information board at the Redwell car park is in need of attention as does the one opposite the flats.

**DONM:** The next meeting will be held in person on the 19th of May at the St Brandon Centre, 6.30pm.