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MEETING TO BE HELD 20 JUN, 2019 MINTLAW ACADEMY CONFERENCE ROOM – 7.30 pm

AGENDA

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MINUTE OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY 16 MAY, 2019, MINTLAW ACADEMY

1. PRESENT C Simpson S Wilken S Duncan H Keith

E Preston R Robertson A Laird A Preston J Whyte C Gardner M McCredie (arrived late)

N Barron F Pringle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Simpson Aberdeenshire Council

2. APOLOGIES: M McCredie (will arrive late) Cllr Smith Cllr Buchan Cllr Ingram

P Hepburn

3. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING: proposed A Laird: seconded E Preston.

4. MATTERS FOR POLICE ATTENTION/POLICE UPDATE

- A comprehensive report was received from Police Scotland. The focus in the coming month will be speed detection, parking enforcement (schools) and school patrols.
- Concern re an alleged knife culture in Mintlaw has proved to be unfounded with only one isolated incident which was 'swiftly dealt with.'
- 20 mph sign is difficult to see at the moment. Concern was expressed as to whether it is working. Is this a police matter?

5. PLANNING MATTERS

- Weekly Lists circulated.
- Buchan Settlements CC's comments passed on.
- Castlehill Housing Association land has been handed back to the Council. However, Cllr Ingram is pushing for the road to be made up to give a second entrance/exit to the Burnside estate. This both a priority and of paramount importance. Ongoing as at 16/5/2019 in Cllr Ingram's absence.

6. MATTERS ARISING

a Brighter Villages Initiative 2018 - the two benches the new seat replaced will be eventually repositioned in the Pleasure Park. High-viz jackets for use when the summer bedding is being planted and the Christmas lights are being put up and taken down are to be donated by the Council. C Simpson will collect from Buchan House.

It was agreed that further tubs will be bought for the Colaren estate gateways, but this will have to wait until the 2019 tranche is received. Bulbs will need to be purchased in the autumn for these and also the two new tubs in the Square. A request for some compost will be made to Aden Park, but if refused Mrs Duncan has agreed the CC can purchase this. To receive the 2019 allocation of £1,000 it is a stipulation that communities must enter the 'Buchan in Bloom' competition – whether they wish to or not. J Whyte will complete the entry form for Mintlaw.

The Men's Shed has agreed to maintain the gateways and also plant bulbs in the autumn. The strimmer, eye and ear protection will be handed over once Mr Simpson has made his 'farewell tour' of the gateways. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Men's Shed.

- **b CC Project Fund** tubs now delivered. An end of grant report will require to be submitted to Shell for the balance of grant awarded by them, but pictures will look better once the tubs are in place and filled with plants. Ongoing until then.
- **c** Station Road Pedestrian Crossing it appears that the Council's decision to site a pedestrian crossing west of the Academy is 'set in stone.' Relevant Council Officers to be contacted in an attempt to persuade them the sense in siting it near the junction with Newlands Road where it will benefit far more members of the community. Ongoing.
- **d Defibrillator** the device is checked regularly, once a month, and new instructions have been attached to make things easier for potential users. There is a bush rowing adjacent to it which, if pruned, would make the appliance more visible from the road. Mr Laird to check.
- e Parking on pavement in Burnside Road ongoing. Councillors to be contacted?
- **f CC Election Process** reminder that nomination forms must be completed by 24/5/2019.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - all previously circulated

- a Buchan Area Committee link circulated.
- **b** 2019/20 Letting Application completed and also one for the presentation of Garden Competition prizes.
- c Green Spaces Get-Together invitation received.
- **d Infrastructure Service Review** details received.
- **e CC Funding –** details received. Payment will be made after the adopted accounts for 2018/19 are submitted
- f Investing in Communities details received.
- **g VE DAY 2020** details of proposed nationwide celebrations received. Ideas needed.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

• The available funds total stands at £680 with the honorarium for 2017/18 now paid. There were no questions. Accounts have been audited and will be presented at the AGM in June.

9. AOB

• There was none.

10. DATE, TIME and PLACE of NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18^{th June} at 7.30 pm, in Mintlaw Academy Conference Room, **preceded** by the **AGM** at **7.00 pm**.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.