

Fintray Community Council

Minutes of virtual Committee meeting (due to Covid-19 pandemic)

Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7.30pm

(using Microsoft Teams)

Roddy said it was good to see everyone and thanked them for giving up their time to attend.

Present - Roddy MacInnes, Katherine Gerrard, Gina Ford, Martin Ford, Mel Roberts, Belinda Miller, Ian Thompson, Richard Taylor, Ilene Fyfe, Sandy Fyfe, Jeanette Smart

Apologies – Laura Simpson and belated apologies due to technical problems from Councillor Lonchay

Declaration of Interest - None

Minutes of last meeting – Proposed as correct by Richard and seconded by Gina.

Matters Arising – Fintray Garage – Roddy advised that Paul Macari, Head of Planning, had replied that our request to be considered as a statutory consultee with regard to any change of use application that may be forthcoming has been acknowledged.

School house garden – Martin advised that there was a potential purchaser but no formal offer had been received to date. Richard and Ilene asked if Property Services could be asked to revisit the site to see if the school could reclaim part of the garden if the sale fell through. Martin was fairly certain that the position would not change.

Police Report – had been forwarded to CC members but nothing to report in our area.

Treasurer's Report – Richard advised no activity since last meeting. £3270.68 balance. Invoice for flood sacks not received. Roddy to chase up.

A96 dualling – Ian advised that Fintray CC had submitted a proposal at the end of 2018. He had attended the recent meeting and briefed those present on the latest developments. After discussion it was agreed that Ian would draft the Fintray CC latest response and send to Roddy for approval and onward transmission. Mel asked Ian if she could be involved in drafting this response.

Community Council PAS Training Event - Roddy agreed to attend this. No other interest. Katherine to reply accordingly.

Covid-19 update – It had been announced today that some elements of schooling may commence middle of February which is welcome news. Those patients using the Dyce GP practice will attend TECA for their vaccine.

Community Association Update – Simon, Chairperson, had been in discussion with the school re use of the Hall but no date is yet known. Because of this no sanitisers have been ordered yet.

Belinda said that the Annual Spring Clean will now take place in the Summer, hopefully June. Wildflower planting in front of the tennis courts is in hand and shrubs are forthcoming.

Jeanette advised that the defib pads would need to be replaced June/July time and asked if the CC would fund this. Roddy asked her to get costs for this to take to the next meeting.

Correspondence – All relative correspondence forwarded to CC members as it is received.

Councillor's Update -

Cllr Martin Ford – Advised of decisions made at the recent Infrastructure Services meeting for people to use our roads safely. 3 trials have been approved, 2 in the North and the other in the Polinar Dam area. The mood of the Committee was supportive of this proposal and further routes may follow depending on the outcome of the trials. Further changes could result in change of speed limits and speed limits policy. Martin thanked Roddy for attending the Council meeting and for his support. This could be one of the positive outcomes of Covid-19 if proposals accepted.

Council budget – Council Tax will be set at the February Council meeting with the budget set in March. Initial budget announcement was £24 million (and rising) deficit. Capital grant now lower, pay awards lower (£2 million less), Business rates small increase, possible freeze on Council Tax but Scottish Government to provide compensatory funding. The revised deficit after taking all things into account will be £13.5 million. The position is bad but fluid.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7.30pm. Roddy had spoken to Alison re holding our AGM and was told that the Council would be issuing guidance on this and hopefully he would have something to report on this at the next meeting.