



Minutes from Zoom meeting on 5th October 2021

Present : Cathy Train, Audrey Cardno, Pauline Reed, Rick Reed, Kim Davidson, Mags Hazlett, Suzanne MacLeod

Apologies : Willie Goldie, Clark Gillian Fannan, Stephen McGowan, Eddie Fleming, Claire Barclay

Minutes from meeting on 7th September read and approved.

Bank forms email with passcode which we thought was spam is actual. Pauline to chase up email with attached form. To be taken to bank to change signatories.

Our membership dropped to 7. We have an additional 3 members.

Cathy raised concerns about some steps in the town not just in our locality. She did report some that had been vandalised or just crumbling with age. Some have been fixed but many remain. No general review taking place by council, therefore we need to report these when we see them.

New bins have been sited and smaller ones have gone, new bins are no in the same areas, so causing issue for dog walkers in particular. No easy access. This is up for review.

This is what people who litter pick have to do with the rubbish they pick up and we will continue to do so.

Ann Docherty has been contacted re the siting of the bench opposite Our Lady's High School. Still not moved to correct/agreed location.

Pauline got permission to plant in the area outside her house.

Allan Graham –

Vandalism, and he has raised this with the centre and they will try to be proactive and report to police.

Town centre plans, Allan will update once he hears. Tax Office, not owned by HMRC, its leasing. Application lodged for housing 150 houses. Rock n Roll building, continually trying to get shrubs cleaned up. It's not Hamcam's land. Council contracted owner about the mess but no response. Concern about a hanging cable, again council will contact owner, but its apparently not dangerous at present. Kingfisher area, owner sold land to developer. 24



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houses has been approved. Private developer built then pass to Council for social housing. Bins – Allan will send update to Pauline. Wardpark Tip – ID required to access.

Carbrain Community Hub – Suzanne was at open day; she says it was very good. Pay about £2.50 – buy up to £15.00 of shopping. It has a pantry and it's going well. It's located in Lenziemill. They have a Facebook page.

Action for Poverty meeting – Allan and Pauline spoke about actions and how we can help. Allan commended Council for their efforts at this meeting. Council budget cut again. Pauline asked what services were being cut. No decision yet, but Allan will let us know. Budget cuts for past 10 years amounts to upwards of £250 million. Any problems with garden walls, paths etc., Allan says to contact him if we don't get help from council, he will follow up.

Pauline asked how many jobs were lost with council. Allan says about 2,500 – 3,000 in last 10 years. Resulting in less grass cutting etc., will only get worse. Social care is still being provided.

Pauline – drain lying open at top Fleming Road, dangerous. Sanctuary owns this drain. Allan will follow up with Sanctuary. Pauline will send details to Allan.

Audrey asked about plans for housing that's been approved, can developer change the plans? Allan says no, but they could re-apply for change.

Tony Macaroni finished but not sure when its opening. May be to do with delivering of furniture and fittings etc. Allan will check, Suzanne MacLeod mentioned it could be to do with utilities.

Discussion ensued on Budget cuts and the Scottish Government in particular.

Crime Update – We have a new lady Chief Inspector. Also new person for Local Problem-Solving Team Susan Rae is contact. Email received said only 23 crimes. We need more information. Police unable to join meeting on Zoom as its not secure. We suggested using Microsoft Teams. Maybe arrange a meeting with them regularly for an update.

Litter picks, Pauline & Eddie cleared area at St Mary's – still very bad, however its slippery and dangerous.



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Pauline mentioned Lennox House seems empty – all businesses moved out.
Cathy mentioned that planning permission has been lodged for houses – perhaps a further extension of the new flats in Fleming Road

Mission Hall – Allan will update Pauline – safety and security of this building

Community Forum – Pauline asked what was happening with it. Allan suggested we should email them.

The next meeting should be on December 7th at 7pm.