Sandwick Community Council

Minute of Meeting held at 7:30pm on Monday 23rd January 2023. Meeting held at Hoswick Visitor Centre

Members Present	Bryan Peterson (Chair), Andrew Stout, Jimmy Smith, Yvonne Malcolmson,
Clerk	Heather Grieve
Apologies	Ana Arnett (SIC), Ross Stopper, Janet Dunnet, Michael Jamieson, Graeme Garrick, Kevin Sandison (Vice-chair), Cllr Robbie McGregor, Michael Duncan (SIC)
Invited	Cllr Allison Duncan, Cllr Alex Armitage
Agenda Item	Narrative
Declaration of Interest	No Declaration of interest.
Police Report	In the October/ November report there have been 4 incidents for Sandwick which can be summarised as follows: • Concern for person • Noise complaint • Sudden Death • Penalty Issued – No MOT
Approval of Previous Minutes	The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28 th November 2022, were approved. Proposed by Jimmy Smith and seconded by Yvonne Malcolmson.
Planning	No Planning Applications to Consider.
Finance Report	The Financial Report dated 10 th January 2023 was distributed to members. Accounts showed income and expenditure.
Correspondence	Park Wynd Road – Concern was previously raised regarding the poor state of the Park Wynd Road, Clerk contacted the road department and received the following response: The road service intend to plane out the existing surface and replace with new they are waiting until housing services renovations are completed with the aim for the work to be done by summer 2023.
Any other Business	a) Broonies Taing Pier is an ongoing concern for the community, due to safety concerns the members of the community council are keen to see a resolution and will continue to support were appropriate.
	b) Concerns were raised regarding provision of snow/ice clearing on pavements during the recent bad weather, where children and parents with pushchairs were having to walk along the roads, Members were interested in whether the council have a policy for rural pavement clearing, Clerk will get in touch with Roads department.

- c) **Central Carpark** has seen an increase in cars being parked around the recycling area and people have been having difficulty entering the area, it was also noted that trailers were being parked with the tow hitch covering pavements causing injury to those unable to see them in the dark, clerk will contact police to ensure that cars are parked appropriately.
- d) Warm Welcome Carnegie Hall Yvonne updated members on the Fridays at Carnegie, she has now attended a few times and has found it to be a lovely asset to Sandwick, she would like to encourage others to attend. Fridays at Carnegie are open from 11-4 and are free to all. Clerk will support advertisement through the Sandwick Community Council Facebook page and will also have contact with the school and Parent Council to ask them to do the same.
- e) Active Travel Project Members of the Community Council have previously attended meetings for the Active travel Project which have been held by Robina Barton, Members were asked for a letter of support regarding the plans which have been produced for the roads and paths around Sandwick. Members were happy to support the current projects but hoped that moving forward they would also be able to look at a filling in or adapting verges along narrow roads.
- f) Flooding Concerns were raised around areas of Sandwick which have seen excess water and flooding during a period of wet weather. Areas which were raised include Hoswick drain, the corner near Sanick Church and a lot of the ditches have now filled with water. Clerk will contact roads for advice.
- g) The Clerk is currently on equivalent H2 SIC Pay grade, Due to the increase in local Government pay scales Clerk requested members to consider the same increase for there role. All members agreed to increase Clerks wage to follow the H2 SIC pay band.
- h) Clerk informed members of Association of Community Council meeting which will be held on 14th March 2023 at 6pm, Chair is hopeful to attend, All members were asked if they had any agenda items for the meeting. Currently No agenda items were raised.

Carried forward i. Senior Pupil council invitation. – ongoing

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

The next meeting is set for 7:30pm on Tuesday 28th February 2023 at Hoswick visitor centre.