**Minutes of A Meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday1st March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Community Campus Brechin.**

**Present.**

Derek Harper, Eric Gray, Elaine MacNicol, Jill Scott, Jim Sherrit, Andy Crow, Mary Anderson, Paul Wright, Susan Barr, Logan Henderson, Nadia Anderson

Councillors Myles and Houston Angus Council

Members of the public

**Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Karen Jack and Councillor Evans.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**.

It was proposed by Andy Crow, seconded by Elaine MacNicol , that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

* **Possible Closure of the City Hall** – As of yet no decision has been made to close the City Hall – the council are open to discussion surrounding the matter. A letter from the council regarding the hall is to be made public in the near future. There is to be a closed meeting on 8th of March concerning the future of the City Hall and the reason why the hall is unavailable to book from the 31st March onwards. The public took a vote on whether or not to take the closed meeting offered by the council and the result was to take it and suggest an open meeting for the public to attend. The hall is in dire need of refurbishment and the question has been asked how much it would cost to bring it back up to standard. It may be an option, if the council will not keep the building on, for a community group to run the building.
* **Brechin Community Campus** – The Brechin Community Campus opened on the 17th February (22nd for Angus Alive). There have been minor timetable issues concerning the booking of rooms but they are expected to be rectified. The existing car park can still be used until the school is demolished, the demolishment should take approximately 6 months.A new bus timetable has been issued – buses have been reduced to one every 45 minutes to an hour although the closure of the Brechin Bridge may impact this. New signs to direct people to the campus have yet to be ordered and there can be improvements made to the path behind the campus as it lacks lighting.
* **Flood Prevention Scheme** – Despite weather issues the scheme is still on track and Witch Den and River St. Are scheduled to open at the end of March with the whole scheme finished by April. The wall is to be repaired after damage done by the recent floods and the plumbing is soon to be introduced. The all weather pitch was damaged in the floods and it is unsure whether it will be opened again. The island and traffic lights on River Street are to be repositioned and there is a possibility of lights being installed on the bridge. A meeting for the flood victims will be held on Wednesday 9th March at the Bridgend at 8pm. There was major flooding at Skinners Burn – it is being evaluated and the council hope to prevent it from happening again.

**Police Update –** No police in attendance.

**Councilors Updates** – Councilor Houston received an email from Alan McKeown Strategic Director, Communities Directorate on 22nd January. Councilors have requested a meeting with Alan McKeown with regards to the City Hall and have met with the Chief Executive Richard Stiff and Leader Councilor Gaul.

**Reports**

* **Convener** – Is to attend a workshop in Glasgow about local participation and decision making.
* **Secretary** – No time for an official report but there will be an Angus Gold meeting on 31st March 2015 to discuss the bus timetable for the community campus.
* **Treasurer**  - Nil in nil out - £2052 + Park group money - £1450 = £3502.22
* **Planning** – Chimney on Swan St. is being repaired.

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* **Community Council Website and Social Media** – The Brechin Community Campus website is currently down due to a hosting lapse and the decision to leave the site down for the foreseeable future until they know how to move forward with it and update it.
* **Community Council Operations** – Potential co-opted members; Tracey McCombie and David Dewar - there will be a vote at the next meeting.
* **Minute Taker** – The role of minute taker has been taken over by Nadia Anderson.
* **Community Council Monthly Meetings** – Meetings will continue to take place on the first Tuesday of every month but the location, as of yet, is undecided. Multiple possible venues are being considered.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th April at 7.00pm in the Brechin Community Campus.

There being no further business Derek thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 9.30pm