**Minutes of A Meeting of the City of Brechin and District Community Council held on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Community Campus Brechin.**

**Present.**

Eric Gray, Elaine MacNicol, Jill Scott, Jim Sherrit, Andy Crow, Paul Wright, Susan Barr, , Nadia Anderson

Councillor Houston Angus Council

Members of the public

**Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillor Evans, Derek Harper, Mary Anderson and Police Scotland

**Minutes of Last Meeting**.

It was proposed by Jill Scott, seconded by Jim Sherrit, that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

No matters arising that are not covered in agenda.

**Agenda**

* **Election of Convenor –** Derek Harper has stepped down from his post as convenor, Elaine MacNicol put her name forward for the position, seconded by Jim Sherrit. There were no other applicants and no objections so Elaine MacNicol was elected.
* **Co-opting of Community Councilors** – Tracey McCombie, Sheila May, David Dewar and George Garden wished to become co-opted community councilors. Their admittance/ election was proposed more than 14 days before the vote took place. Sheila May and David Dewar were the only ones in attendance and there were no objections to their appointment. They needed the approval of 2/3 of the present councilors which they received. They will serve until the next election in 2018and as co-opted members they have full voting rights. A vote will be taken on Tracey McCombie and George Garden at the next meeting.
* **Bank Account**– The community council bank account is currently with the Co-Operative but their internet banking system has proved unsatisfactory. It was proposed it be switched to the local Clydesdale Bank. There is an appointment scheduled for Thursday 7th April where it will be discussed how many signitory's there can be. This was approved by Andy Crow and seconded by Jim Sherrit.
* **Minute Taking** – It was proposed by Andy Crow, seconded by Susan Barr, that the minute taker, Nadia Anderson, be paid £5.30 an hour for 5 hours of work. There were no objections to this.
* **Police Update –** No police in attendance.
* **Councilors Updates Including the City Hall** – Counselor Houston had nothing to update. The City Hall will be closing on the 31st of May, and there was a meeting with Alan McEwan and several other councilors to discuss the idea of it being opened as a community run venture. The council would pay £12,000 + £500 for cleaning, utilities and maintenance – this is a fixed number and would not change year to year. A second meeting was held at the Northern Hotel where the length of lease was discussed ( preferably a longer lease as if they signed a one year lease then the council could let it be extended but not pay the cost anymore). The meeting discussed the lease in terms of whoever signed it would from there on be liable. A letter was written that proposed a meeting with Alan McEwan to finalise these details and ask for everything in writing.
* **Brechin Health Care Sub-Group** – There was a public meeting on the 21st March with approximately 37 people in attendance. They were shown a presentation of a model health care service in Brechin . There was another meeting on the 12th April which included various groups from the area, surveys etc. were available. A new General Practitioner was appointed by the NHS from Forfar and the open physio appointments are working well. The possible closure the Brechin infirmary and MIIU, another issue is that the MIIU and the infirmary are open at the same time with no cover through the night.
* **Flood Prevention CC Emergency Plan** – Convener suggested the launch of an emergency plan which could kick into action quicker than having the emergency services organise it. Angus Council will look into this.
* **Bog Road** – A small section of road at the bottom of Bog Road requires repairing. IT has to be determined who owns that piece of road and there is a possibility of adoption by Angus Council. Ian Cochrane (Head of Technical and Property Services) will be written to and possible funding will be investigated further.
* **Electric Sub-Station** – There is an electric sub-station at the public park which has not been sealed in. The area should be sealed off and the Community Council will notify Scottish Hydro.
* **Code of Conduct** – On the issue of social media – the convenor would like to remind all councilors that whatever is put on social media is personal opinion not a representation of the community council and its actions.
* **Social Media** – The convenor would like to have pictures of each councilor on Facebook so they are more easily recognised by members of the public.
* **Brechin Bunches** – A proposal to promote the Community Council in Brechin and just as acts of goodwill. Members of the public could nominate those who they think deserve a bunch of flowers and every fortnight a name would be picked out of a hat. The issue of price was discussed – initial nomination £5 and a flowers costing £10. This will be Implemented on a fortnight cycle and reviewed after a short period of time.
* **The Way Forward as a Group** – This will be a fair community council who will do what they can with the suggestions they are given.

**Reports**

* There are no reports this month due to a busy agenda.

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* **Training** – Angus Council is offering training on activities such as minute taking, finance and bank accounts.
* **Chip Shop on Montrose Street** – The chip shop on Montrose Street is moving to the Savoy on Market Street and it is rumored that the building will be turned into flats after it is vacated. It was questioned whether the planning department can do something to prevent the change of use.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.00pm in the Brechin Community Campus.

There being no further business Elaine MacNicol thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 9.00pm