

MUIRHEAD, BIRKHILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Meeting of 4th April 2013

ATTENDANCE

Community Councillors – Colin Hunter, Jim Moir, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Elaine Stewart, Alison French
Cllr. Fotheringham, Terry Smart, Moira Donald, Brian Smyth, Adrian Zealand.

Apologies: PC Steve Wilson, Cllr. Hands, Cllr. Thomson, Cllr. Murray, Jimmie Reid, Ken Johnston, Vince Taylor.

MINUTE OF MEETING 7th March 2013 **Adoption Proposed:** - Jim Moir **Seconded:** - Stuart Phillips

MATTERS ARISING a) Road signs ‘Warning of Deer’ on A923 – these should be in place by the end of May 2013.
b) Vegetation on north side of Osprey Rd – not Angus Council responsibility, can be cut back.

POLICE MATTERS

The police force is now **Police Scotland** and there has been the introduction of a new non-emergency telephone number. **Telephone 101 is the new number to contact the police when it is less urgent than an emergency response.**

The 101 non-emergency telephone number will make it quicker and easier to contact the police when you don’t need an emergency response, for example to:

- ◆ Speak to your local police officer
- ◆ Report a crime that’s already happened, such as theft or damage to property
- ◆ Get crime prevention advice
- ◆ Make the police aware of any policing issues in our area

There is a 15p flat rate for calls to 101 from a land line or mobile, no matter how long the call or what time of day.

Items that residents should note:

- ◆ **Safe as Houses** - Assistance is available to older, disabled and vulnerable members of the community to improve safety or security to their homes through a FREE Crime Prevention Survey – contact 01307-475977.
- ◆ **Garden shed security**- Residents are requested to consider the security issues surrounding gardens and garden sheds now that BST has commenced and lighter evenings prevail.
- ◆ **Mud on the Road** – Drivers, operators, farmers and contractors are required to clean away any mess from the road as soon as possible and procedures have been agreed with Angus Council to clean roads and costs met by the offender. The offender may also be reported and charged for the offence.
- ◆ **Parking at Schools** – Complaints are regularly received by police in relation to **inconsiderate and dangerous** parking around schools, particularly at the start and end of the school day. Please help keep children safe by parking appropriately and obeying keep clear signs.

FOWLIS **a) Interpretative Sign:** (Item 12a on the Agenda – brought forward) The interpretative sign for Fowlis was displayed at the meeting and Adrian Zealand gave a short presentation on the features and history highlighted on the sign also expressing his thanks and gratitude to Angus Council and the Community Council in funding the sign.

b) Village Green: Brian Smyth gave an account of the work undertaken so far in determining the ownership of the Village Green and the responsibility for continuing maintenance. A Title Deed search shows ownership to be with Tay Developments and Inverarity Farms. Angus Council are searching their archives for a maintenance agreement with Tay Developments as this was a condition of OUTLINE PLANNING consent. In the meantime the current voluntary agreement on maintenance will continue this year.

BIRKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL BUSES Stuart Phillips gave an update on the current position and there seems to be no progress in resolving the issues. The ‘Risk Assessment reports’ for drivers have been requested but to date none have been received. Cllr Fotheringham has agreed to pursue this with Angus Council officers.

ROADS **a) Post Box Rd. 20 mph Consultation:** The Secretary had written in support of the residents following their attendance at our last meeting and the consultation period terminated at the end of March. Further consultations on speed reduction measures to 20 mph carriageways will take place and Osprey Rd. consultation will take place soon.

b) Pothole damage on A923 Muirhead: The Secretary had a response from Angus Council intimating that work is to be undertaken during 2013-2014 on the pavement and roadway from Newtyle Rd. to 30’s sign on A923.

c) Snow clearance at Co-op: Angus council have assured the Secretary that this is being carried out.

d) A923 Carriageway repair: This is continuing and the roadway is likely to be closed between the hours of 1800 and 0700 from 30th April until Friday 3rd May and diversions will be in place.

e) Pavement collapse on A923: Ongoing and matter believed to be in hand by Angus Council.

f) Gullies on Blairfield Rd.: Item to be removed – no further action possible.

PIPERDAM **Gates on Core path:** At present the owner is taking the view that the track is part of the construction site for the ongoing development however Angus Council does **not** fully accept this view. The gate at the end of Osprey Rd. is also closed for the same reason, construction, and again Angus Council will continue to monitor the situation.

Concern was voiced at the meeting regarding the length of time this issue will take to resolve and the Secretary is to write to seek clarification on the timescale of the closure.

Concern was raised at the meeting that large trucks transporting huge logs are using Woodlands Rd. and there seems to be an industrial element to wood chipping taking place at Piperdam, again the Secretary is write to Angus Council regarding this matter.

FINANCE The Treasurer reported that it was the end of the financial year and that the accounts were in order.

PLANNING There is only one planning application this month and this is for the erection of a steel portal framed building at Kirkton of Lundie farm for Mr G. Meikle – Reference 13/00249/FULL.

COMMUNICATION **a) Interpretative sign at Fowlis:** Item dealt with see Fowlis item above.

b) Notice boards: Community Councillors have taken on the responsibility for ensuring minutes, agendas, meeting dates, etc. are displayed on the notice boards allocated to them. Liff and other notice boards are to have a list of Community Councillors and contact details (this can be achieved using the web site). The new notice board sited at the Co-op is now in the hands of Community Planning officer.

c) Web site / Facebook: The web site is fully operational and is available using the following web address www.mblcc.co.uk, please note that it may not come up by a search engine such as Google at present; however it is possible to access the site by using the link or typing the address directly into the address bar on the computer.

Facebook had two posts during the month; firstly to enquire about metal detecting in the Birkhill area and secondly to encourage group buying of heating oil by Johnston Oils (for further information Brian McVeigh on 07739196388). We now have 44 'Likes' and the amount of people reading our posts has gone up from 18 in January to 43 for our last post about our meeting in April.

ONGOING ISSUES **b) Library Van:** Problems with the vans getting their batteries recharged and the floor are resolved.

c) Transport group: The National Express services 30, 31 & 51 are to be extended.

d) Liff footpath: Possible solution involving a pavement at the Glebe banking suggested to Angus Council.

e) Fields in Trust: Will Henderson Park, owned by Angus Council, be included? Cllr. Murray enquiring.

'WHAT'S NEW' Discussion took place as to the value of the 'What's New' production and it was agreed that it was not that helpful and that only certain items would ever be of interest to the Community Council.

CORRESPONDENCE 1) Update on Angus Development Plan
2) Community Council Insurance – update
3) Local Community Planning survey
4) 'What's New' 2 copies
5) Letter from Mr Munro, Liff (The issues Mr Munro raised were discussed as they reflected some of the issues the Community Council had raised such as Grass Cutting (Verges), Litter, Flooding in Liff and contact details for Community Councillors.

AOCB 1) Stuart reported that the paving slabs at the recycling centre had been broken and that he had contacted Angus Council and it is likely that the area concerned will now be concreted.

2) Emptying of additional rubbish bins at the Millennium hall is required; Angus Council are not supportive yet the hall assists road and library personnel by allowing use of the hall facilities. Cllr Fotheringham to pursue.

3) A resident raised the issue of a shed on Loch of Liff Rd., which has caused concern with large offensive writing being displayed. To request PC Steve Wilson to investigate!

4) The Community Councillors jointly completed the Local Community Planning survey.

DATE of NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2nd May 2013 at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.