

# **MUIRHEAD, BIRK HILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

APPROVED MINUTE FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014 MEETING AT 7PM IN THE MILLENNIUM HALL

**ATTENDANCE** Community Councillors - Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Stuart Phillips, Alison French

**APOLOGIES** PC Sean Scanlon, Cllr. Hands, Cllr. Hands assistant, Cllr. Thomson, Cllr. Murray, Cllr Fotheringham, V Taylor, and Elaine Stewart

Doug Neilson and Jim Moir are attending the Bi Annual meeting of Community Councils in Forfar tonight

**MINUTE OF MEETING** 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Adoption Proposed: - Alison French

Seconded: - Stuart Phillips,

## **POLICE MATTERS**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

#### **Rural Crime – darker evenings**

Police Scotland would like to remind householders of the importance of home security. Police Scotland would ask members of the public to be extra vigilant, with the darker evenings upon us once more. In particular, any persons or vehicles unfamiliar to the area or appear in suspicious circumstances. Please consider installing security lighting and/or timer switches in the house if going out for the evening during the hours of darkness. Criminals often carry out opportunist crimes, and will be looking to take advantage of open or unlocked doors and windows to steal from houses, garages, sheds and other outbuildings. As householders and their families head outdoors, doors and windows are often left wide open – providing an invitation for criminals who can sneak in and out in a matter of seconds taking valuable property with them. Please report any such crimes, or other suspicious activity, to Police Scotland on 101 or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

#### **CRIME – SIDLAW AREA**

##### **Antisocial Behaviour**

The main issue which affects the communities of Angus is Antisocial Behaviour – in all its guises. ASB includes issues such as dog fouling, littering, neighbour noise, youth annoyance etc. Complaints of ASB, in particular noisy neighbours, tend to increase during the summer months. Angus Community Safety Team will continue to deal with problem residents in a robust manner. Please report such incidents to Access Line on 08452 777 778.

##### **Anti Social Behaviour on Angus Roads**

Police Scotland and its partners continue to receive complaints or anecdotal information regarding people driving in an antisocial manner, or perhaps having noisy vehicles. Please report such incidents to Access Line on 08452 777 778.

##### **Incidents**

Between 1600 hours Sunday 9th November 2014 and 0800 Monday 11th November 2014 person(s) threw a clay pigeon at a passing van in Church Road, Liff, Angus.

Between 1400 hours on Friday 14th November 2014 and 1900 Saturday 15th November 2014 person(s) punctured a tyre wall of a silver mini parked at Castle Brae, near Bridgefoot, Angus.

Between 1500 hours Sunday 16th November 2014 and 0730 hours Monday 17th November 2014 person(s) threw stones at a passing car near Balruddery Farm, Fowlis, Angus.

Between 1710 and 1720 hours, Saturday 29th November 2014, person(s) damaged a Peugeot motor car parked in the forecourt at Co-op, Birkhill. Damage consisted of a large scrape to the offside driver and passenger doors of the vehicle.

About 2220 hours Monday 1st December 2014, person(s) threw large stones at passing vehicles on the A923 between Muirhead and Piperdam, damaging three separate vehicles. It is believed that this has occurred near to the old road/current lay-by, and enquiries are ongoing in relation to same. Thankfully, no-one was injured and a press release asking for any potential witnesses has been submitted.

### **Housebreaking with intent to steal**

Between 0001 hours on Saturday 8th November 2014 and 2359 hours on Sunday 9th November 2014 person(s) removed the screws to a garage door at Church Street, Newtyle, Angus. The person(s) responsible entered the garage but left without stealing any items.

### **Attempted housebreaking with intent to steal.**

Between 2200 hours on Monday 17th November and 1800 hours on Tuesday 18th November person(s) attempted to gain entry to a newly erected wooden garage in Wood Road, Birkhill, Angus. Entry was not gained and no items stolen.

Between 1630 hours, Sunday 30th November 2014 and 0900 hours Monday 1st December 2014, person(s) cut hasps/padlocks to a shed at Gallowhill Farm, Auchterhouse, Angus. Person(s) removed hinges and gained entry to the shed but no items were stolen.

### **Suspicious incident**

About 1440 hours, Wednesday 26th November 2014, a suspicious incident was reported at Maryfield Farm bungalow, Rosemill Road, Bridgefoot, whereby an unknown male was seen on private CCTV remotely by householder, who was elsewhere. Area checked and no trace and property checked all in order. It was believed that it may have been the post/delivery driver as CCTV not clear

### **Strathmartine Hospital**

Complaint received from Mr. Jim Fettes, 4 Craigmill Road, Bridgefoot in relation to youths/ghost hunters in the ground of the former hospital. Enquiries are ongoing to trace ghost hunters/clubs etc and extra patrols. Contact made with other residents in the area and a number of youths traced and spoken to re this.

### **Vandalism**

Despite a downward trend over the previous few years, Vandalism does remain an issue in Angus. Vandalism is a crime which affects people's quality of life and costs communities millions to repair. It is easy to dismiss as a minor offence, but it does have a big impact on local communities (higher insurance premiums, facilities being out of use, increased fear of crime). If you see someone in the act of vandalism or if you have any information which may lead to identifying persons responsible for vandalism, please report this to the Police on 101.

### **Scrap Metal Thefts**

Scrap Metal and diesel thefts continue to strike rural Angus area when unattended items of scrap are seen lying around and is an open invite into the yard or field by strangers. Once within the yard or field they take the opportunity to have a good look around and if an insecure fuel tank is seen then there is a high chance that the diesel will be stolen at the time or there might be unwelcome visitors during the night. Fuel tanks can be easily secured for a minimum cost by simply purchasing a good quality padlock or seeking advice from your fuel supplier.

In relation to the crimes reported above, Police Scotland reminds home owners and occupiers of the importance of keeping your addresses and vehicles secure at all times and asks residents to remain vigilant and report any persons or vehicles that you feel to be suspicious. Please report any such crimes, or other suspicious activity, to Police Scotland depending on the circumstances either on 999, 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

## **MATTERS ARISING**

- Letter from Chairman to K Ditcham ref Community Councils – Inveresk CC replied
- Dog mess on Village Streets – Ongoing, we are to have a school competition for the pupils to design a poster and have a note sent to parents for help to eradicate this problem
- Flooding at the Police Station – Road to be resurfaced once drains work is complete
- Agenda for the Bi Annual Meeting  
Focus day' type event for Community Councillors (instead of one Bi Annual Meeting) which would explore pertinent issues – Next meeting probably April/May
- Invitation to Richard Watson of Rapier systems web site [www.rapiersystems.com](http://www.rapiersystems.com) we have invited him along to next February's meeting.
- South West Sidlaw Development Trust - Ongoing
- New website. [www.communitycouncils.org.uk](http://www.communitycouncils.org.uk) for Community Councils

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Free Road Safety Performance – Friday Night project to investigate
- Community Councillor Handbook – A new edition is at the printer
- LDP Proposed Plan - The draft plan goes before full Council on 11 December
- Clinkerheel Park – Parks Department are investigating & Guides may get involved
- “Community Councils” has been moved in Angus Council's website from under the “Council and Democracy” category to the website > browse services > council and democracy > council information (down right hand side). Or you can search using the A-Z function by clicking on “C” which brings up “Community Councils”.
- New Bus Timetables for routes outwith our area have been received
- Land Reform Consultation – Noted
- S U R F - Awards Ceremony has taken place, a Project in the Hilltown area of Dundee is a winner

## **BUSES**

- A meeting re the late after school bus took place on 26/11/2014– take up has not been as expected

## **ROADS**

- Pavement and fences leading out of the village on Newtyle and Coupar Angus Roads  
The paths on the Newtyle or Coupar Angus Roads may require topping up with dust, the contractor will check this and if not complete Angus Council may leave this to the Christmas period when the “tar” plants are closed. We do not expect any more work to be done on the fences.
- Angus Council still have to design the north footway resurfacing and rekerbing scheme in Muirhead.  
The extents will be from Edward Place to the junction of the A923 and B954.
- Site meeting regarding the Osprey Road plus Osprey Bank and Osprey Rise adoption problems.  
Angus Council contacted Kirkwood Homes regarding the potential to separately adopt the footway at Osprey Road. Kirkwood Homes have met with Angus Council to identify snagging works which Kirkwood is to undertake. On satisfactory completion of these remedial works Angus Council will be able to progress the adoption of the footway and resolve the grass maintenance issue.  
Angus Council have e-mailed Scottish Water on the subject of Road adoptions at Piperdam. The situation remains with Kirkwood Homes to resolve the outstanding adoption to the satisfaction of both Angus Council and Scottish Water.  
Angus Council have agreed that a technical meeting between themselves, Scottish Water and the developer will be arranged. Ian Cochrane, Head of Technical & Property Services will represent

the Community Council's concerns as they seek to resolve a number of issues on what is a relatively complex site.

#### **FINANCE**

- Finances are in a healthy state

#### **WEB SITE**

- No Report

#### **PLANNING**

- TAYplan are asking for feedback

#### **A O C B**

- Dundee Council are to be contacted for information regarding the catchment areas for Harris and Baldragon Schools and the potential closure of Menzieshill
- Concern was expressed over the entrance and lighting at Tayside Forestry's Strathmartine depot

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the Millennium Hall**

#### **ONGOING ISSUES**

To be discussed only if there is a change to the current position and the item is not on the Standard Agenda

- **Liff** - Church Road, Woodside Road and Henderson Park
- **Piperdam** - Core Path Gates
- **Fowlis** - Village Green
- **General** - Superfast Broadband