



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minute of 3 December 2015 held at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill

1 Attendance: Alison French, Doug Neilson, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Ken Johnston, Vince Taylor, Helen Haut, Ciaran Haut, Ruth Scanlan Cllr Fotheringham and one member of the public.

2 Apologies: Cllr Hands.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by Colin Hunter seconded by Stuart Phillips.

4 Police Matters: Nothing to date but Doug copied posts from Police Scotland / Tayside Police Facebook page to the Community Council Facebook page and had emailed local Community Police Team for information.

ACTION - Cllr Fotheringham agreed to follow up the lack of contact from the Community Police Team.

5 Matters Arising:

a) Henderson Park: Mr Elphinstone had been in touch with Colin. ACTION Colin to follow this up.

b) Osprey Road: Doug received an update from Michael Allan regarding progress:

- 1) Discussions have taken place with their Waste Water Operations colleagues
- 2) Revising the operations and maintenance manual for the station as this is an outstanding issue.
- 3) Possibly running a model for part of the Liff area to gauge the impact of the infiltration into the foul sewer from the Piperdam developments because that is where the pumping main connects
- 4) About to engage contractors to carry out survey work at the pumping station and on the sewer network.
- 5) Entering into discussion with Kirkwood homes regarding past cases of infiltration into the foul sewer within their development and confirming the steps taken to remedy this issue.

ACTION - Doug to thank Michael for the update and ask for further information for next meeting.

c) Woodlands Rd: The enforcement officer has had discussions with Piperdam Golf and Leisure and access for pedestrians, disabled wheel chairs and children buggies will be provided as it is a Core Path.

ACTION - Continue to monitor the situation.

d) Tennis Courts: Cllr Hands followed this up with Alan McKeown of Angus Council - ongoing.

e) Chris Boyle invite: ACTION - Doug to invite Chris Boyle to our next meeting 4th February 2016.

f) Fire at Piperdam: The reply from Scottish Fire and Rescue confirmed that no water hydrants had been installed in the wooded lodge area of Piperdam.

ACTION - Cllr Fotheringham to take this up with Angus Council Building Control.

g) Piperdam Drive: ACTION - Cllr Fotheringham to investigate with Angus Council.

6 Correspondence:

Letters

a) Balruddery Bridge Repairs - on Agenda under Transport / Roads.

b) Bus Time Table changes in Arbroath, Montrose and Brechin - n/a to our area.

Emails

c) Case for improved access and egress to Quarry Road from Clinkerheel Park by Sidlaw Path Network.
ACTION - Doug to send letter of support to Angus Council

d) Bi-Annual meetings - as these are not being convened suggested contact with local CC's for joint meetings on issues. ACTION - Doug to write to Auchterhouse CC and Strathmartine CC for thoughts.

e) Angus Funding News - as this had been circulated no action required.

- f) Consultation on Land Use Management from the Scottish Rural Parliament - no action required.
- g) Civic Trust Awards - after discussion it was agreed that no action required.

7 Transport / Roads: Easter Balruddery Bridge repair - Doug has been in touch with Roads Dept and will be advised when work is due to start.

ACTION - Doug to update Facebook and web site with details when known.

Colin reported on attending Locality Planning event which dealt with a Review of Transport in Rural areas.
ACTION Colin to keep the CC informed of any further developments.

8 Finance: Colin reported on the hand over of the bank account and some of the issues still to be resolved with outstanding bank books; and updated the CC on recent acquisitions and repairs.

9 Planning: Stuart reported the following applications:

- 1) **15/00994/FULL** Alterations & Extension to Millend House, Mains of Fowlis, Invergowrie DD2 5LQ
- 2) **15/01033/FULL** Formation of Dormers to East & West at 3 Palmer Place, Birkhill DD2 5RB

10 Web site / Social Media: Minutes and agendas are available for everyone to see on the web site.

Doug reported that one post on Facebook recorded nearly 1000 views and we now have 332 'Likes'.

It was agreed that the CC email addresses for the office bearers would be published on the web site .

ACTION - Doug to update web site and Facebook page.

11 Development Trust:

Colin confirmed that the application for a CARES grant had been approved and work will start immediately.

12 AOCB:

a) Community Councillor Training: Details had been circulated and after discussion it was agreed that most CCs wished to participate. ACTION - Doug to reply to Rachel with CC request.

b) Angus Community Councils Blog and Website: Details had been circulated and after discussion our agreed view would be sent to Rachel. ACTION - Doug to reply to Rachel with CC response.

c) Request for Grit Bin at Loch of Liff Road from Facebook Page: As this road is not adopted by Angus Council it was deemed that the residents should provide their own grit as happens in other non-adopted carriageways. ACTION - decision conveyed to enquirer via Facebook page.

d) Request for Defibrillator fund raising: Ken raised the question of acquiring a defibrillator for the area and discussion revolved around funding, siting and training - matter deferred to next meeting. ACTION - all CCs to consider the issue and Doug to contact the Medical Centre for comments.

e) Digital Engagement Event - Angus: The feedback from this event was circulated and a number of adverse comments were recorded. ACTION - None

f) Growwild: Ruth raised the possibility of supporting a Growwild area in order that wild flowers could be allowed to flourish and improve the local environment. This was deferred until the next meeting. ACTION - all Community Councillors to consider a local area where the project could be carried out.

Date of next meeting Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.