



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minute of meeting 2 February 2017 held at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill

1 Attendance: Doug Neilson, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Ruth Scanlan, Ken Johnston, Helen Haut Cllr Fotheringham, Cllr Hands, Beverley Gibb and Donald McNeill of Community Planning and 7 members of the public.

2 Apologies: Alison French, Vince Taylor and Ciaran Haut.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by Stuart Phillips seconded by Ruth Scanlan.

4 Rural Charrette: Beverley Gibb of Community Planning gave an update on the Charrette and informed the meeting that the date had been put back until the middle of May due to the forthcoming Angus Council elections. Colin had prepared a starter paper, which would be very useful to the consultants Pidgin Perfect, outlining some of the issues and areas that could be addressed by the Charrette exercise provided funds became available to carry them through. Discussion took place on involving the community and the other bordering areas with a view to assisting the development of services and adding weight to any case identified for improvement. It was suggested that the team supporting this development could be based in the office at the Millennium Hall, this is to be considered by the Community Planning Team (CPT). The CPT are to hold a meeting in the Millennium Hall on the morning of Thursday 23rd February, 2017. It was agreed that this was an excellent opportunity for the residents and community in the area to help identify and set goals for the future development of the area. ACTION - Beverley & CC

5 Police matters: PC Steve Wilson attended and gave the following update:

Two cars were stolen from Liff over Christmas and two individuals apprehended for the theft. A major issue over the Festive period was the work created for the Police by concerned people when they hadn't heard from a particular relative - a grandparent is for life not just for Christmas. A theft of a bike, a break-in to a garden shed and a theft from a garden in Muirhead. Concern that no-one seems to be adjusting their driving for the conditions and accidents have increased - message is slow down, use headlights and drive to the conditions. Check all out-houses and sheds are secure and remember security lighting is a deterrent and report any suspicious activity.

Police surgeries are to be held locally and dates and times will be available later. The possibility of holding the surgery when the Friday Night Project was taking place was considered.

Speeding is still an issue that has been raised by a number of residents in Fowlis, especially Kirk Road, the stretch of road between Liff and Fowlis. The fact the speed activated mobile 'Slow Down' sign has not been seen in the Muirhead or Birkhill recently was questioned and this would be investigated. ACTION - Doug

6 Matters Arising:

- a) **Road junctions at Muirhead** - Cllr Hands reported that Roads Dept. had looked at the junction between Liff Road and Coupar Angus Road, Muirhead and visibility could be better however it would be up to the Nursery, situated next to the junction. Sheila agreed to forward the options available to the Community Council for consideration. ACTION - Cllr Hands
- b) **Garden waste subscription issues** - Cllr Hands stated the money raised helped to keep 30 people in work within the Council services in these times of tight budgets.
- c) **Construction of weighbridge at Muirloch** - Stuart informed the meeting of the breach of planning conditions and construction of a weighbridge without planning permission. Subsequently an application has been submitted for an extension to the original structure for storage and installation of fan drying enclosure and placement of ground level scales. In addition the operator is producing and selling on biomass material in breach of the planning conditions - which state that it is solely for the use of Piperdam Golf and Leisure. These actions have caused HGV vehicles to operate on tracks that are subject to planning conditions due to gas pipelines being located underground and National Grid have requested that operations cease at present. Although these matters had been brought to the attention of Angus Council officials there seemed to be a lack of action to address the issues concerning the residents and the wider community. Details of information gathered to date was passed to the

Councillors and the residents, who were present, would welcome a site visit to address the issues. It was agreed that the Councillors would arrange a site visit. In addition the service standards of Angus Council were questioned and brought to the attention of the Councillors for investigation.

ACTION - Cllr Hands and Cllr Fotheringham

Correspondence:

Emails: The following have been circulated to community councillors since the last meeting:

What's New x 4 There seemed to be a problem as a number of them were quarantined in December.

SFRS - response re Audit request and Bio-mass water supply - reassured no action required - however after discussion Doug was requested to clarify the water supply. ACTION - Doug

AC - Scottish Civic Trust Awards - 2 emails distributed - no response to the awards.

AC - Planning Training - on Saturday 18th March at Angus Council - Stuart and Linda to attend.

AC - Survey on Barriers to Community Involvement - individuals may respond as required.

AC - Scottish Gov Draft on Renewable Low Carbon Energy Development

AC - Consultation on the Future of the Scottish planning system - closes 4th April 2017 ACTION - Doug

AC - A more collaborative planning system - 21st February Edinburgh - Linda to attend.

AC - Community Empowerment workshop Thur 9th February in Dundee (rec 30/1/17 - res 31/1/17 Full)

AC - Angus Local Housing Survey - Colin looked at the survey and agreed to respond ACTION - Colin

Additional emails:

1) AC - Roadworks (x2) on Newtyle Road and Berryhill Road both reported on our Facebook page.

Douglas Hill has not sent out emails directly to CC Secretary - Craig agreed to check. ACTION Craig

2) Craig - Checking with Ian Cochrane about servicing and snow clearing on Osprey Bank/Rise/Road resident present was asked about this and Doug was to check this out. ACTION Doug

3) Rev. D Hays - Re problems residents have trying to access home care packages when leaving hospital. After discussion Sheila agreed to let Donna know to contact her to resolve the issue. ACTION Sheila

4) J Scharnberger - Clinkerheel Park works mid/end of February - request to get details of what work will be carried out by Jutta and her team. It was agreed that Doug contact jutta. ACTION Doug

7 Finance: Colin reported that he had to re-imburse: Vince £24.96 for the web site domain annual fee and Ken £500 for the defibrillator wall cabinet at the Bowling Club. Ken intimated that he had 10 practice dummies and training arranged for 25th April 7.00pm in the Bowling Club and people are welcome to attend. Contact Ken if interested. Publicise on Facebook once leaflet produced. ACTION Ken and Doug

8 Planning:

Ref: 16/00777/FULL Installation of a 30.3m high telecommunications mast and ground based cabinets at a field 700m North East of Stoneygroves Farm, Liff for Telefonica UK Ltd.

Ref: 16/00925/FULL Formation of a cover over front entrance and single storey extension to south at 5 Piperdam Drive, Fowlis DD2 5LY for Mrs Bennett.

Ref: 16/00936/FULL Erection of 3 Holiday units at Piperdam Golf and Leisure by Piperdam Golf & Leisure.

Ref: 16/00987/FULL Extension to biomass facility and woodchip drying fan enclosure and placement of ground level weight scales at Muirloch, Liff - by persons unknown.

Ref: 16/00976/FULL Conversion of existing Coach house / garage to guest annex at 178 Coupar Angus Road, Birkhill DD2 5QE for Mr Seivwright.

Linda commented on the fact that the application for 6 Tree houses at Piperdam went through under delegated authority even though there was no drainage assessment impact as this was to be dealt with under a planning condition. Concern that this has gone through with current issues of drainage problems taking place in Piperdam and that this should not be the case without the drainage problems being addressed. The drains should feed into a public system but at present the public system for Piperdam is not vested and as such these issues continue to be a problem for residents.

9 Web site / Social Media: All up to date with 479 'Likes' - no action.

10 AOCB:

- Ken intimated the fence on the north side of Newtyle Road at Muirhead is non-existent and in need of attention and Craig agreed to ask Douglas Hill about it. ACTION Craig
- Ruth asked about the Topic Notices and it was agreed that Doug would revise them. ACTION Doug
- Linda asked about the Code of Practice on Recycling and Sheila gave a response stating no change.
- Linda asked about the work of Consultants Ernst and Young on the transformation project within Angus Council. Craig had no reports and Sheila agreed to clarify the issue for the next meeting. The meeting was informed that a new Chief Executive has been appointed - Margo Williamson. ACTION Sheila

Next meeting **Thursday 2nd March, 2017 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.**

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.