



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

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

1 Attendance: Doug Neilson, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Ken Johnston, Helen Haut, Ciaran Haut Cllr Fotheringham, Cllr Hands, Beverley Gibb, PC Gail Beattie and 7 members of the public.

2 Apologies: Ruth Scanlan and Linda Clink.

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

4 Police matters: PC Gail Beattie attended and reported as follows:

- a) Local crimes:**
- 17/02 to 18/02 – Theft – Rosemill Road, Bridgefoot
 - 15/02 to 20/02 – Theft – Wood Road, Birkhill
 - 22/02: 1200-1530 – Theft Housebreaking – One Acre Dronley
 - 27/02: 1300-1410 – Theft Housebreaking – The Neuk, Templeton Farm,

Birkhill

b) Road Policing issues: A total of 206 drivers across Scotland had their cars or vans seized at the side of the road due to them lacking proper insurance cover or a valid driving licence during a week-long crackdown. Uninsured drivers were targeted by Police Scotland, in partnership with the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB), during a week of action which started on Monday 30 January and ended on Sunday 5 February 2017. A total of 349 drivers were detected driving whilst uninsured during the campaign and during the same period, 206 vehicles were seized for being uninsured or unlicensed.

c) Drop in Facility: There will be monthly police drop in surgeries taking place at Birkhill Bowling Club. These will take place at **11am** and the following are a list of dates when I will be attending for the rest of the year.

Friday 17/03, Monday 17/04, Wednesday 17/05, Friday 16/06, Monday 17/07, Friday 16/08, Friday 15/09, Friday 13/10, Tuesday 14/11 and Thursday 14/12.

These surgeries have been organised deliberately to land between community Council meetings and anyone is welcome to attend.

d) Bogus Callers - be vigilant, look after friends and neighbours, use a door chain or bar when opening a door, don't feel embarrassed - as genuine callers expect you to be careful, don't keep large amounts of cash in the home, if an offer seems too good to be true it probably is, call the police if suspicious Tel 101.

e) In addition: Dog owners are being warned their animal could be killed if it is found to be in the presence of sheep, even if it has not physically attacked them or chased them. Planning is under way to hold a Police Open day at Kirriemuir police office in conjunction with the Police Museum on Saturday 8th April, 2017.

At this point the secretary intimated the receipt of an email requesting that the former Muirhead Police office be considered by Police Scotland / Angus Council for a local Access Office. Cllr Hands intimated that the issues the correspondent had raised could have been resolved by Angus Council Accessline. It is expected that the property under discussion would be sold by the owners. No action

5 Matters Arising:

- a) **Road junctions at Muirhead** - Cllr Hands supplied a list of 3 options prepared by the Roads Dept. and these would be circulated and considered at the next meeting. ACTION - Doug & CC
- b) **Charrette** - A meeting took place on the development of the Charrette on 23 Feb, 2017 and it was attended by Colin and Doug representing the CC. Beverley gave an update and Colin

produced notes of the meeting and an expectation that the process would produce outcomes for the benefit of the area.

Examples of the the promotion by Pidgin Perfect were considered and discussed but a suggestion by Ken Johnston, who also attended the meeting, was more appropriate 'Hear for the Future'. Bekka Thomas of Pidgin Perfect would be in touch with the CC in the near future.

ACTION - Pidgin Perfect

- c) **Cars parked at Davidsons the Chemist** - This had been raised with the CC and after discussion it was agreed that the Roads Dept. look into the possibility of line markings to determine the continuation of the pedestrian walk way in front of the Chemist shop.
ACTION - Cllr Hands
- d) **Dronley Wood** - A request from Garry Stewart of Auchterhouse CC intimating that they intended to exercise their right to purchase Dronley Wood and asked if we could promote interest in our area by putting a prepared notice on our notice boards.
AGREED
- e) **Newtyle Road fence** - Further to correspondence between Craig and the Roads Dept, it was determined that responsibility for this lay with the farmer.

Correspondence:

- a) Notes (draft) of the Empowerment Act workshop had been received from Linda and circulated.
- b) A Power Point presentation from the Empowerment Act workshop has also been circulated.
- c) Consultation on Scottish Planning system closes 4th April and a CC response to be sent by Doug
- d) Licensing Scotland Act to vary the premises licence for Grewars Farm Shop. AGREED

7 Planning:

- 1) Ref: 17/00060/FULL Extension to house at 125 Coupar Angus Rd. Muirhead DD2 5QN by Mr R Christie
- 2) Ref: 17/00093/FULL Extension to Pilgrim Cottage, 18 Loch of Liff Road, Liff DD2 5NE by Mr S Fraser
- 3) Ref: 17/00125/ADV 4 x external illuminated panels 2 x aluminium panels and 1 internally illuminated panel at 103 Coupar Angus Road, Birkhill DD2 5PG for the Co-op group.
- 4) Ref: 17/00064/FULL Demolish existing conservatory and add a single storey extension to 29, Blacklaw Dr. Birkhill DD2 5RJ for Ms M Law
- 5) Ref 17/00130/FULL For the erection of a dwelling house in a field South of Berryhill, by Prestige Developments Ltd.

There was representation at the meeting from some residents raising concerns regarding the application 17/00130/FULL and after discussion, this be notified to Angus Council. ACTION Stuart

Planning issues with Muirloch Bio-mass continue and it was agreed that a site meeting be arranged with Mr Alan Hunter of Angus Council. ACTION Cllr Hands

8 Finance: Nothing to report.

9 Web site / Social Media: All up to date with 483 'Likes'.

Ken Johnston wondered about the grant available to upgrade the web site and agreed to approach Vince regarding this matter. ACTION Ken

10 AOCB:

Cllr Hands intimated that the Newtyle Road between Auchterhouse and Newtyle would be closed for a period from 13th March and diversions via the Coupar Angus Road would be in place; this will also affect Stagecoach No. 57 bus service timetable.

Next meeting **Thursday 6th April, 2017 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.**

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.