

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council
Approved Minute of Meeting 4th October in the Fowlis Hall

ATTENDANCE

- Community Councillors - Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Jim Moir, Stuart Phillips, Doug Neilson Elaine Stewart, Alison French,
Also attending PC Steven Wilson, Councillor S Hands, Sandra Black, Terry Smart, Doug Young, Brian Smyth and Lara Allan
- Apologies - Jimmie Reid, Vince Taylor,

POLICE MATTERS

PC Wilson addressed the meeting with the following points

- The Friday Night Project for the Youth of our area is going well
- There has been an upsurge in thefts from vehicles
- Happily there have not been any major crimes in our area
- Speed monitoring equipment has been in use in our area
- Schoolchildren related Parents Parking is still a problem
- Bogus Workmen, Fair Weather Crime, Under Age drinking and the impending Firework Season were also mentioned and we request that anyone seeing any unusual behaviour should ring 0300 111 2222.

We are to send a letter asking for information regarding forthcoming retirements of police in our area.

FOWLIS VILLAGE GREEN

The meeting was then addressed by Brian Smyth regarding the Fowlis Village Green.

The following points are a summary

- It is our understanding the Green was owned by the developer Tay Developments
- Initially they put in place a contract for the maintenance of the Green
- That did not last long as they cancelled the contract
- A local resident took the initiative and invited residents to make a small financial contribution for the Green's maintenance
- This was successful although not all residents contributed
- An arrangement was made with another local resident for the actual maintenance. This arrangement has continued annually ever since.
- Unsuccessful efforts have been made to establish current ownership.
- No requirement in the title deeds of any properties in the village for the maintenance of the Green
- No known legal requirements for villagers to be responsible for maintenance of the Green.
- It is also part of the conservation area.
- If the present arrangements cease the Green will become unkempt, unsightly and dangerous
- It is well used, particularly by the now many young children in the village and is their only safe area for playing
- Council staff regularly maintain Fowlis churchyard and maintain the car park in the centre of the village and directly opposite the Green

Brian asked that the Community Council support the view that Angus Council take responsibility for the maintenance of the Village Green. After discussion the meeting agreed to contact Angus Council re this subject.

CALEDONIA HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The meeting was then addressed by Lara Allan who explained she worked for the Caledonia Housing Association with the remit of Community Involvement.

She is taking steps to encourage the Community Involvement of the sheltered Housing Complex in Birkhill and had attended to make herself known to the group and find out what assistance she could be to the tenants and the Community Council

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Adoption Proposed: - Jim Moir **Seconded:** - S Philips

SCHOOL BUSES

- **Birkhill Primary** – Ongoing
- **Piperdam** - a Bus Shelter has been provided
- **Parent Parking** - Both locations, the school and Piperdam, are still experiencing problems

WARD FUNDING

- **Interpretive Sign** - Ongoing
- **Notice Boards** – The minutes are now being distributed on various Notice Boards throughout our area and we have permission to erect a new board at the Co-Op garage and are exploring the acquisition of funding.
- **Dog Bin** - We are to request an additional Dog Bin to be positioned on the path between the Betts Houses leading into Backmuir Drive
- Decision has been made on various other items and we hope to have these in place in the near future

RECYCLING

- **Millennium Hall Recycling Area** – We hope to have screening added after other works take place

PARKS

- **Birkhill Park Drainage** – A design for new additional drainage is being prepared
- **Fields in Trust** - Ongoing
- **Clinkerheel Park** – Awaiting news from Angus Council re next years budget for repairs

FINANCE

- A request for reimbursement of expenses has been lodged with Angus council

PIPERDAM

- **Gates on Core Path:** - A meeting is to take place on 10th of October
- **North Side of Osprey Road:** - Ongoing
- **Fire Hydrants:** - Ongoing Doug Neilson to investigate
- **Waste Tankers:**-An upgrade to the Pumping station is to taking place
- **Scottish Water Annual Consultative Meeting** – At this meeting it was stated that the Piperdam water pressure was now above standard. Our representative stated that, at times of high demand the pressure dropped below the standard required. Residents who are affected are asked to contact Scottish Water (and the Community Council) and explain their problems.
- **New Chalets** - It was stated that new foundations are evident
- **Biomass Plant** – We have been asked to investigate the emissions – Cllr Hands to follow up

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Review of the Scheme for Community Councils** – Ongoing, this may increase the total number of Community Councillors allocated to our Council and create various changes
- **Angus Licensing Forum** - A meeting to take place on 21st November

LIFF

- **Dog Fouling:** - Ongoing, however the Waste Bin outside the school is available for dog walkers to deposit their waste in
- **Speeding Traffic:** - Speed monitoring equipment has been in use in this area
- **Pavement** – We are to ask Angus Council to investigate the installation of a pavement between the crossroads and Liff Park to complete the “Walk To School” route

PLANNING

- The “In Principle” application for a Poultry Unit on East Adamston Farm - Reference number 12/00612/PPPL. Is now on Public Access and is still under consideration
- **New Applications:** -
One application 12/00860/Full regarding 12 Hill Terrace

Residents are asked to approach Angus Council Planning Department regarding any queries that they have and approach the Community Council regarding any difficulties with Planning Applications.

ROADS

- **Sidlaw Terrace Speed Bumps:** - The Community Council feel that they have taken this item as far as they can
- **Temporary Speed Signs:** - These are to be erected in October on Coupar Angus Road and Newtyle Road
- **Concrete on Gourdie Brae/Liff Road junction** – We have assured that this will be removed
- **Road Markings:-**Renewal of the Road Markings will be put forward for inclusion in Angus Council’s next contract
- **Coupar Angus Road Pavement** –_We are to ask that the damage between North Mains and Muirhead is repaired
- **Coop Crossing Audible Warnings** –This has been repaired

COMMUNICATION

- **Website:** - mblcc.co.uk Ongoing – We hope to go public prior to next meeting
- **Courier Community Council Section:-** Secretary received information re this route for communication
- **Pop Up Banner:-** Ongoing

COMMUNITY PLANNING

- **Communication sub group:-** No further meetings planned yet
- **Transport sub group:-** Ongoing – next meeting 13/11/2012

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Biodiversity & Communities Seminar** – taking place 1st December at Battleby
- **Angus Events Organisers’ network-** next meeting 16/10/2012 (6-30 in Angus House Forfar)
- **Notice of a New Style Recycling Trial** - due to take place over the next 6 to 12 months
- **Notice of the Community Council Bi Annual Meeting** – 12/12/2012

AOCB

Discussion took place regarding Dog Fouling –

- ***Fouling is very apparent on the grass area next to the School*** which the children use for sports and we are requesting dog owners to collect any excreta and deposit it in the bin provided
- A new Dog Bin is to be placed at the entrance to Backmuir Wood
- We are to request an additional Dog Bin as part of the Ward Funding exercise and positioned on the path between the Betts Houses leading from Blairfield Road into Backmuir Drive

Policing in our area

Due to impending retirements we are to send a letter asking for information regarding the future of policing in our area.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER in the MILLENNIUM HALL BIRK HILL at 7-30 PM