



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minute of meeting 6 October 2016 held at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill

1 Attendance: Alison French, Doug Neilson, Vince Taylor, Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Ruth Scanlan, and 1 member of the public.

2 Apologies: Cllr Fotheringham, Cllr Hands, Stuart Phillips, Helen Haut and Ciaran Haut.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Amended then proposed by Alison French seconded by Vince Taylor.

4 Police matters: A report from Police Scotland intimated the new Community Police Structure but councillors, concerned about the current situation, want clarification. ACTION Doug
In the report was a reminder that the new Air Weapons Legislation comes into force on 31 December 2016. Consultation with Angus Council on the closure of Birkhill Police station - Letham is also to be closed. In Angus there has been a reduction in overall crime in the last year. Alcohol has been a contributory factor in 60% of violence and disturbances at peak times and work continues with Focus on Alcohol to assist prevention and recovery. Anti- Social Behaviour is on decline (2.6% reduction over the year) and this has been helped by the reintroduction of dedicated community officers.

Two recent crimes in our area:

1) 17/9/16 Housebreaking and theft of garden tools from shed - Dronley Terrace, Muirhead.

2) 21/8/16 Theft of bicycle from garden shed - Dronley Road, Birkhill.

The Community Council reminds residents that security lights help to deter criminals at night.

Dangerous and Anti-social parking remains an issue. Officers will continue to conduct pro-active vehicle stops as this is a useful tactic in targeting travelling criminals and help keep the road users and communities safe.

5 Matters Arising:

a) **Dronley Avenue:** A meeting between residents, Angus Council officers, Cllr Hands and representatives of the Community Council, took place and the issues of concern were discussed. One issue that Angus Council will address is that of water flowing from the B954 Newtyle Road down Dronley Avenue. The issue regarding the state of the road will not be addressed as it is an unadopted road. Item concluded.

b) **Henderson Park:** Colin stated that grass is being cut and he had talked to Mr Elphinstone.
Ongoing - ACTION - Alison & Colin.

c) **Osprey Road:** A reply outlining timescales for outstanding issues had been received and, although some areas will be completed by April/May 2017, no date has been suggested for two items:
i) infiltration of water into the foul sewer. ii) arrangements for the SUDS basins on the golf course, which take surface water from the developments as they are NOT adoptable in their present condition.

It was agreed that Colin would contact the Chief Executive of Scottish water again and, failing action to resolve the matter timeously, report the issues to the Scottish Public Service Ombudsman - Water Industry Commission for Scotland.
Ongoing - ACTION - Doug & Colin.

d) **Fire hydrants at Piperdam:** A meeting is to be arranged between the SFRS and the CC to clarify a number of issues, item delayed due to personnel change. ACTION - Doug.

e) **Clinkerheel Park:** The designs have been prepared and Landscaping Services Manager at Angus Council is waiting for authorisation to proceed - to ask Councillors for support. ACTION - Doug.

f) **Defibrillator:** The Bowling Club had requested a contribution to the purchase of a Defibrillator cabinet, which would be available to the community and sited at the Bowling Club. After discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would contribute £500 towards this community resource.

6 Correspondence:

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

- 1) What's New x 2
- 2) Adoption of the Local Plan
- 3) Locality Priority - Improve Community and School Provision - E McLeod
- 4) A & J Stephen Homes - Bond 2 emails from Sheila*
- 5) Alcohol Licensing Community
- 6) 3rd Sector Digi-Camp
- 7) On Street Parking regulations adopted by Angus Council instead of Police Scotland.
- 8) Scottish Rural Parliament meeting

* **4) above A & J Stephen Homes:** There is a Resident's Association and Ken agreed to contact their representatives to establish the current situation and explain in writing to us the responsibility of the residents and their understanding of maintenance of the grounds and play park. ACTION - Ken

Additional emails:

- 1) Stoneygroves Farm - telephone mast - Alison's email
- 2) Public Telephone Payphones removal consultation from Angus Council and BT. This will be added to next month's agenda and email circulated to Community Councillors. ACTION - Doug

7 Finance: Colin reported that hire of room had been paid.

8 Planning: Stuart reported the following applications had been received since our July meeting.
Ref: 16/00700/Full Erection of single poultry shed at Lundie Castle farmhouse Muirhead Angus DD25NT
Ref: 1600679/Full Alterations and extension to house at Denhead Cottage Fowlis Dundee DD2 5NP
Ref: 16/00734/clu Extension to rear and small entrance porch at 3 Sidlaw Terrace Birkhill Dundee DD2 5PY
Ref: 16/00743/full Demolish existing swimming pool extension and construct new extension to accommodate Dip pool, Sauna and steam room and ancillary plant room at Piperdam Golf and Leisure Resort.

9 Web site / Social Media: All up to date with 442 'Likes' - no action.

10 AOCB:

a) Discussion took place on communicating our minutes and topics to the community and it was agreed that the minutes would be released after approval and summary of topics / talking points discussed at our meetings would be placed on noticeboards. ACTION - Doug

Next meeting **Thursday 3rd November, 2016 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.**

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.