

MUIRHEAD, BIRKHILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minute of Meeting held 4th September 2014 at 7pm in the Millennium Hall

ATTENDANCE

Community Councillors –Colin Hunter, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Jim Moir.

Angus Councillor - Cllr Fotheringham, **Guest Speaker** - Shelley Hague and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: PC Sean Scanlon, Cllr Hands, Cllr Hands assistant, Cllr Thomson, Ken Johnston, Alison French, Elaine Stewart, Jimmie Reid.

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Adoption Proposed: - Stuart Phillips **Seconded:** - Jim Moir

Presentation on External Funding by Shelley Hague

Shelley gave an explanation of the support to businesses, community groups and organisations provided by the External Funding Team. The support is designed to assist economic development within the area and this comes in a variety of ways from assisting form completion to identifying funds, loans and grants for specific projects that will benefit local communities, through groups, organisations and business. In addition businesses, tourism and economic development are assisted in diversification and expansion and covers all areas of the local economy.

Angus Council services are also supported by accessing external funding from the wide variety of funding sources identified by External Funding Team. An information session will be held on the **9th October from 4.00pm until 6.00pm in Arbroath** to demonstrate how groups can raise cash to support their groups and projects.

Shelley then gave out packs of information for those present and explained the Angus Funding News, which is circulated to Community Councils, regularly gives details of new grants or funds available.

Anyone wishing to investigate funding support should contact Shelley at externalfunding@angus.gov.uk.

POLICE MATTERS

Due to PC Scanlon's absence the Police Scotland report was read to the meeting highlighting local issues:

In the local area the following crimes have been committed since our last meeting

Between 0001-0600 hours, Sunday 3rd August 2014 person(s) forced entry to a garden shed at Blue Cliffs, Newtyle and stole a quantity of electrical gardening equipment from within.

Between 1000 hours Friday 8th August 2014 and 0830 hours Saturday 9th August 2014, person(s) forced entry to an outbuilding at Neuk Farm, Lundie and stole a 4x4 quad from within.

Between 2330 hours Thursday 14th August 2014 and 0830 hours Friday 15th August 2014, person(s) caused damage to a motor vehicle parked in the street at Rosemount Road, Birkhill, by hitting the windscreen with a hammer or similar object.

In relation to the crimes reported above, Police Scotland reminds home owners and occupiers of the importance of keeping your addresses and vehicles secure at all times and asks residents to remain vigilant and report any persons or vehicles that you feel to be suspicious. Please report any such crimes, or other suspicious activity, to **Police Scotland** depending on the circumstances either on **999**, **101**, or **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**

MATTERS ARISING

Osprey Road grass verge: Discussion took place on the issues surrounding the uncut grass verge service strips on the North side of Osprey Road. Cllr Fotheringham agreed to contact the Roads Dept and resolve the issue through use of funds from a bond deposited by Kirkwood Homes who have failed to maintain the grass strip.

Pavement & Fences on A923: The Chairman stated that notices had recently erected to the effect that work was to start on Monday 8th September for 3 weeks and wondered if this was to enable the repair work to be carried out. At present we have no knowledge what work will be undertaken but it may be carriageway patching or resurfacing.

Birkhill Cemetery: It is believed that the expansion of the cemetery will be from South to North and not West towards the houses in Birkhill. In addition a new cemetery is being planned on Drumsturdy Road on the East side of the city. It was agreed that this item can now be removed from our agenda.

FOWLIS VILLAGE GREEN:

Discussion took place on the current state of play with FVG and possible avenues for resolution. It was also noted that Brian Smyth had let everyone in Fowlis know what had happened and he will no longer be involved.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND: No further information at present.

BUSES -After school activities: It seems that the after school activities offered at the school this year are not as extensive as the activities offered last year, it is hoped that this will change as the school year develops. There have been one or two examples of mishaps with travel and activities not being co-ordinated, hopefully this will improve. Buses still turning by reversing outside Birkhill Primary School.

PARK: Drainage re-seeding This now complete and can be removed from the agenda.

ROADS: Grass verge outside Millennium Hall / Bowling Club It was agreed no further action this year and item moved to 'Ongoing issues'.

FINANCE: Annual accounts have been audited and submitted to Angus Council for records.

WEB SITE: The web site requires some maintenance and once completed recent documents will be published on our web site. Our Facebook page now has 141 likes and details of planning applications are published on it as well. It would be good to publish our meeting agenda on Facebook and the web site prior to our meeting featuring the main topics for the meeting.

PLANNING: Planning application since our last meeting.

14/00611/FULL Garage conversion and extension above 18 Neddertoun View, Liff.

14/00677/FULL Cattle shed and milking parlour on land near Smithy Cottage Lundie.

14/00723/FULL Removal of extension and replacement with bigger extension Dower House, Balruddery.

14/00725/LBC Listed building consent for 14/00723/FULL on Dower House, Balruddery.

CORRESPONDENCE: Items of correspondence were reviewed and there were no items of concern.

AOCB

- a) The grass on Henderson Park is no longer being cut by Angus Council - Councillor Fotheringham to investigate.
- b) The Chairman and Planning Contact attended an information day on Community Benefits from renewables and how this initiative could assist our community. It was agreed that it is worthy of further investigation.
- c) Basic Employment Law Refresher course - Jim Moir to attend
- d) Feedback from Transport Group meeting - Jim Moir gave a report on the Aims of the group and it's achievements.
- e) New Angus Council web site does not feature Community Council details.
- f) Request that people be aware of a Tax Rebate scam currently going around.