

# *Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council*

## Annual General Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Millennium Hall

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Community Councillors – Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Jim Moir, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Jimmie Reid, Vince Taylor, Elaine Stewart, Alison French, Cllr Sheila Hands, Cllr Hands Assistant Sandra Black, Cllr Fotheringham, Terry Smart, PC Sheena Melvin, Joe Dorman, Paul Lewis.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Thomson.

### **MINUTE OF A G M 9th February 2012:**

Amendments: Spelling of Flocklones  
Year missing in title

Proposed: Stuart Phillips

Seconded: Vince Taylor

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

None

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

I am pleased to report on an active year for our Community Council. In fact it does not seem long since the last AGM when we co-opted Alison and Elaine on to the Council and it is good to have had a full complement of Councillors. It is important to have representation from around the whole area and to have everyone contributing to our activities.

Being prepared to persevere is certainly a quality required by Community Councillors in order to see things through, hopefully to a satisfactory conclusion in most cases. I would like to thank my fellow Office Bearers, Ken, Doug and Jim for their work over the year and also to thank Sheila and Craig, the Angus Council Councillors, who have stepped up to provide support since Jean and John stood down. Their input is especially important in our dealings with Angus Council.

Picking up from where we left off last year we have seen the Millennium Hall pedestrian crossing being well used, since it became operational at the end of February/beginning of March.

Most of us have had input into Success for Sidlaw, through the 2 sub-groups of Communication and Transport.

○ The Communication Group has sometimes struggled for numbers but I think we may hear in the meeting, later tonight, of progress in that group. At this point, I would like to recognise the hard work of Doug who attended the Gala Day at the Millennium Hall to publicise the Community Council and who has also kept our Facebook page up to date. I understand the Website is ready to go live and we may hear more of this later. We also now have a banner to help us to communicate what we are about and our own and other noticeboards are a good way of being able to get word of our activities to the people of our area.

○ The Transport Group has been well attended and has made progress on a number of fronts. In our area the 59 Bus has seen better vehicles being deployed and the timing of the 57 & 59 Services through Birkhill and Muirhead is being reviewed. We also await the outcome of the Review of the 30, 31 & 51 Services. A bus shelter has been provided at Piperdam and we continue to try to have all the buses using this stop rather than the ones on the Coupar Angus Road. The provision of a later bus from Monifieth High, which would allow pupil participation in after school activities, is also under investigation.

We are seeking the provision of a stretch of pavement at Church Road, Liff to create a safe walking route to Liff Primary School.

Also on the safety theme, and back to buses, the buses at Birkhill are to try using the entry road to Lemon's Yard as an alternative to the dangerous reversing manoeuvres taking place at the school at the moment.

Ward Funding has been helpful in providing a notice board, seats and bins and I have found Allan Allardice, Parks Maintenance Manager, most helpful in actually getting these in place. The interpretive sign for Fowlis is also making good progress.

With regard to the roads in our area, it is important for people to report potholes, mud on the road and fly tipping to the Access Line, who are most helpful and effective. We are pleased that better directional signage to Piperdam has been provided although PC Steven Wilson reports that there are still a considerable number of visitors getting lost. We are delighted that PC Wilson has been able to be a regular attendee at and contributor to our meetings.

Another issue which hopefully is now resolved is the fact that the drainage of the Millennium Hall football field is now effective. Indeed Stuart's report to last year's AGM could just about be repeated as the work done in February last year was not the solution but the work done at the end of the year seems to have been effective and I have been assured that reinstatement of the grass will be carried out. We are also pleased that the fence at the tennis court has been repaired and a new tennis net provided. The improvement to the Recycling Point is welcome and we still expect it to be screened.

Some issues such as the gate on Woodlands Road, Piperdam and the need for yellow lines at Birkhill Primary School trundle on. They will probably be joined by the grass maintenance at Liff Primary School and the care of Fowlis Village Green which we are currently trying to get sorted out.

I firmly believe it is most important to have a Community Council to represent the views of the people of this part of Angus. It would be good to have a bit more participation from the community and we can give this some thought under 'Membership'. When I took on the role of Chairperson it was indicated to me that the term of office might be 3 years. If I do serve as Chairperson for another year it will be important to consider who might fill the role in 2014-2015.

**MEMBERSHIP:** (Colin Hunter)

We can now have 10 Councillors and 3 Juniors (Age Range 14 to 18years)

Continuation of Elected Members – All members were able to continue in their present positions

**FINANCE:** (Jim Moir)

2012 Report

We now have in excess of £2000 in the bank

During 2012 a donation was made to Liff Primary School

Accounts have been submitted to Angus council

**PLANNING/WEB:** (Doug Neilson)

**Planning Contact Report 2012**

- 1 Planning contact training took place on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Angus House, Forfar ; Doug Neilson and Vince Taylor attended on behalf of the Community Council.
- 2 Over the year there have been 38 planning applications submitted from 30 properties within the community council area and the number includes 7 Listed Building consent notices and 3 Planning Permission in Principle applications.
- 3 During the year Angus Council changed the format of the email attachments from .doc files to .PDF files and this caused a slight problem for transmitting the information to community councillors but all councillors have been notified of all the planning applications in the area.
- 4 In November the Angus Council web site was updated and for some unexplained reason some planning contact names were omitted from the circulation list and that affected our area but this has now been rectified.
- 5 The new Angus Council Planning web site has greatly improved the accessibility of information available and it is now possible to carry out an enforcement search and there were 8 Enforcement enquiries reported in the Community Council area during the last year. Of these 8 Enforcement enquiries the position, as of 15th January 2013 is 2 are closed and 6 are 'Pending Consideration'.

Web Site

**PIPERDAM:** (Jim Moir)  
No Report requested

**ROADS:**  
No Report requested

**COUNTY PLANNING:**  
No Report requested

**MILLENNIUM HALL/PARK:** (Stuart Philips)  
No Report requested

**CHAIRMAN CLOSING REMARKS:**

It was suggested we make up a list of Meetings for 2013 – All meetings to revert to the Millennium Hall

***NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2013-2014) WILL BE HELD ON  
6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 IN THE MILLENNIUM HALL COMMENCING 7-30 PM***