

Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on 7th December 2017 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

1. ATTENDANCE: Alison French, Chairperson, Helen Haut, Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Linda Clink, Cllr Hands, Cllr Fotheringham, PC Gail Beattie, Angus Council Communities (Graham Hewitson, Donald McNeill, Hong Zhang) + 2 members of public.
2. APOLOGIES: Doug Neilson, Ciaran Haut, Ruth Scanlan
3. MINUTE of PREVIOUS MEETING: 2 amendments were proposed and accepted. Minute with both amendments were proposed by Ken Johnston and seconded by Stuart Phillips.
4. POLICE MATTERS: PC Beattie reported no thefts or incidents in the CC area. She highlighted Police Scotland's 'One Punch' and annual 'After Dark' campaigns (the latter reminding people to put their home lights/timers to come on between 3:30pm and 5pm) and the consultation on disposal of unused premises (ie Muirhead police station). Sergeant McQuade and PC Wilson will be at the Millennium Hall on Monday 11 December to meet community groups and residents. Thanks were expressed by a resident for the presence and positive impact of the Traffic Police and their speed checks in Muirhead.
Action : Linda to forward to PC Beattie main points/actions from meeting with Angus Council Roads.
5. MATTERS ARISING:
 - A) Charrette Next Steps (Approx 1h 30min discussion). Mr Graham Hewitson had asked to attend the meeting and he distributed a paper of 16 proposed projects to be funded from his "Quick Wins" budget, and a 1 page proposal for arrangements for managing future progress (not discussed). He confirmed there was close to £20k available for projects in our area and he wanted to get projects agreed to go forward now as budget expired at the end of March 2018. The final charrette report is not yet ready for publication (ongoing discussions with the consultants) and due to the time restriction on funding available for quick wins, Angus Council were keen for the Community Council to make recommendations rather than arrange a wider community meeting to discuss. The 16 project proposals were grouped into three categories (i) Ready to Go, (ii) Needs More Time and Information, and (iii) Won't Happen and an assessment and discussion, following a declaration of interest in the "Reprint the Paths for All leaflet" proposal, ensued. Cllr Hands echoed Mr Hewitson's position that the CC agree on the Ready to Go projects and spend the money before it's gone. Four projects considered 'Ready to Go' were Reprint the "Paths for All" leaflet (£800 – Sidlaw Path Network), Match fund (10%) a LEADER application for (90%) funds for a 2 year post for a Community Development Worker (Charrette Quick Win Funding would be 10% and Angus Rural Leader Funding 90% with the 10% is expected to be in the order of £6,200 over 2 years), Secure new signage to enhance way finding and support traffic safety (£6,000) and Purchase PC for Millennium Hall booking system and remote access (£tbc). Mr Hewitson confirmed this would leave approx £7k for other community groups/residents to apply for project funding. **Actions** : Lead people for each project to directly contact Mr Hewitson to get the allocated funds issued and/or to progress further work.
 - B) Men's Shed – Donald McNeill spoke about the Men's Shed movement, its benefits to participants and the community, and his hope to establish a Shed in Birkhill/Muirhead. He sought feedback on potential premises and level of interest. He asked that his poster advertising proposed meeting (sometime in January 2018) be posted on the CC facebook page. Linda said she hoped the Shed would be open to all. **Action** : Mr McNeill to send Vince an electronic version of poster for upload.
 - C) Police Station Closure/Disposal. There was a brief discussion on the Police Scotland consultation and the intended disposal of the Muirhead Police Station, and the potential use/re-use of the premise for the community. CC members and residents were asked to view the online consultation and respond. **Action** : All CC members were encouraged to respond to the consultation.
 - D) Post Box Road post box (Birkhill). Strong community sentiment for the wall mounted post box to be re-instated or any replacement to be within Post Box Road was noted. Cllr Fotheringham advised the post box was with Royal Mail, but wall had not been re-built yet. Cllr Fotheringham noted Royal Mail had proposed a replacement free standing post box be located beside the bus shelter on A923 adjacent to Post Box Road as they no longer installed post boxes in walls. Cllr Hands noted an online petition had been organised but there was some inaccuracies in the information being circulated and it was important that accurate information was disseminated to the community. Cllr Hands advised no planning consent would be required to re-instate the post box in the wall.
Action : Cllr Fotheringham to have further discussion with Royal Mail. Vince to get an update from homeowner of wall, and put summary of the info from the Councillors on the CC facebook page.
 - E) Roads Meeting on 17 November 2017– Speeding and Piperdam. Linda was asked to give a brief update. She noted a positive meeting, and outlined the main items discussed (40mph buffer zones

in Muirhead, average speed cameras, new LED street lighting in Birkhill/Muirhead, flooding on A923, and the actions on roads/road safety the Council have already completed or are in progress.

Action : Linda to circulate notes of meeting to CC + Cllrs present.

Re Piperdam, Council carried out an inspection in October identifying 31 items of remedial work required on remaining unadopted roads. Council confirmed they would not grit or snow clear any unadopted roads or pavements, it was Kirkwood Homes' responsibility. Council confirmed they did not require the prior vesting of the water and sewerage infrastructure in Piperdam before a request to adopt roads is submitted. **Action** : Alison to write to Kirkwood Homes asking for update + action.

F) Noticeboards – Confirmed CC Noticeboards volunteers as Colin - Lundie/Piperdam/Fowlis, Alison – Liff, Ken - Muirhead, Stuart - Birkhill Millennium Hall, School&Co-op, to keep the boards up to date.

6. Correspondence and emails received:-

- 1) Information regarding charrette and universal credit
- 2) Angus Schools for the Future - Resident Julieann Robertson (Secretary of Birkhill PS PTA) was invited to comment on the consultation. In summary, she felt the consultation was poorly communicated, the questions asked were too general given most experience is the school building your own children attend rather than the entire portfolio, and asked if different questions had been asked on the online questionnaire to the paper one. Mr Hewitson confirmed the consultation had closed (end of November) and he thought there was upwards of 1000 comments to be analysed.
- 3) Letter from Angus Council regarding Western Gateway infrastructure
- 4) Response to email regarding Piperdam biomass planning application
- 5) VAA bulletin & Whats New list
- 6) Angus Health & Social Care Partnership – December events
- 7) Angus Council meeting – presentations
- 8) Angus License board consultation
- 9) Letter from P&K Council regarding Western Gateway infrastructure
- 10) New bus timetable
- 11) Angus Care Model - Cllr Hands reported she'd spoken with James Shaw who said he could not facilitate a public meeting in our area as the meetings are resource intensive. Cllr Hands asked him to circulate the information presented and collated, and that we think about what issues/ requirements we have. She asked again for a mapping of services against the various service providers as our area lies on a 'fault line' on edge of 3 councils' boundaries.
- 12) Consultation on the disposal of Police Premises
- 13) Road Closure notification - Liff

Regular What's New and VAA emails were distributed to all Community Councillors.

7. PLANNING: Ref: 17/00854/FULL – Piperdam Golf & Country Club, Piperdam Drive, Piperdam
Linda gave a brief description of plan to build 20 lodges on the golf driving range, noted the applicant's expected 8,000 visitors to these lodges and resultant traffic movements, the caveat in the Scottish Water letter submitted by the applicant of no further 'foul only' connections until a review upon completion of the vesting project/remedial works, and the application advised there was no neighbour notification.

Ref: 17/00924/FUL–Erection of Winery Building, House and Associated Works – Field SE of Muirloch Farm

8. FINANCE: Nothing further to AGM Report.

9. WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: There are now 521 'Likes' for Facebook. Vince is keeping website and Facebook up to date, but is not persuaded that multiple people managing the sites would work well.

10). AOCB:

- 1) Stuart announced the Millennium Hall had been successful in its application for funds from the LEADER programme for lights and work in the Hall car park.
- 2) Vince reported on the Angus Council and Community Councils meeting in Forfar he and Ken attended on 9 November representing the CC. Other CCs facing similar issues to ourselves.
- 3) Ongoing Issues
 1. Henderson Park - Alison & Colin - ongoing
 2. Osprey Rise, Osprey Bank and Osprey Road Adoption – ongoing
 3. Scottish Water's efforts to resolve the drainage infrastructure issues at Piperdam - ongoing
 4. It is hoped that Digital Skills classes will be made available in the Millennium Hall.
 5. There is a problem with a Postcode at Loch of Liff – Cllr Whiteside actioning – no update
 6. Clarification on Kate Cowey (Angus Council) response to Muirloch Biomass email is needed

Meeting finished at 9:55pm.

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 1st February 2018
at 7pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.**