

Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff Community Council

Approved Minute of Meeting held on 1st February 2018 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

1. ATTENDANCE: Alison French, Chairperson, Helen Haut, Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Linda Clink, Ciaran Haut, Cllr Whiteside, PC Gail Beattie
2. APOLOGIES: Doug Neilson, Ruth Scanlan, Cllr Hands, Cllr Fotheringham
3. MINUTE of PREVIOUS MEETING: 1 amendment requested by Alison French. Amended Minute proposed by Colin Hunter and seconded by Ken Johnston. **Action** : Linda to amend then circulate.
4. POLICE MATTERS: PC Beattie reported there was nothing of note to report. There was 1 shed break-in near Strathmartine. Residents should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Residents can sign up to Neighbourhood Watch/Rural Watch where updates and alerts are circulated by email. PC Beattie was at the Millennium Hall on 1 February for a drop-in surgery. Next surgery scheduled 13 February 2018 (6:15pm to 8pm). **Action** : Vince to list next drop-in dates on CC facebook page. Traffic speeds in Muirhead was briefly discussed, no traffic police speed checks had been noticed in January. (UK) Community Speedwatch initiative was raised. **Action** : PC Beattie and CC members to find out more about the initiative and if there is any interest and volunteers from the community to get involved.
5. MATTERS ARISING:
 - A) Charrette Next Steps. Quick Wins Projects Update - Stuart reported the Millennium Hall received £500 towards the purchase of a PC and printer. Colin reported other proposed projects were in process of putting information together, including preparation work by G Hewitson for the application for Leader funding for the development worker post for our CC area ahead of next application submission deadline in March. Brief discussion followed about putting forward potential projects such as Green Gym and inviting ideas from the Community for 'Quick Win' projects for any unallocated Quick Win funds before the budget expires. **Action** : Vince and Colin to draft a 'call for ideas' page to be distributed on Facebook page and noticeboards with short presentations at the next CC meeting on 1 March 2018. **Action** : Alison to contact G Hewitson for update on Quick Wins projects and possibility for funding Green Gym equipment. Vince gave update on Village Gateways (see section 6.6) and SPED signs. He had asked for other references from SPED signs supplier due to no response received to his enquiry to their original reference.
 - B) Men's Shed. Donald McNeill held a meeting on 1 February 2018 to seek interest, need and support in establishing a Men's Shed in Birkhill/Muirhead area. A small group of men, an invited speaker and Cllr Whiteside attended. Cllr Whiteside gave a brief report. Details about who is going to run the Shed, where etc is to be discussed at the next meeting – date tbc.
 - C) Police Station Closure/Disposal Consultation. Various CC councilors reported they had completed the online questionnaire. Colin noted consultation was highlighted in a "Monifeith and Sidlaw Focus" leaflet (produced by Liberal Democrats) edited by Cllr Lawrie posted through his letterbox.
 - D) Post Box Road post box (Birkhill). Vince received a reply from Royal Mail to his enquiry and related their position and reply. Discussion ensued about possibility to site the proposed standalone post box beside the telephone pole and BT broadband box in Post Box Road as both protrude onto the pavement narrowing it already. **Action** : Vince to contact Cllr Fotheringham to take forward.
 - E) Roads Meeting on 17 November 2017– Speeding and Piperdam. Linda updated the meeting with the latest actions. Roads still to check shadow areas from the street light bulbs replaced with LEDs in Birkhill/Muirhead, and their feedback on charrette consultants' proposals for the A923/B954 junction in Muirhead expected soon. All other actions done or scheduled. **Action** : Linda to update notes with actions (and re-circulate to CC +Cllrs present ?)
Linda reported Kirkwood Homes had advised her that it had programmed remedial works in the unadopted streets and pavements at Piperdam for commencement in Q2 of this year. Roads dept advised they did a site inspection with Kirkwood last week of remedial work areas (ref roads etc marked with new yellow paint marks). The unadopted roads had not been gritted by the Council or Kirkwood Homes. Kirkwood installed two new grit bins in Osprey Road, but none particularly near the unadopted streets. Alison noted she had not received a reply from Kirkwood Homes.
 - F) Locality Group Meeting – Colin gave an update on the 2nd meeting held in Wellbank on 23 January. 12 representatives attended including 2 from the CC's. Most participants were from Fire, Police, VAA, third party sectors. No Angus Council officers appointed to the group attended. A learning note from the discussion is to be circulated. Next meeting is in March – date tbc.

6. Correspondence and emails received:-

1. Angus Schools for the Future – meeting to discuss 30/1/18

Angus Schools – Cllr Whiteside gave an update of the published recommendations of the Angus Schools Strategy and that was presented and discussed at the Children and Learning Committee and the Full Council Committee. The strategy focused on the condition of schools buildings and the provision of education and had marked/ranked schools and listed priorities for action. Cllr Whiteside noted the first priority is a decision on 2 Brechin schools with no pupils and to make Edzell primary school ('PS') the PS for the area. The next priority is an options appraisal for Monifieth High School because of overcrowding and building condition which would also cover Grange PS. Cllr Whiteside advised she had tabled an amendment to this proposal, which was agreed, that the options appraisal would look at all the feeder primary schools to Monifieth HS including Birkhill PS and pupils' travel from CC area to Monifieth. The third priority is considering a new single high school replacement for the 2 Arbroath high schools.

2. Business Angus – Digital Pilot Programme

3. Adopt a kiosk brochure

4. Angus Funding News

5. Electric Car Charge Points & Transport Scotland reply

6. Village Gateways - Vince gave update and concluded we should not pursue with company further. Similar fencing could be made at a cheaper cost if CC wished to pursue, but ownership of land and if planning permission was required for its installation.

7. Social Enterprise Draft Strategy

8. Angus NHS Tayside - Community Innovation Fund Roadshows 2018

9. Consultation Letter – Review Angus Licensing Boards Statement

10. Angus Council and Community Council November Meeting – minutes & presentations

11. Community Council Digital Briefing Paper – 23/1/18

12. Scottish Fire & Rescue – Angus South Performance Summary Q3 2017/18 – to be discussed at next meeting

13. VAA bulletins & Whats New list

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

7. PLANNING:

1. Pef: 17/00938/full Alterations & extension to dwelling house - 16 Piperdam Drive, Piperdam

2. Ref: 17/00977/lbc Extension to conservatory - Dower House, 8 Church Road, Liff

3. Ref 17/00921/lbc – Repairs to existing memorial and rebuilding sections of walls at Liff Parish Church

8. FINANCE: Nothing further to AGM Report.

9. WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: There are now 538 'Likes' for Facebook.

10). AOCB:

1) None

2) Ongoing Issues

1. Henderson Park - Alison & Colin - ongoing

2. Osprey Rise, Osprey Bank and Osprey Road Adoption – ongoing (see section 5E above)

3. Scottish Water's efforts to resolve the drainage infrastructure issues at Piperdam – ongoing. Scottish Water held a public meeting for residents on 10 January where phase 1 works on the sewerage system was outlined. A resident reported experiencing low water pressure, but SW advised its works on sewerage pipes should not affect water side, and works had not yet commenced. Any water pressure/no water problems should be reported to Scottish Water customer helpline.

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.

6. Clarification on Kate Cowey ('KC') (Angus Council) response to Muirloch Biomass email. A response to December's email was received recently from KC after reminders. A couple of points were not answered and are still outstanding. A decision on the planning application is still pending. Another air quality emission report had been submitted by the applicant and Environmental Health had withdrawn its objection subject to conditions. **Action** : Alison to re-contact Kate Cowey. Stuart and Alison to provide a summary of what has happened so far and our concerns to send to Cllr Whiteside to raise with Council.

Meeting finished at 9:20pm.

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