

## Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

**Attendance:** Alison French, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Ken Johnston, Vince Taylor, Cllr Hands, Cllr Whiteside, Community Police Officer Gail Beattie, Community Assistant (ES) and 5 members of the public

**Apologies:** Helen Haut, Cllr Fotheringham, Cllr Lawrie

### Minutes of Previous Meeting (6/9/18)

**Approved** - Stuart Phillips

**Seconded** – Colin Hunter

**Police Report** – No reportable crime since Sept. Road safety initiative weekend had been carried out with one speeding ticket *to be* issued. Community Speed Watch was discussed as separate item.

### Matters Arising:

- The members of the newly formed CC have not received email updates such as the VAA bulletin and What's New list. **AF** to follow this up
- Speed cameras to be moved. **VT** to arrange calibration and re-siting.
- Tree felling – **SP** has liaised with Forestry Commission
- Street Cleaning – **AF** to send letter to Angus Council re winter maintenance and reassignment of street sweeper. This letter will be sent after the Community Councils meeting with Angus Council in Nov. as the issue should be raised and discussed at that meeting.
- Issues re post box on Post Box road – ongoing
- Defibrillators – ongoing
- Men's Shed – In the process of applying for asset transfer for old Police Station

### Pitnappie Cutting – Sidlaw Path Network (SPN)

Members of SPN gave the background to issues arising re progress at Pitnappie Cutting linking the SPN to the Newtyle Path Network in Strathmore. This issue was highlighted in the Charrette and the 'missing links' in the core path network were a high priority. The SPN are asking the MBLCC to support their request to Angus Council to make Pitnappie Cutting a core path. This would initially be in the form of a letter to P. Clarke Access Officer Angus Council. Cllr Hands will look investigate the possibility of Pitnappie Cutting being added to the Local Development Plan.

Discussion took place re other core paths in the area. The condition and accessibility of these paths are to be checked by SPN and reported back to the CC.

### CC Meeting Schedule

It was decided to reduce the schedule of meetings to 6 per year with the AGM being an additional meeting. These would be in Dec, Feb, Apr, June, Aug, AGM in Sept, and Oct. This will be reviewed in the Sept at the AGM. The dates of the meetings for the year ahead are to be publicised on notice boards, Facebook etc.

It was clarified that the circulation of minutes are as follows: first draft of minutes to go the CC members and Angus councillors initially. All comments/changes are to be returned within one week with second draft circulated to members of the public who attended the meeting, posted on Facebook and Website, and on noticeboards. Final approval of the minutes will be at the following meeting. **VT** is working on automatic email address for correspondence which would distribute email to all CC members.

### Speeding and Community Speed Watch

The CC would be willing to liaise and support local volunteers. It was agreed to advertise this to the wider community via the CC Topic Sheet, poster on all CC noticeboards/Facebook page promoting this (VT). Interested residents invited to come to the Dec meeting to discuss. PC Gail Beattie is to check with Community Councils in other parts of Sidlaw regarding any interest regarding Community Speed Watch. She is also to produce a description of how the scheme operates for volunteers, obtain details of training and the cost of equipment.

The invite is to be extended to other local areas and volunteers so that equipment costs could be shared.

### **Community Assistant Report**

The CAs have been setting up their means of communicating and engaging with the community and community groups. Now that many of the IT and Data Protection issues have been overcome they are ready now to engage fully with the local community. They have worked out a list of possible projects and action plan based on the Charrette outcomes. The CAs wish to thank the Millennium Hall Committee and the CC for their support.

### **Angus Council Community Council Meeting – Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**

VT and KJ will attend. AF is to enquire re more information and submission of agenda items. Items to be added to the agenda on our behalf: Community Speed Watch; Winter Maintenance and GDPR guidance for CCs.

### **Defibrillators**

Progress on a defibrillator for Fowlis is held up due to issues re poor phone signal at the hall. Lundie hall is undecided about proceeding. Funding promised from CC will be made available if these proceed.

### **Henderson Park**

Information that Henderson Park would be made available as an asset transfer was in doubt. ES is to get clarification from Angus Council.

### **Correspondence**

Community Resilience project – defibrillators

Post office scam mail – Posters to go on CC notice boards and Facebook

Scottish Fire and Rescue Performance report

Scouting – Volunteers being sought

Report of fly tipping in Backmuir wood – resolved

Saturday morning football club – change of management resulting in equipment needing replaced.

Funding sought to purchase goals and kit. ES to help with funding application.

Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Angus Care Model Event – although poorly attended, there was a lot of helpful information available.

### **Planning Applications**

1. Binn Solar PV development - no further information available
2. 18/00671/full (07/09/2018) - Erection of a replacement organic free-range egg laying unit and associated works, Cransley farm, Fowlis
3. 18/00719/full (12/09/2018) - Extension to existing building - proposed workshop, West Adamston Farm Muirhead
4. 18/00732/full (12/09/2018) - Conversion of existing nursery to residential unit, Nursery Birkhill Primary School
5. 18/00761/full (03/10/2018) - Erection of car port, 19 Osprey Road Piperdam
6. 18/00762/full (01/10/2018) - Demolition of garage and erection of nine flats – **reapplication**, Muirhead Garage

7. 18/00764 (05/10/2018) - Alterations to building installation of 2no flues and removal of existing flue and extension to form biomass store, Piperdam Golf and Country Club
8. 18/00784/full (05/10/2018) - Internal alterations and extension to rear of property, 4 Dronley Avenue Muirhead
9. 18/00721/adv (19/10/2018) - Advertisement of the following types: Flag, Piperdam Golf and Country Club

Due to change in schedule of CC meetings and time-sensitive planning applications, CC members will be notified of any planning applications via email and meeting called if necessary. Applications will also be put up on Facebook.

#### **Finance**

**SP** is to become signatory in place of **DN**. **CH** is to arrange payment for meeting room.

**Web site / Social Media** - 607 likes

**VT** to check re posting commercial posts on CC page which are not appropriate.

#### **AOCB**

- There will be wider consultation re proposed Schools for the Future in Jan.
- It was agreed to co-opt Brian Smyth onto the CC.
- Scottish Water works in Piperdam – surface water pipeworks – ongoing
- Note of thanks to all previous CC members who have left the CC since the last elections
- Low water pressure issues at Piperdam – Scottish Water are working on providing a resolution - will await outcome.
- SSE network – register of vulnerable users – information and torches can be distributed – **ES**
- Possible gritting to Millennium Hall car park – **SP** to contact Angus Council

**Date of Next Meeting** Muirhead and Birkhill Millennium Hall, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm