



**Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council
Approved Minutes of meeting
Held on 04th May 2023**

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Attendance:

Chair: Stuart Grubb
Secretary: Avril Kidd
Treasurer: Keith Kirkhope
Planning: Rose Jenkins
Community Councillors: Liz Cargill; Grant Kidd; Margaret Dunning;
Elected members: Cllr Doran ; Cllr Whiteside
Angus Council Officers: Hong Zhang
Members of the public: 2
Green Power (AAH) Consultants (RE:SolarFarm): Andrew Philpott

Apologies:

Birkhill Parent Council Chair: Stephen Barty
Elected members: ; Cllr Melville
Police: PC Brennan

Minutes of previous meetings

- Approved remotely on 15/3/23

Police Report

- LPP Draft Consultation ANGUS (Local Police Plan) **ACTION 12/1/23 COMPLETE** – Plan was shared on Facebook.
- **ACTION 2/3/23 COMPLETE - Avril** to ask PC Brennan to discuss the woods on his school visit –PC Brennan said he will do that when he is visiting any of the schools

Recent crimes/issues in the area:

Assessment period 02/03/2023 – 03/05/2023

There were 70 calls to the Muirhead, Birkhill, Fowlis and Liff area during this assessment period. 23 crimes were recorded. A break down as follows:-

Group 1 – Crimes of violence. 0 crimes recorded.

Group 2 – Sexual crime. 0 crimes recorded.

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud). 18 crimes recorded.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage. 0 crime recorded.

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behavior, offences against emergency workers and retail workers. 4 crimes recorded.

Group 7 – Motoring offences. 1 crime recorded.

Emerging Issues :

Angus has seen a rise in vehicle crime where perpetrators target unlocked vehicles with intention of stealing them or stealing from them. We have previously seen occasions where perpetrators have also entered unlocked houses and stolen vehicle keys. We are aware of some reports of suspicious persons/ vehicles in your area. We would encourage residents to keep their vehicles and properties secure and continue to report any suspicious activity to us.

We are strongly encouraging residents to sign up to 'Neighbourhood Watch Scotland' the details of the scheme are above. This allows residents to be notified via email of local crime trends, guidance and advice.

We have also obtained a stock of no cold calling door stickers from Trading Standards that we will distribute in the local area.

ACTION 4/5/23 – Stuart to raise a note of concern about Police

ACTION 4/5/23 – Keith/Stuart to add Neighbourhood Watch Scotland to Facebook

Matters arising

Outstanding Matters from previous meetings: -

○ **Items from CC Training**

Constitution – adopt the old MBLCC or agree and sign on the sample constitution and send to Lynne H

- Read the Scheme
- Standing order?
- National Standards for Community Engagement
- **ACTION 4/5/23 COMPLETE –Avril to send out sample constitution to council again**

Volunteer opportunities

- Involve young people in the council – possible ways - The Saltire Award/Scouts
- Volunteer Scotland – Volunteer Angus
- VAA Volunteering Opportunity registration form - please return the completed form to Hong and she will ask VAA to make it live on Volunteer Scotland<<https://search.volunteerscotland.net/>>

Turas for training info

Treasurer – produce accounts. Once a year get them audited by an independent person with sufficient skills
<https://www.communitycouncils.scot/> - good description and also shares OU opportunities for Community Councillors training

Planning – for each planning application the CC should respond to every application even if just to say 'No Comment' **ACTION 4/5/23 – Rose** to check that's been done

Ongoing issues

● **Parking at Liff Schools**

- Exclusion zone been setup at Liff. 6 month trial coming to an end. Likely to be extended for another 12 months. Not being well respected. Looking at other options – modify 31 bus schedule being discussed.
- Exploring crossing patrols for the 3 crossings into school
- Is there funding for studies? **ACTION 12/1/23 – Rose.** See the application process.
- Roads team/Active travel are to visit Liff
- Stakeholder meeting should be held within the next few weeks.

● **Parking at Birkhill School – ACTION 2/3/23 – COMPLETE –** Liz to get a contact for the Parent and Carer Council (PCC) - Chair was invited to meeting but it clashes with their PCC meeting. Update provided saying they are working with Angus Council and Police Scotland. Latest information will be provided after their meeting on 4th May.

- Traffic and speeding including in Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff and Fowlis
 - Need to see if we can have the speed detectors moved and recalibrated and get the data ACTION 2/3/23 – Stuart - has not been able to get hold of traffic police
 - Traffic calming measures put in place in December 22. How will Angus Council measure success? ACTION 12/1/23 – Stuart to contact Angus roads. We need the old data and when will we get updated data? Needs better illuminated coming IN to the village.
 - ACTION 2/3/23 – Stuart – will they be asking us for feedback on the trial?
 - ACTION 2/3/23 – COMPLETE Stuart to invite Graeme Dailly Director of infrastructure and environment to the next meeting. 4/5/23 update Graham Daily will come along to meet with us at the same time as the community police officer
 - ACTION 2/3/23- COMPLETE – Stuart to order a Pop up Police officer
 - Can we reduce the speed to 40 from Muirhead to Liff?
 - All roads are being reviewed at the moment by roads teams and will be complete by end March 23 – ACTION 12/1/23 - Review at next meeting. ACTION 4/5/23 Cllr Whiteside to check on the date
 - Path from Woods to Liff School is needed. Could we use part of the field as is done between Liff and Fowlis? ACTION 2/3/23 – COMPLETE Keith to speak to the farmer. Sidlaw Path Network say that Angus council have said they will be doing something - ACTION 4/5/23 – discuss with Graham Daily when he attends meeting
- Community Resilience planning
 - Avril attended the online Angus Community Resilience Forum on 26th April – ACTION 4/5/23 – Avril to share information once received. Spoke to fire brigade representative (Mark ...) who said he could setup someone from the fire service to attend Monifieth high school to talk about Dirty Camping which we have a significant issue with in Backmuir of Liff and Templeton Woods every summer (this issue should be taken to Angus Council)
 - Do we want to host a resilience public event with various parties such as Scottish Power? Explains to households what they might want to put into place themselves (Household resilience); give out resilience bags. Possibly do DeFib awareness talk (Neil). Could make this into a community event to try to get people's general input for Community Council?
 - Resusci Anne as well? ACTION 2/3/23 – Ken to find out if they are in the loft of the bowling club?
 - Fire safety – see Ken
 - Can we put a resilience plan in place for electricity etc. going down/emergency plans. Is there funding for generators etc. for community halls?
 - ACTION 12/1/23 -COMPLETE Rose to share some examples from the university.
 - ACTION 4/5/23 Rose To share a draft plan
- Free Period Angus (Fiona Ross) – no update in May
 - In the Millennium Hall there is a sign to say get them from the kitchen which goes against the Free Period initiative – ACTION 12/1/23 – Stuart to request it is removed and that they are made available in the toilets – no response
 - ACTION 12/1/23 COMPLETE – Avril to ask Donna if she needs any in the Church hall? Donna will get in touch if she needs any.
- Public Engagement
 - Youth Engagement officer to come speak to the Council – ACTION 12/1/23 CLOSE Hong to pass on information
 - Host a public event covering resilience etc
 - ACTION 2/3/23 – Avril to contact Jen to see what the next steps are to setup an event. ACTION is now with Avril and Hong

Correspondence:

- NHS Scotland Initiative ACTION 12/1/23– Stuart SHARE* COMPLETE
- SEPA 2023 Opinion Survey
https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.research.net%2F%2Fsurvey_SEPA&data=05%7C01%7CPeter.Finnie%40sepa.org.uk%7C1f85dc84f0e24faddb0108db292304d4%7C5cf26d65cf464c72ba827577d9c2d7ab%7C0%7C0%7C638149002605084567%7CUnknown

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–Now Closed

- Dry stane dyke damage reported to Community Council **Action 4/5/23 – Stuart** to log it on Council website

- **Funding opportunities:**

- FREE TREES FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES<<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>>

Applications for November delivery are expected to close in August or sooner depending on stock availability.

We want to make sure everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree. So we're giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities. Together, we'll get millions more trees in the ground.

Schools across the UK, plus nurseries, colleges, universities and outdoor learning centres

All kinds of different groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts, guides and many more.

You don't need to belong to an official organisation. You could even set up a group for the purpose of planting, but you must be not-for-profit. The most important thing is that your group is willing to take on the planning, planting and care of the saplings.

ACTION 4/5/23 - Rose to pass it on to Lundie community group as they had trees lost during storm

- The Fore Trust<<https://thefore.org/who-we-fund/>>

Registration for our Summer 2023 Funding Round will be open from 12pm on 11th April to 12pm on 17th April 2023

The Fore offers development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises. It makes unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation. For example enabling your organisation to take a step forward in its development or giving you the chance to do something you couldn't before.

It will also match successful applicants with friendly professional support including ongoing mentoring, strategic advice, governance support or other assistance – **Not Applicable**

- Baillie Gifford Grants Programme<<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/baillie-gifford-grants-programme>>

up to a maximum of three years. The maximum grant available is £15,000, i.e. £5,000 a year.

05/06/23

This fund is aimed at supporting grassroots community organisations across Scotland with an income of less than £250,000.

Purpose of this fund

The fund aims to support local organisations working to address food insecurity and social isolation. Priority will go to projects benefitting the most vulnerable groups, including children and families on low incomes, veterans, people with disabilities and long-term health conditions and those affected by homelessness.

ACTION 4/5/23 COMPLETE Avril to send to Fiona Ross

- **Firstport - Social Innovation Challenge** <<https://www.firstport.org.uk/funding/social-innovation-challenge/>>

Applications will open on 12 April 2023 and close on 12 noon on 31 July 2023

The Social Innovation Challenge is a programme that funds and supports innovators to kick-start solutions that tackle some of the most pressing challenges of our time. The 2023 theme is focused on issues connected with the rising cost of living.

They are looking to support new social enterprise ideas for removing the deep-rooted obstacles that prevent individuals and communities from living fulfilling and dignified lives, particularly in light of the current, well-publicised rising cost of living.

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- The Henry Moore Foundation<<https://henry-moore.org/what-we-do/grants-fellowships/>>
Varies
The Foundation supports the growth and development of sculpture through its Grants programme. They fund in the following categories: New Projects, Collections, Research and Development, Fellowships, Conferences.
 - Not Applicable

Finance/Treasurer:

Invoices to be paid – dishwasher for the church and Popup Jim

ACTION 4/5/23 - Keith to create annual accounts, have them audited and send to Lynn Hally before 30th June

Planning:

- SolarFarm at Pyotdykes Farm, DD2 5QQ are planning a public consultation
 - Update from Andrew Philpott (GreenPower) who attended meeting 4/5/23 at 8pm
 - Access point to be on Gourdie Brae this is the biggest area of concern for the Community Council and other options were suggested. Can be submitted to Angus Council after Glint and Glare done.
 - Anticipated date of 2028 before it will be complete
- Proposed Battery Storage Birkhill – Community feedback events planned for May – In Millenium Hall – 3rd May and 17th May (2pm until 7pm)
- Planning at East Adamston Farm, Muirhead – Muir homes have been carrying out technical assessments relating to planning and transportation and would like to update the Community (invitation sent for 8pm on 6th July) with a view to holding a public participation event in the Autumn.
- Planning applications to be added to Facebook - Complete

Social Media:

Agenda (and Minutes if there is space) go on the notice boards. **ACTION 2/3/23 – COMPLETE –** Avril to add a note to the bottom of the agenda of how to find the minutes - **ACTION 2/3/23 COMPLETE –** Keith to provide a link to where the minutes are kept. [Meeting Minutes \(mblcc.co.uk\)](https://mblcc.co.uk/Meeting-Minutes) - <https://mblcc.co.uk/Meeting-Minutes>

- MBLCC Notice boards
 - **ACTION 12/1/23** Stuart to give a set of keys for MBLCC Notice board at Piperdam to Rose.
 - Co-op Birkhill – Avril/Grant/Liz – note one side the ‘glass’ is cracked
 - Liff Church Road – Stuart
 - Fowlis Village Green – Keith
 - Piperdam – Rose
 - Millennium Hall – hand into office
- Facebook
 - Planning applications to be added – COMPLETE but ongoing
 - Avril to setup events for meetings – COMPLETE
- Website
 - **ACTION 12/1/23 –COMPLETE** Keith - Updates needed for new Council members and contact details
 - Correspondence to be added if applicable

Any other competent business:

- Condition of fencing and bushes on path between Coupar Angus Road and Inver Terrace in Muirhead. **ACTION 2/3/23 – Avril - SENT –** to send in an email to both Angus Council and GS Brown. Waiting for update from GS Brown
- Henderson Park Goals – Stuart sent email **issue fixed - CLOSED**
- Request for support to replace Sidlaw View PlayPark – Request is for a letter from Community Council to Angus council and share it to get the public to support it.
- Update from Cllr Whiteside. New Monifieth High School Funding as been approved.

Date of next meeting: 6th July at 7pm (Millenium Hall, Birrhill)

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