



**Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council
Approved Minutes of meeting
Held on 17th January 2024**

Attendance:

Chair: Stuart Grubb
Secretary: Avril Kidd
Treasurer: Keith Kirkhope
Planning: Rose Jenkins
Community Councillors: Margaret Dunning; Grant Kidd
Elected members: Cllr Doran; Cllr Whiteside
Police: Sgt Chris Grieve; Martin Brennan
Members of the public: 3

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Liz Cargill;
Elected members:; Cllr Melville;
Angus Council Officers: Hong Zhang

Minutes of previous meetings

- o Approved at meeting 17/1/24

Police Report

Recent crimes/issues in the area:

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Assessment period 16/11/2023 – 17/01/2024

There were 39 calls to the Muirhead, Birkhill, Fowlis and Liff area during this assessment period.

9 crimes were recorded. A break down as follows:-

Group 1 – Crimes of violence. 0

Group 2 – Sexual crime. 3 recorded crimes.

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud). 5 recorded crimes.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage. 1 recorded crime.

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behavior, offences against emergency workers and retail workers. 0

Group 7 – Motoring offences. 0

The 3 recorded crimes under group 2 (Sexual Crimes) were from the same incident, one male has been charged with these offences

Emerging issues locally:

Issues with speeding vehicles are still being reported on Church Road and Woodside Road in Liff.

Proactive patrols have been undertaken in both these areas in the last month along with the Coupar Angus Road in Birkhill and more are planned.

It is our intention to carry out a joint initiative with Liff Primary School this term around Road Safety, where the pupils will get the chance to use the speed gun on Church Road.

Other topics of note or messages:

High visibility patrols continued throughout the festive period including safety visits to all licensed premises.

We would like to remind all residents about the importance of vehicle security, ensuring the vehicle is locked, no valuables are left within, car keys removed and stored securely in the house.

The following link directs to the 'Secured by Design' website which provides some excellent advice for vehicle security (Ctrl & click to open) –

[Secured by Design - Car Security](#)

We continue to monitor call and crime data for the area to intervene early in any identified problems.

As always, we encourage local residents to reach out to us using the community mailbox

TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk

(shared to Facebook)

17/1/24 – during meeting

Police team handed over a stock of no cold calling door stickers from Trading Standards and some Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Booklets to be made available to the local area (some already gone to Bowling Club).

Police team planning a visit to Liff Primary for road safety. Will look into one for Birkhill if the school would like a visit.

Matters arising

Ongoing issues

- **Community Resilience planning**

17/1/24 Rose shared an update on our resilience planning. There is a draft funding request that will be submitted **National Centre for Resilience Community Councils**
<<https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/ncr/howtoworkwithus/#applyforfunding>>

Open to: Scottish Community Councils
Grant Amount: £500

Application Deadline: **31st January 2024** (£600 of MBLCC money was approved at the meeting to be used for matched funding) for a Resilience Event as part of our Community communication plan).

This comprehensive funding request application covers all aspects of resilience – flooding, winds, extreme snow, ice, power outages. This will allow for further funding requests to be investigated for equipment identified in the Resilience plan (e.g generators for community halls, pumps, sandbags).

- **17/1/24** MBLCC plan to host a public resilience event with various emergency responders such as Scottish Power, Scottish Flood Forum, Fire brigade, Police. Explains to households what they might want to put into place themselves (Household resilience); Possibly do DeFib awareness talk ; Perhaps some CPR training. Jennifer Anderson from the Angus Council Resilience team suggested a Saturday morning in March with some refreshments and some fun things for children to do. Once there is an agreed date with a quorum of attendees this information will be shared as widely as possible and start asking what Volunteers could bring to allow us to create a Skills/Assets Register.
 - At this event we may look for Volunteers to work with the CC on a Community Resilience Team
 - It would be useful if the community were able to point out areas at risk on a map at the event (e.g. which public roads were flooded (and where) along with private properties that were also flooded.

- **Traffic and speeding including in Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff and Fowlis**

- **15/11/23** – Pop up Jim
 - need to get padlocks before deploying. Will be deployed during daylight hours for a few hours at a time.
 - **17/1/24** – Ready for deployment. Requests for Jim to be deployed at various places will be added to a spreadsheet
- 2/3/23 - Need to see if we can have the speed detectors moved and recalibrated and get the data
 - **17/1/24** – There are 4 detectors on the main roads through Birkhill/ Muirhead two are owned by Angus Council and 2 were bought by the previous MBLCC
 - 2 in Birkhill on Coupar Angus Road.
 - One beside Asda Petrol Station
 - One beside the Bowling Club
 - 2 in Muirhead (both Swarco with a date on them of June 21) with serial numbers 16689 and 16670)
 - One on Coupar Angus Road opposite the church
 - One on Newtyle Road opposite the back of the old nursery
 - **17/1/24** – MBLCC have previously asked Angus Council under an FOI application whether they own and maintain the cameras. The response was that they did not. The previous mins of MBLCC

meetings have also been searched for any details relating to the cameras. At the meeting the details of ownership and responsibility were discussed again. Cllr Whiteside has spoken to Craig Hudson from Angus Council Roads department and he is happy to be contacted about the speeding signs. Email sent.

- 6/7/23 – members of the public also asked why traffic police have not attended in months, especially on a Sunday morning when there is a group of motorbikes who round the corner at Adil’s and then speed out of the village. ACTION 5/7/23 – Stuart to add this to the police feedback form
- 4/5/23 - 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
 - 17/1/24 - Update from Cllr Whiteside : the result of the recent speed limit review and specifically 20mph) are with Transport Scotland. However Craig Hudson is going to discuss the route between Muirhead and Liff at this month's traffic coordination meeting.
- 7/9/23 - Liff Village via Facebook – no policing of 20mph zone – are there further traffic calming measures that could be put in place?
 - 17/1/24 – Police have attended and issue remains the same – it is local people who are speeding
CLOSE

Graeme Dailly discussion needed - 17/1/24 ACTION - Stuart to contact him again

- 12/1/23 - 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 illumination coming IN to the village. 17/1/24 CLOSED- The illumination is the standard for the speed / boundaries and with the houses too
 - 17/1/2 Traffic sometimes meets in the middle and there is a lot of honking of horns
 - 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.
- 2/3/23 - Path from Woods to Liff School is needed. Could we use part of the field as is done between Liff and Fowlis? 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
- 7/9/23 – Can the pedestrian crossing in Muirhead be moved to the other side of the road (to the shop side of the road?) – ACTION 7/9/23 -Discuss with Graeme Dailly when he attends the meeting
- Parking at Liff Schools
 - 10/11/22 - 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.
 - 17/1/24 CLOSE - Next stakeholder call likely to be in 4 months. Yellow lines still being used as 'optional' but without community wardens on site there is no way to enforce.
 - 10/11/22 - Exploring crossing patrols for the 3 crossings into school – one has already been put in place
- Parking at Birkhill School
 - 15/11/23 – Parent Council are trying to deal with this issue as it is the parents who are parking badly and putting children in danger
 - 15/11/23 – Police suggest reporting Car Registration of those cars parked illegally (see under Police report)

Correspondence: Please note ALL correspondence should be sent to secretary@mblcc.co.uk;

Any members of the public who have provided their email addresses for sending out agendas/minutes/asking for public opinions to receive minutes of meeting.

1. Funding opportunities since last meeting:

- We now keep a list of possible uses for funding to allow us to react more quickly when the correct funding opportunity comes in. Once suggestion boxes are in place they could be used for this.

17/1/24 No new funding opportunities

2. Western Gateway Community

17/1/24 Provided us with minutes of their January meeting and the information is on their facebook page

Finance/Treasurer:

17/1/24 £600 was approved at the meeting for match NCR funding for resilience

Planning:

- 15/11/23 – NPF4 Update
MBLCC have responded to Angus Council’s call for interest in participating in the creation of a local area development plan. Members are reminded that the minutes of July 2023 explain the importance of the new National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and how this feeds into our ability to have a greater influence on shaping the MBLCC built environment.
17/1/24 – Rose working with the planning officer to provide the MBLCC input in greater detail
- 17/1/24 – 4 planning permission requests submitted since November with one withdrawal. No significant issues or concerns noted.

Social Media and Communications:

- Facebook insight
Total Followers 1,433 (up from 1,420)
- Last 28 days (20th Dec to 17 Jan)

Post Reach of 2,580 – a slight decrease on previous 28 days.
The post with the largest reach of 1.3K was the Highfield Forestry tree works proposal
- 6/7/23 - Discussion with the members of the public who attended said we need to try to find other notice boards that people might see as not everyone is on Social Media – suggestions inside all of the shops, halls, notice boards, Dr Surgery. Would like to see all events (such as coffee with a cop) on these notice boards. Also would be good to have suggestion boxes available in a number of places. ACTION 7/9/23 – Stuart to investigate
- 15/11/23 – ADIL’S have agreed we could put suggestion boxes in shop
- 15/11/23 – need to see if we can get keys for the notice board at Tiddlywinks

Any other competent business:

- 2/3/23 - Condition of fencing and bushes on path between Coupar Angus Road and Inver Terrace in Muirhead.
 - 5/7/23 - Progress is being made.
- 7/9/23 – Public use Defibrillator for Liff village. This was an item brought up on the local Liff Facebook page and Stuart said he would bring it up with the CC. Hong provided some information in advance of the meeting.
 - 17/1/24 – funding application submitted to National Lottery by Stuart
- 17/1/24 – Defibrillators in Muirhead/Birkhill – the online tracking system seems to think there are TWO at the bowling hall – **ACTION 17/1/24** – Avril to check if there is one at Servite Housing that could be confusing the issue and Ken to check who is the ‘owner’ of these
- 17/1/24 – Grant provided an update on the Green Circular Route
- 17/1/24 – Issue with cars parking on the pavement outside the Pharmacy which is a big issue especially at busy times of day **ACTION 17/1/24** Cllr Doran will bring this up with the police

Date of next meeting: 20th March 2024 at 7pm (Tom Brown Room, Millenium Hall, Birkhill)

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www.facebook.com/MBLCommunityCouncil or Website at www.MBLCC.co.uk

Minutes of meetings are held here : [Meeting Minutes \(mblcc.co.uk\)](https://www.mblcc.co.uk/Meeting-Minutes)

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Useful links and email addresses

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk>

There are various ways to contact the police to report anything happening. Via the Community Council report, calling 101 or by emailing the community mailbox directly TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk

Registration numbers of vehicles illegally parked (such as dangerous parking or obstruction) can be emailed directly to TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk.

Please note that if a car is reported as stolen then turns out not to be stolen but just abandoned you will be asked to report it to Angus Council for it to be removed.

https://www.angus.gov.uk/bins_litter_and_recycling/litter_and_flytipping/report_an_abandoned_vehicle

Any road or street issues should be reported via the Angus Portal here

https://www.angus.gov.uk/roads_parking_and_travel/roads_and_pavements/report_a_pothole_street_lighting_or_other_roadstreet_issue or scan the below QR code

