



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council
Approved Minutes of meeting
Held on 19th March 2025

Attendance:

Chair: Stuart Grubb;
Secretary: Avril Kidd
Treasurer: Keith Kirkhope
Community Councillors: Margaret Dunning; Liz Cargill;
Elected members: Cllr Doran;
Angus Council Officers: Hong Zhang
Members of the public: 3

Apologies:

Planning: Rose Jenkins;
Community Councillors: Grant Kidd;
Elected members:
Police: Constable Martyn Brennan

Minutes of previous meeting

- Approved at meeting 19/03/25

Police Report

Recent crimes/issues in the area:

Assessment period – **16/01/2025 – 19/03/2025**

There were **49** calls to the Muirhead, Birkhill, Fowlis and Liff area during this assessment period.

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

Group 1 – Crimes of violence – **1** recorded crime.

Group 2 – Sexual crime. **0**

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud) - **1** crime recorded.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – **0**

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behaviour, offences against emergency workers and retail workers - **1** crime recorded.

Group 7 – Motoring offences – **1** crime recorded.

Emerging issues locally:

Other topics of note or messages:

Further information

Recorded Crime

Recorded Crime in the area remains low.

New Local Area Commander

Chief Inspector Grace Ewing has taken over from Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald, as the Lead Police Officer in Angus. Grace hails from Angus and has spent much of her career in the area. She is looking forward to leading the Angus Local Policing Area and supporting our communities.

Carnoustie Police Office

On 16 January 2025, Carnoustie Police Office closed as part of a planned full refurbishment.

The newly refurbished Police Station has now re-opened, providing a modern fit for purpose Police Office to support our community.

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

Your local Community Police Officers have recently completed a course with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, which allows them to send out immediate emails reporting such things as suspicious activity in the local area, as well as updates on crimes and other useful information, as such they are keen to have as many people as possible locally to sign up to these emails, which in turn could assist in crime detection and prevention. Being a member of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland could also lead to a discount on home insurance. If you would like to sign up, please use the QR Code Below.



Speeding

There continues to be concerns reported regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the Local area, particularly 20mph speed zones.

Local Speed Initiatives will continue to be planned where possible, and Road Policing Departments have been notified of these continuing issues for extra attention.

The following is guidance provided by Traffic Scotland on enforcement of 20mph limits –

Enforcement

37. Any decision to lower the speed limit to 20 mph should seek to avoid the need for extensive police enforcement, as 20 mph limits will not be routinely enforced, unless it is absolutely necessary and in the interest of casualty reduction.

The only exception to this is the enforcement of 20 mph speed limits outside schools, which takes place on a regular basis.

38. A range of other measures should be employed. These might include marketing and behaviour change initiatives, vehicle actuated signs and traffic management and other traffic calming measures.

39. Any changes should be monitored, and where compliance levels are not at an acceptable level, consideration should be given to the addition of traffic calming measures or reverting to a 30-mph limit, if necessary.

Police Officer Recruitment campaign

Our new police officer recruitment campaign has launched.

Help us to spread the word by liking and sharing our recruitment posts on social media.

If you know someone who has the potential to become an exemplary police officer, please direct them to the updated [recruitment section](#) of the Police Scotland website

General Agenda

Community Resilience Planning	NCR for Community Councils	17/01/2024	<p>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></p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p>
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	20/03/2024	An application has been made to the National Centre for Resilience fund for £500. This will allow us to fund the costs of undertaking a consultation with the local communities to understand their needs. It will also help us to formulate a plan and identify other projects that we can apply for funding for.
	15/05/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify Community groups and hold working sessions with them to understand their needs/ where they could be part of the Resilience plan - Identify Community members who could be part of a Resilience Group
	18/09/2024	<p>To give our resilience planning efforts a boost, we are pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing a modest but important grant of £500 from the National Centre for resilience. To obtain this, we put together a plan to encourage community participation in developing a resilience plan. Our intention is that with a plan, we will be in a position to make further bids for capital funding to help support the purchase of equipment and upgrades which would enable the community to support each other during a range of events including floods, major snow, storm damage, etc. We will now start to roll out our community outreach plan and seek to get further involvement from residents in our area. We would be grateful to hear from volunteers who would be willing to participate and help shape the plans.</p> <p>£500 grant approved – fill in the banking form to receive funding</p> <p>Form completed. Next step is to ask people if they would like to be involved in a small focus group.</p> <p>ACTION Rose to ask community if they want to be in the focus group once next draft of resilience plan is available (see below)</p>
	25/11/2024	No update
	15/01/2025	ACTION Rose to check on the £500 as we have not received it yet
Resilience Plan	15/01/2025	ACTION – Avril to share first draft of Resilience Plan with rest of CC for input. COMPLETE - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I8tJuECNagvWfdGOYvhLT1B7_Rj5DDOK/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=111759828098033552679&rtpof=true&sd=true
	19/03/2025	Further work to be done on plan once Angus Flood Resilience fund is spent. Now have a volunteer for Liff so can start working on the Liff specific resilience plan. ACTION – Avril to share current draft of full plan
	19/03/2025	Arbuckle (Farmer who owns the field on the North of Woodside road) says he is putting in resilience measures to help prevent flooding. ACTION Avril to check with Jennifer to

		see what measures are being planned. CLOSE Action but check on answer.
Community Involvement in Resilience	19/03/2025	Look at various ways of involving the Community in Resilience.
	19/03/2025	Look at Engagement Plan. ACTION all
	19/03/2025	Leaflets for shops/schools/scouts/events. ACTION Hong to share Angus Council Community information to see if we can get printing done.
Angus Council Community Resilience Fund	25/11/2024	Funding requests completed for Angus Council Community Resilience Fund 2024-2025 – both for Community Resilience and Community Flood Protection Fund
	15/01/2025	Awarded £15,000 from the Community Flood Protection Fund in December 2024. Funding to be spent before end March 2025.
	15/01/2025	ACTION – Community Council to look for storage areas per zone for resilience boxes Muirhead and Birkhill – Avril/Grant Liff – Stuart Fowlis - Stuart Piperdam - Rose Lundie – Rose Balruddery/Flockloans/Blairhall – Keith
	15/01/2025	ACTION – Avril to send approved shopping list for each area to CC – COMPETE – Close
	19/03/2025	Update. Hopefully storage areas have been secured for Muirhead Birkhill Liff Fowlis Lundie Next steps to order up storage boxes and approved Flood Supplies
	19/03/2025	Flood barriers have been recommended and approved by SFF for use on Woodside road as long as house owner is willing to make some changes. This is likely to require two road closed signs to be approved – with lighting. ACTION Keith to add to excel sheet and order if there is enough money
	19/03/2025	Check on Insurance needed for all equipment – ACTION Avril to check with Jennifer.
SSE	17/01/2024	Rose did speak to SSE in 2023 who pointed us to their website and a community grant scheme once we have a resilience plan in place.
Site Visits	17/01/2024	Hong suggested we setup site visits for the areas that were flooded with Angus Council/Scottish Flood Forum/Farmers as a good starting point for what could be done to help

		<p>25/01/2024</p> <p>15/01/2025</p> <p>19/03/2025</p>	<p>prevent/deal with flooding. A member of the public with SEPA Experience informed us that Farmers need a license from SEPA to allow dredging of burns now.</p> <p>Scottish Flood Forum visiting on 5th December 2024 to walk around the flooded areas with us.</p> <p>Visit on 5th December was very worthwhile and gave us some pointers for the areas we walked around.</p> <p>ACTION Avril, Grant and Stuart to document findings – complete.</p> <p>Forward to Hong/Jennifer/Andrew from Angus Council and SFF team - COMPLETE</p>
Traffic and speeding	Pop Up Jim	<p>17/01/2024</p> <p>15/05/2024</p> <p>17/07/2024</p> <p>18/09/2024</p> <p>25/11/2024</p> <p>15/01/2025</p>	<p>Ready for deployment. Requests for Jim to be deployed at various places to be added to a spreadsheet.</p> <p>Has been deployed in Muirhead, Liff, Fowlis and road to Piperdam / Lundie</p> <p>Maybe we could deploy him at the Liff School Crossing as per the note below. Also a request for Jim to be deployed again on Woodside Rd in Liff.</p> <p>Community use of Jim. ACTION Avril to draft the rules for borrowing Jim then send out to community contacts/other CCs to see if there is interest</p> <p>Not completed yet</p> <p>Draft complete – ACTION AVRIL share with CC – Complete. Updated version available and approved. CLOSE</p>
	Speed Detectors	<p>17/01/2024</p> <p>17/01/2024</p> <p>15/05/2024</p> <p>17/07/2024</p> <p>18/09/2024</p> <p>25/11/2024</p>	<p>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 :-</p> <p>2 in Birkhill on Coupar Angus Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One beside Asda Petrol Station - One beside the Bowling Club <p>2 in Muirhead (both Swarco with a date on them of June 21) with serial numbers 16689 and 16670):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One on Coupar Angus Road opposite the church - One on Newtyle Road opposite the back of the old nursery <p>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.</p> <p>Craig Hudson said he will look into this as soon as he can.</p> <p>ACTION Needs followed up. Avril to email him</p> <p>Email sent 11/09/24</p> <p>Information back on speed information.</p> <p>A923 and B954 through Birkhill & Muirhead</p> <p>Traffic and Speed Survey Results - November 2024</p>

			Traffic Direction	24Hr Ave. Volume	Average Speed	85th%ile Speed
			Location 1 - A923 East of the Filling Station - 06/11/24 - 13/11/24			
			Eastbound	5786	25	30
			Westbound	6063	26	30
			Location 2 - A923 At the Bowling Club - 06/11/24 - 13/11/24			
			Eastbound	5182	28	33
			Westbound	5259	30	34
			Location 3 - A923 At the Old School Nursery - 06/11/24 - 13/11/24			
			Eastbound	3770	25	30
			Westbound	4387	31	38
			Location 4 - B954 Newtyle Road at No.20 - 13/11/24 - 20/11/24			
			Eastbound	1831	32	27
			Westbound	1738	32	38
	15/01/2025	First analysis of raw data suggests some cars are travelling above 60 mph. CC to do more analysis on data to provide information for Community Speed Watch Scheme ACTION Avril to provide raw data to CC – complete Information was provided on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BX7ihoTzc/ ACTION Avril to request data from other speed detection cameras in area (e.g. Liff and Fowlis) – complete				
	19/03/2025	Data requested for Fowlis and Liff. Do analysis on data once we get it. ACTION Avril				
Traffic Police	06/07/2023	Members of the public asked why traffic police have not attended Birkhill/Muirhead in months especially on a Sunday morning when there is a group of motorbikes who round the corner at Adil's then speed out of the village. ACTION - Stuart to add this to the police feedback form. Complete CLOSE				
Community Speed Watch Scheme (CSWS)	25/11/2024 15/01/2025	Grant attended a meeting with the police on Community Speed watch. Need at least 3 people from each area to participate. Need to publicise. Need to check for funding. Grant attended CSWS meeting this week. Next step is to ask community for their opinion ACTION – Grant to put out opinion poll on Facebook– complete https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1A9QMU1GJS/ 70% in favour of Community Speed Watch but only one volunteer so far				
Reducing Speed limit in Birkhill/ Muirhead to 20	04/05/2023 17/01/2024	All roads being reviewed at the moment by roads teams and will be complete by end March 2023 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.				

	15/05/2024 18/09/2024 19/03/2025	<p>Cllr Whiteside reported that there will be some funding available for this but it's to be decided if there is to be a blanket approach or target some areas with traffic calming</p> <p>Cllr Doran had asked Craig Hudson for an update. <i>'In regards to new 20mph speed limits, we are still in discussions with Transport Scotland regarding Angus' plans for the 20mph National Strategy. Discussions continue internally with the Communities Convener, and we expect that a committee report will be forthcoming in due course to make a final decision on our plans.'</i></p> <p>Transport Scotland data from 2022 is being reviewed. There is a new Member Officer Working Group that Cllr Doran is a part of that is looking at the policy for speeds on Angus roads. This includes a focus on the 20mph proposal. Cllr Doran is a supportive of zones in theory where needed but only if the correct infrastructure can be put into place at the same time. She wouldn't be proposing a blanket approach to 20mph zones.</p>
Traffic Calming measures in Muirhead	12/01/2023 04/05/2023 17/07/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 15/01/2025	<p>Put in place in December 22. How will Angus Council measure success? We need the old data and when will we get updated data?</p> <p>Graeme Dailly Director of infrastructure and Environment invited to our meetings. Said he will come along to meet with us at the same time as the Community Police Officer</p> <p>ACTION Stuart to contact Graeme Dailly to see about site visit</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Email sent on 16/9/24</p> <p>No response</p> <p>CLOSED action as getting no reply from Graeme Dailly</p>
Path from Backmuir Woods to Liff School is needed	02/03/2023 04/05/2023 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 17/07/2024 18/09/2024 15/01/2024 17/07/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 15/01/2024 19/03/2025	<p>Could we use part of the field as is down between Liff and Fowlis? Sidlaw Path Network say that Angus council have said they will be doing something</p> <p>ACTION – Stuart to discuss with Graham Dailly when he attends meeting</p> <p>Email sent 16/9/24</p> <p>No response. Check again with SPN</p> <p>Could any of the funding opportunities be used?</p> <p>ACTION Rose to pass on to Sidlaw Path Network</p> <p>Rose has passed on to SPN – close action</p> <p>ACTION - Liz to discuss with farmer. Is it possible to use the scrub ground between the Backmuir Car Park and the house next to the school?</p> <p>No update</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Cllr Doran will provide an update</p> <p>Cllr Doran spoke with officers about the path development from Backmuir Woods to Liff. This is on the list to be taken forward by the council but a solution for the energy poles on the route of the path would need to be addressed.</p>
Pedestrian Crossing in	07/09/2023	ACTION – discuss with Graham Dailly when he attends meeting

	Muirhead needs moved to the shop side of the road	17/07/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024	<p>No Update</p> <p>Email sent 16/9/24</p> <p>Note community email received 25th November</p> <p>'I have a concern regarding the traffic lights on the junction of Edward place at the corner of tiddlywinks nursery in muirhead. At least once a week whilst going to and from the nursery with my son, traffic will not stop when the lights turn red for us to cross, resulting in me and my son having to stop in the middle of the road to dodge traffic or being unable to cross until I am sure that the traffic has come to a complete stop both ways. As the lights are so close to the junction it appears difficult to see the change in the lights depending on where the traffic is coming from and drivers go straight through the lights. Many times I've had drivers signal toe whilst I've been stood in the middle of the road when the green man is on as if we are in the wrong for crossing. I'm very worried there is going to be some sort of serious accident here. A number of other members of the village have also posted this concern on the community Facebook page. Can this be discussed in hopes that something can be done to resolve this issue? Many thanks.'</p> <p>Would traffic calming help? ACTION Keith to request a site visit if Traffic attend Success for Sidlaw meeting</p> <p>Cllr Doran is working with Angus Council on this issue</p> <p>15/01/2025 19/03/2025</p> <p>On list to be assessed but may take quite some time. This assessment will also include a focus on 20mph proposal</p>
	Parking on pavement outside the Pharmacy in Muirhead	17/01/2024 15/05/2024 17/07/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 15/01/2024	<p>ACTION - Cllr Doran will bring this up with Police - COMPLETE</p> <p>Parking on pavement in Angus' grace period is almost up.</p> <p>ACTION – Avril to post information on Facebook – COMPLETE</p> <p>Several fines have been given out</p> <p>ACTION – Cllr Doran to email council as Pharmacy still says their customers can park there</p> <p>Closed meeting so Cllr Doran wasn't in attendance</p> <p>Cllr Doran has followed up with Angus Council - CLOSE</p>
	Member of public contacted us to say they were very concerned about crossing in Liff	17/07/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 15/01/2025 19/03/2025	<p>Crossing between Liff Hospital and Liff School is dangerous with the increased traffic because of Swallow Roundabout works Overgrown Vegetation has been reported to Angus Council. (However this area is in Dundee) Cars driving in middle of road and not doing 20 MPH. Poor road markings. Asked if the crossing could be moved to a different place or extra signposts. Police said they will try to attend to monitor cars.</p> <p>ACTION – Stuart to check with Liff Primary</p> <p>Vegetation has been cut back and lines repainted. Stuart will be discussing road safety with Headteacher</p> <p>no update</p> <p>ACTION – Stuart to ask our Constable Brennan to do a visit to school to go over road safety</p>
Correspondence	Lack of gritting on pavements	15/01/2025	<p><i>Complaint received about lack of gritting on pavements.</i></p> <p><i>'During the very cold period in January, a workman fell on Coupar Angus Road Muirhead. I looked at the council website and can see that Coupar Angus Road, Muirhead has been removed from the gritting plan.</i></p> <p><i>Inver Terrace and the path linking Inver Terrace and Coupar Angus Road have also been neglected.</i></p> <p><i>There are several diversity issues and societal issues being ignored by failing to ensure that we can walk safely on our pavements:-</i></p>

		<p>19/03/2025</p> <p>19/03/2025</p>	<p>1. Those in the street who have disabilities are being poorly treated compared with others in the village.</p> <p>2. There are many old people in this part of the village whilst the parts of the village benefitting from gritting are newer built houses with younger families in them.</p> <p>3. Religious discrimination by not gritting the pavement is preventing people from accessing Muirhead church which is at the end of the village.</p> <p>4. The church is also a focal point for people with various activities including a Friendship group, Guild meetings and exercise classes. Many of the activities at the church cater for people who are otherwise socially excluded in addition to providing a safe, warm space during the winter months.</p> <p>Those at a greater risk of injury from a fall have now to use car for short journeys instead of walking as they normally do. Short car journeys are also the most polluting as the engine has not reached its optimal operating temperature and this also removes a base level of exercise which would normally be undertaken.</p> <p>People are having to balance the danger from ice on the pavements against the danger from traffic from walking on a main road.'</p> <p>Gritting routes are available here https://www.angus.gov.uk/roads_parking_and_travel/roads_and_pavements/winter_gritting_and_snow_clearing/roads_and_pavements_gritting_routes</p> <p>You can request gritting to be done and if there is availability then they will try to do it.</p> <p>Cllr Doran has asked what the criteria is for gritting of pavements and has requested the current route in Muirhead is extended (from the shops) to at least to the bus stops on both roads and also to cover up to the church</p>
	<p>INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING WITHIN SIDLAW VIEW PARK BETWEEN YOUNG AVENUE, ACCORDION WAY AND JOHN HUBAND DRIVE, BIRKILL</p>	<p>19/03/2025</p>	<p>BRIEFING NOTE discussed with Alan at the meeting (see below)</p> <p>Vote taken by CC members at meeting – APPROVED – We support the request that Angus Council adopt the lighting in the park – Letter of support already sent by the CC and all the Elected Members.</p> <p>‘EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <p>Sidlaw View Park is owned by Sidlaw View Residents Association which has, over the past five years, made significant investment, at their own expense, into improving the public spaces and the lives and wellbeing of the wider communities of Birkhill and Muirhead.</p> <p>There is no lighting in the park which gives the whole community cause for concern as evidenced by feedback from surveys, the Community Council and individual Councillors.</p> <p>Sidlaw View Residents should not be held responsible for providing lighting that benefits everyone as this should fall to Angus Council.</p> <p>We look for the support of the Community Council and Councillors to get this issue onto the agenda of the relevant Council Committee for discussion and decision to adopt lighting in the park.</p> <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Sidlaw View Park is situated between Young Avenue DD2 5RZ, Accordion Way DD2 5RX and John Huband Drive DD2 5RY. It is owned by the seventy-nine households of the Sidlaw View Estate and managed by its own Committee. Each household pays an</p>

			<p><i>annual fee, set each year at the Annual General Meeting. It is currently £200 per year, per household.</i></p> <p><i>The park is very well used and is a safe and quick route to and from the amenities of Birkhill and Muirhead. It is used to sign the Sidlaw Path Network and also used by the wider community comprising of pedestrians, dog walkers, cyclists, walking groups etc. It is, in effect, a public park.</i></p> <p><i>There is a Council owned footpath/cycle path at the top of Young Avenue which stops at the entrance to the park and another at the other end of the park in John Huband Drive. The Residents Association footpath links the two.</i></p> <p><i>Since the estate was built there has been no lighting in the park and it has been an ongoing issue from residents and the communities of Birkhill and Muirhead to provide lighting.</i></p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p><i>In September 2019 Sidlaw View Residents Association agreed a set of objectives to improve their community space and the health and wellbeing of the whole community. The issue of lighting was raised at this time but other objectives were made a priority.</i></p> <p><i>In setting these objectives the residents accepted they would have to pay a contribution towards the costs of improvements of between 10 to 12% owing to funding requirements.</i></p> <p><i>The Residents Association has been successful in achieving all of its set objectives through funding and residents contribution. These were;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Putting in place an Annual Maintenance Programme for the whole estate, paid annually by residents;</i> <i>Annual pruning of trees and shrubs, paid annually by residents;</i> <i>Installation of a tarmacadam footpath/cycle path through the park, built to road specification, paid for by funding and residents contribution;</i> <i>Installation of mains drainage to the park and playpark, paid for by funding and residents contribution;</i> <i>Replacement of the playpark consisting of groundworks and installation of new play equipment and safety surface, paid for by funding and residents contribution;</i> <p><i>All of these works have benefit to the whole community now and for years into the future.</i></p> <p><i>Sidlaw View Residents Association is now in a position to address the issue of lighting in the park which is pitch black in winter. We initially explored installing ground mounted solar lights to mark the boundary of the footpath and held two surveys on facebook seeking support for this project. This highlighted that the wider community wanted street lighting so that the area within the park was properly lit and provided reassurance to those using the route through the park during the hours of darkness.</i></p> <p><i>This also has strong support from the Community Council and individual Councillors.</i></p> <p><i>Following on from this, our research showed that solar street lighting was a sub optimal solution that would not meet the required lighting levels to comply with the British Standard, requiring the lights to be managed i.e. On at 30% level and if movement detected on at 100% until movement ceased and during the midnight to dawn hours switched off until movement detected.</i></p> <p><i>It also required larger batteries be installed to keep the lights on at these levels owing to our northerly situation.</i></p> <p><i>This research is backed up by the Councils Street Lighting Partnership Manager in Dundee.</i></p>
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		19/03/2025	<p><i>The proper and sustainable solution is to install mains lighting to the footpath which has high installation and running costs which are beyond the means of the Residents Association.</i></p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p><i>Sidlaw View Residents Association consider that they have done their bit in terms of improving the community public space and health and wellbeing of the wider community. It is not for them alone to bear the burden of installation and running costs associated with lighting the public park which benefits the wider community even beyond Birkhill and Muirhead.</i></p> <p><i>This should be the responsibility of Angus Council alone.</i></p> <p><i>We request the support and assistance of the Community Council and Councillors to lobby and get this issue onto the agenda of the relevant Council Committee for discussion and decision to adopt lighting in the park.</i></p> <p><i>Allan Todd, Secretary, Sidlaw View Residents Association</i></p> <p><i>14 March 2025'</i></p> <p>Playpark officially being opened on 4th April at 11am, all welcome to go along</p>
	SEPA Consultation	19/03/2025	<p>Email 'Community Council Note on Consultation' https://bit.ly/41nNb7t link to consultation</p> <p>Proposed Changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Guidance on Public Participation and Fit and Proper Person Test</p> <p>I wanted to let you know about the latest SEPA consultation on proposals that will change how we authorise and regulate waste management, water and industrial activities. The consultation<https://bit.ly/41nNb7t> on proposed changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) guidance on public participation and Fit and Proper Person test, is the next step in implementing the Integrated Authorisation Framework (IAF) and a simpler, integrated system for environmental regulation across Scotland.</p> <p>The consultation closes on 30 March.</p> <p>We would be grateful if you were able to share the consultation link<https://bit.ly/41nNb7t> on your social media and with local groups.</p> <p>Proposed changes Following Scottish Government proposals to amend the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (EASR), we're proposing changes to our own guidance relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Public participation - adding a requirement to our Public Participation Statement that for some authorisations, prospective applicants will need to engage in public consultation at the pre-application stage. * Who can hold an authorisation - updating our approach to how we determine if an applicant is a fit and proper person and can hold a registration or permit (the 'Fit and Proper Person' test). You can read our consultation and share your views on our consultation hub. <p>Get involved and share your views We'd really like to hear your views and would welcome your response to our consultation<https://bit.ly/41nNb7t>. Feedback helps us understand what matters most to people and how we can design and deliver our services for the future of the environment.</p>

			<p>For information, we have also contacted local authority Councillors to make them aware of the consultation.</p> <p>I realise that there may have been changes in Community Council representatives so please feel free to pass this on to any successor officer and also to circulate this to other community councillors.</p>
Funding Opportunities			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.
Finance/ Treasurer		18/09/2024 19/03/2025 19/03/2025	Printer ink and paper requests can be made ACTION – Keith to order Avril new paper ACTION – Keith ordering up resilience equipment
Planning	NPF4 Update	15/11/2023 17/01/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024	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. Rose working with the planning officer to provide the MBLCC input in greater detail Still WIP No update
	New Football stadium at Camperdown Park	17/07/2024	MBLCC attendees may be interested in an update on the creation of a new football stadium, crematorium, housing and hotel etc at land to the south of Camperdown Park sits beyond our area but neighbours us. Unlike Angus Council, Dundee City Council planning do not publish comments therefore it's not possible to determine the feelings of the public and there is no determination date set as yet either. At this time, comments cannot be submitted and it would appear that it is being 'called in' to the Planning Committee (which is normal for a development of this size and scale).
	New Planning Applications	19/03/2025	No update
	Berryhill Solar Farm Community Benefits	19/03/2025	Keep on the list to check up once the Solar Farm is up and running.
	Large Energy developments	19/03/2025	Cllr Doran brought a motion to Angus Council to ask that the Chief Exec writes to the Scottish Government to request that all community councils are added as statutory consultees to any large energy developments that are submitted to the Energy Consents Unit. At the moment community councils and councillors are not notified of these developments when they are submitted. This was approved.
Social Media and Comms	Facebook insight	19/03/2025	Total Followers 1,490 (up from 1,479 last meeting) Last 28 days (Dec) - Post Reach of 120

		15/01/2025 19/03/2025	ACTION – CC to look at how to make Facebook posts more engaging There is a social media training course available . ACTION Liz to attend. Avril to resend link
	Website	25/11/2024	Look at moving to a different provider
	Communication plan	25/11/2024 25/11/2024	Now available as a Voice template by Hong Will need updated with more contact details
Community Engagement	Voice	18/09/2024 25/11/2024 19/03/2025	Voice Training was completed by Avril on 10 th September. Others can have access to the Voice tool which is used for planning community engagement projects. ACTION – Avril to pass on information to see if it could be used for Resilience next steps CLOSE Information passed to rest of CC. Decision TBA ACTION – Avril to send draft resilience plan to Hong to see if she thinks Vo1ce is a good option
Defibrillators	Liff Village	17/01/2024 15/05/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 15/01/2024 19/03/2025	Funding application submitted to National Lottery by Stuart Delayed by 2 months at National Lottery Rejected by National Lottery. Richard Laing has submitted a new request to a different charity No update No update Stuart to look at other funding opportunities
	Piperdam	18/09/2024 19/03/2025	Piperdam resort has one but it's not public use so we may want to apply for one if Liff is successful Follow up once Liff one is successful
	Lundie	18/09/2024 19/03/2025	Defrib finder not showing the one in Lundie. Action Rose to follow up No Update
AOB	Directory of Community Councils	19/03/2025	Keep an eye out for email from Hong or Lynn Hally for more details
	Council Tax Rises	19/03/2025	At the full council meeting a council tax rise of 11% was confirmed for Angus. Cllr Doran had proposed an alternative that included freezing school meal costs, a focus on our town centres, a visibility project for children coming home from school in darkness, no parking charges and a reduced council tax of 9% and this budget also avoided any cuts to the Angus Council Vibrant Communities team. Also proposed Angus adopts a 'Town Centre First' Policy to guide decision making.

Date of next meeting: 21st May 2025 at 7pm (Tom Brown Room, Millennium Hall, Birkhill)

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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



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Muirhead Doctor Surgery 01382 580264

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