

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council Approved Minutes of AGM and meeting Held on 17th September 2025

Attendance:

Chair: Stuart Grubb; Secretary: Avril Kidd Treasurer: Keith Kirkhope Planning: Rose Jenkins;

Community Councillors: Grant Kidd; Liz Cargill; Elected members: Cllr Doran; Cllr Whiteside

Angus Council Officers: Hong Zhang

Members of the public:3

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Margaret Dunning Police: Constable Martyn Brennan Elected members:

Minutes of previous meeting

Approved at meeting 17/09/25

<u>AGM</u>

Chairperson's report

Firstly, the community council members would like to thank Hong Zhang (Angus Council) and Councillor Whiteside and Councillor Dorran for the support that has been offered throughout the last year. In addition to that we would also like to thank our Community Policing Team, Constables Brennan and Irvine for their continued support and engagement, albeit disappointing that most support has been virtual due to clashes in schedules.

Since last September the area has continued to face common challenges such as speeding, however, on a positive note the Community Council have made a lot of progress putting into place resilience planning for weather events and now have accessible secure sheds across the wider area which are being stocked with essential resources should future flooding events occur. Our next challenge is to build a network group of local residents to help support the resilience plan should it need put into effect. We would like to thank the Angus Resilience Forum and the Scottish Flood Forum and Jennifer Anderson in particular without whom we would not have managed to put our resilience sheds in place.

Our 'silent' member 'pop-up Jim' has continues to make appearances and latterly we have trusted his care to local residences so that they can help deploy him therefore reducing the responsibility on Community Council members.

Community council members are now entering our final year before the next elections. Community Councils to provide a valuable resource to the area and, personally, I believe that we have been successful this year in

putting things in place that will continue to support the area moving forward. Part of the next year we will need to encourage other locals to step forward and help with both the resilience plan and potentially joining the committee at the next election.

Finally the community council would like to thank the members of the public who have attended meetings and contributed to discussions.

Secretary's report

		Remo		eting l	neld in	Nov fo	or only
	Sept	Nov	Jan	Mar	May	July	Total
Attendance							
Angus Council Member	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Community Councillors	5	6	6	5	4	6	32
Police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Members	1	0	2	1	1	1	6
External Consultants (planning)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of public	1	0	0	3	0	4	8

Facebook insight (Up to 11th September 25) Total Followers 1,511 (from 1,468 last AGM)

Community Contacts via email 31 (up from 22 last AGM)

Training Completed

No additional training completed but Angus Council Resilience Events attended

Resilience funding applications made and approved

<u>Treasurer's report</u>

The yearly accounts were submitted by the August deadline, and we received our operating grant shortly afterwards. This grant was reduced compared with last year.

Our main expenses this year were the website, email, room hire, and stationery. In addition, we supported the annual Liff Primary School Christmas tree and provided padlocks for Policeman Jim.

We have a healthy bank account balance of £3800. We currently hold £500 in reserve to match the NCR Resilience funding, though we are still awaiting a response on that application. We were also given £200 from Angus council to increase community engagement .

We are also holding the remaining Resilience funds of £4,100. From this fund, only the walkie-talkies remain to be purchased from the extended list of approved items

Planning Report

Since the last AGM, the Community Council has considered 20 planning applications, of which 1 w1s withdrawn and two were recent to the September meeting. There were a range of application types including two agricultural/Farm buildings, several enquiries and full permission applications about single new build houses. The rest were minor domestic extensions and change of use to grounds.

A recent application has garnered a few questions around the intended use of the building/grounds which the CC agree with. None of the rest garnered strong concerns from a significant number of neighbours or were controversial enough to warrant a strong objection or support. None posed a significant issue with any local plans or concerns from residents (e.g. school places etc).

Election of Office Bearers

Chair, Secretary and Treasurer remain unchanged.

Due to the continued unavailability of the current planning representative Liz Cargill was proposed and seconded as the Planning representative until the current planning representative becomes available and then we will relook at the position

Police Report

Recent crimes/issues in the area:

Assessment period - 16/07/2025 - 12/09/2025

There were 60 calls to the Muirhead, Birkhill, Fowlis and Liff area during this assessment period.

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

Group 1 - Crimes of violence - 3 recorded crimes

Group 2 - Sexual crime. 0

Group 3 - Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud) - 0

Group 4 - Crimes involving property damage - 0

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

Group 7 - Motoring offences - 2 crimes recorded.

** Please note the above figures cover a 2-month period **

Recorded Crime

Recorded Crime in the area remains comparatively low.

Doorstep Traders

The summer season tends to see an increase in Bogus workmen type offences. Particularity persons calling at the homes of the elderly and vulnerable offering gardening, roofing and driveway laying or cleaning type services. Police Scotland advice is not to engage the services of these type workers. Always employ a reputable business who has reviews, offers a written quote and doesn't ask for money up front.

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.

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.



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 <u>recruitment section</u> of the Police Scotland website

General Agenda

Community	NCR for	17/01/2024	Rose shared an update on our resilience planning. There is a
Resilience	Community		draft funding request that will be submitted National Centre
Planning	Councils		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).
		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.
			- 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
		45 (05 (2024	Resilience Group
		15/05/2024	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
		18/09/2024	willing to participate and help shape the plans.
		10/05/2024	£500 grant approved – fill in the banking form to receive funding
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			Form completed. Next step is to ask people if they would like
			to be involved in a small focus group.
			ACTION Rose to ask community if they want to be in the focus
			group once next draft of resilience plan is available (see
			below) – Close – will be covered as part of the resilience plan discussions
			No update
		25/11/2024	ACTION Rose to check on the £500 as we have not received it
		16/07/2025	yet ACTION Keith to check on the £500 as we have not received it
		17/09/2025	yet No update
	Resilience	15/01/2025	ACTION – Avril to share first draft of Resilience Plan with rest
	Plan	13/01/2023	of CC for input. COMPLETE -
			https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I8tJuECNagvWfdGOY
			vhLT1B7 Rj5DDOK/edit?usp=drive link&ouid=111759828098
			033552679&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.
		21/05/2025	Was shared on one-drive on 21 st March 2025
		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. CLOSED but no-one knows of any plan
		21/05/2025	ACTION Avril to check if farmers who are renting some of the
		, , , , , ,	fields are also renting this field . See if it's John Smith from
			Kettins – Loch of Liff Farm?
	Community Involvement	19/03/2025	Look at various ways of involving the Community in Resilience.
	in Resilience		nesinetice.
		19/03/2025	Look at Engagement Plan. ACTION all
		17/09/2025	Not completed
		19/03/2025	Leaflets for shops/schools/scouts/events. ACTION Hong to
		15,05,2025	share Angus Council Community information to see if we can
			get printing done.
		17/09/2025	Investigate once we have an event planned – check each
	Angus	25/11/2024	meeting Funding requests completed for Angus Council Community
	Council	23/11/2024	Resilience Fund 2024-2025 – both for Community Resilience
	Community		·
	Resilience		and Community Flood Protection Fund
	Fund		

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		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
		21/05/2025	Piperdam - Rose Lundie – Rose Balruddery/Flockloans/Blairhall – Keith Keith provided an updated spreadsheet with what has been ordered and delivered. The storage boxes are all ordered and should arrive in June. Need to put plans in place for the correct bases to be installed and the boxes then built
		16/07/2025 17/09/2025	Muirhead ,Liff and Lundie boxes have been built. Lundie box needs raised and 'Birkhill' box to be planned
		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
		16/07/2025 17/09/2025	Not everything is ordered yet. Need to do a risk assessment of Lithium Batteries being stored in the same resilience box as Petrol. ACTION Grant to do risk assessment. Not complete
			Not complete
	Insurance	19/03/2025 21/05/2025	Check on Insurance needed for all equipment – ACTION Avril to check with Jennifer. Once the full set of equipment is known we need to send to
		16/07/2025	Jennifer Anderson so she can get a quote Get the latest list from Keith to send on – Complete. Information sent to Jennifer to send on.
		17/09/2025	Jennifer following up with the correct team
	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.
Traffic and speeding	Pop Up Jim	21/05/2025	Rules for Jim to be borrowed are available for members of the community who wish to deploy Jim.

Speed	17/01/2024	There are 4 detectors	on the main roa	ads through Birl	khill/
Detectors		Muirhead two are ow	ned by Angus C	ouncil and 2 we	ere
		bought by the previo	us MBLCC :-		
		2 in Birkhill on Coupa	r Angus Road.		
			sda Petrol Statio	on	
			he Bowling Club		
		2 in Muirhead (both S			une 21)
		with serial numbers 1		•	
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			yle Road opposi	te the back of ti	he old
	19/00/2024	nursery			
	18/09/2024 25/11/2024	Email sent 11/09/24 Information back on s	speed information	nn.	
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		A923 and B954 th	rough Birkhill &	& Muirhead	
		Traffic and Speed So	urvey Results - N	lovember 2024	
		Traffic Direction	24Hr Ave.	Average	85th%il
			Volume	Speed	Speed
		Location 1 - A923 Ea	ast of the Filling	Station - 06/11	/24 -
		Eastbound	5786	25	30
		Westbound	6063	26	30
		Location 2 - A923 A	_	ub - 06/11/24 -	
		Eastbound	5182	28	33
		Westbound	5259	30	34
		Location 3 - A923 A ²	t the Old School	Nursery - 06/1	1/24 -
		Eastbound	3770	25	30
		Westbound	4387	31	38
		Location 4 - B954 No	•		
		Eastbound	1831	32	27
		Westbound	1738	32	38
	15/01/2025	First analysis of raw of			
		above 60 mph. CC to	•	•	ovide
		information for Comr			
		ACTION Avril to provi			
		https://www.faceboo			
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	19/03/2025	ACTION Avril to reque cameras in area (e.g.		•	ction
		Data requested for Fo		-	o analysis
	46/07/2227	once data available			
	16/07/2025	Liff and Fowlis			
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	Traffic and Speed Survey Results - June 2025						
	Traffic Direction	24Hr Ave. Volume		J			
	Location 1 - Liff - School 18/06/25	Road at Liff P	.S 11/06/	'25 -			
	Southbound	613	23	19			
	Northbound	763	24	19			
	Location 2 - Liff - Woods 13/06/25. Battery failur			/25 -			
	Westbound	221	29	24			
	Eastbound	280	33	27			
	Location 3 - Fowlis - Kirk Road at No.8/9 - 11/06/25 - 18/06/25						
	Eastbound	425	25	21			
	Westbound	258	24	20			
	Location 4 - Fowlis - Benvie Road South of Berryhill Road - 11/06/25 - 18/06/25						
	Northbound	353	29	23			
	Southbound	407	32	26			
16/07/2025	First analysis of data sug isn't too bad with a top speople driving within the broke 30mph). Woodside and the traffic Eastbound only 3 days of data as the Fowlis had a top speed of than Eastbound. Benvie had a top speed of 47mp Eastbound. For all except Liff PS, the speed limit however the under 30mph. Note how Westbound had 48% of p	speed of 34mp 20mph spee e Road Liff had d was worse t ere was a batt of 68mph and Road Fowlis (oh and Westbo majority of tr majority of tr rever Kirk Rd F people travelli	oh and major dilimit. Only dia top spee han Westborn westbound south of Bebound was waffic broke affic was traffic	ority of y 12 people ed of 43mph ound (note . Kirk Rd was worse rryhill Rd) vorse than the 20mph avelling			

	16/07/2025	Members of the public from Fowlis have borrowed Pop Up Jim to see if that helps slow the traffic
	17/09/2025	Not yet been deployed
Fowlis Traffic Concerns	16/07/2025	Members of the public shared their concerns about the significant increase (and speed) of traffic in Fowlis with the changes to the Swallow Hotel Roundabout. They have asked for additional signs to be added to state 'No Articulated Lorries' and would like to ask Angus Council Roads department for a review. ACTION Avril to put in a request to the roads department. Complete see below
	17/09/2025	Angus Area Traffic Co-ordination group were to meet on 26 th August with the request for new signage to be added to the agenda and Craig Hudson would be happy to engage further with members of the public thereafter
	17/09/2025	Action – Avril to request traffic review of Birkhill/Muirhead (speed and traffic at shops/crossing) and Liff and Fowlis
	16/07/2025	Members of the public from Fowlis will ask Google Maps etc for a change so that they will not send traffic up via Fowlis if there is a backup at the Swallow Hotel as this is happening at the moment.
Community Speed Watch Scheme	25/11/2024	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.
(CSWS)	15/01/2025	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
	19/03/2025	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1A9QMU1GJS/ 70% in favour of Community Speed Watch but only one volunteer so far
	21/05/2025	ACTION – Avril to check with Constable Brennan on latest
	16/07/2025	Update from Constable Brennan is that funding applications are being prepared, and they are confident about obtaining it. Another meeting will be organised as soon as there is an update.
	17/09/2025	No update
Reducing Speed limit in	04/05/2023	All roads being reviewed at the moment by roads teams and will be complete by end March 2023
Birkhill/ Muirhead to 20	17/01/2024	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	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
	18/09/2024	Cllr Doran had asked Craig Hudson for an update. '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

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		report will be forthcoming in due course to make a final decision on our plans.'
	19/03/2025	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.
		All accidents should be reported to Councillors to be
	21/05/2025	used as evidence for prioritisation of areas needing
		changes.
	17/09/2025	See 20mph proposal section below
Government	17/09/2025	Angus Council has recently authorised the preparation of the
proposal for		above noted Speed Limits Order for the purposes shown in
20mph		the enclosed Statement of Reasons.
		Full details of the proposals are contained in the draft Order
		which, together with the associated plans and other
		accompanying documents is available at www.angus.gov.uk/trafficordershttp://www.angus.gov.uk/trafficordershttp://www.angus.gov.uk/trafficordershttp://www.angus.gov.uk/trafficorders
		afficorders>.
		This has been shared on Facebook. People should be
		encouraged to complete the survey and add any additional
Traffic	12/01/2023	comments. ACTION - Avril Put in place in December 22. How will Angus Council measure
Calming	12/01/2023	success? We need the old data and when will we get updated
measures in		data?
Muirhead		Graeme Dailly Director of infrastructure and Environment
(traffic island on Coupar		invited to our meetings. Said he will come along to meet with us at the same time as the Community Police Officer
Angus Road)	04/05/2023	ACTION Stuart to contact Graeme Dailly to see about site visit
	17/07/2024	No update
	18/09/2024	Email sent on 16/9/24
	25/11/2024 15/01/2025	No response CLOSED action as getting no reply from Graeme Dailly
	16/07/2025	The accident at the temp traffic island was reported to Angus
		Council and will be replaced soon.
	16/07/2025	A member of the public asked if the traffic island should be
	10/0//2023	removed as in their opinion it isn't working – the community
		council took a vote and unanimously agreed it should stay in
		place as it has worked to some extent.
	17/09/2025	Tayside Contracts expect everything to be on site and ready
		for installation within 4–6 weeks, assuming there are no
		issues with delivery of the pole or the solar lighting
		component.

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 25/11/2024 15/01/2024 15/01/2024 19/03/2025 21/05/2025 16/07/2025 17/09/2025	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 ACTION — Stuart to discuss with Graham Dailly when he attends meeting Email sent 16/9/24 No response. Check again with SPN Could any of the funding opportunities be used? ACTION Rose to pass on to Sidlaw Path Network Rose has passed on to SPN — close action 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? No update No update Cllr Doran will provide an update Cllr Doran spoke with officers about the path development from Backmuir 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. A meeting has been setup with Cllrs and Sidlaw Path Network to discuss Dates to be suggested Minutes from the meeting Minutes of meeting Minutes of meeting Minutes spath betv
Pedestrian Crossing in Muirhead needs moved to the shop side of the road	07/09/2023 17/07/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 15/01/2025 19/03/2025	ACTION — discuss with Graham Dailly when he attends meeting No Update Email sent 16/9/24 Note community email received 25 th November '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.' Would traffic calming help? ACTION Keith to request a site visit if Traffic attend Success for Sidlaw meeting Cllr Doran is working with Angus Council on this issue On list to be assessed but may take quite some time. This assessment will also include a focus on 20mph proposal

Lack of	16/07/2025 15/01/2025	Cllr Doran provided an update that there will be an Angus traffic meeting to discuss the traffic issues across the whole of Angus. Complaint received about lack of gritting on pavements.
gritting on pavements	13/01/2023	'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. Inver Terrace and the path linking Inver Terrace and Coupar Angus Road have also been neglected.
		There are several diversity issues and societal issues being ignored by failing to ensure that we can walk safely on our pavements:-
		 Those in the street who have disabilities are being poorly treated compared with others in the village. 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. Religious discrimination by not gritting the pavement is preventing people from accessing Muirhead church which is at the end of the village. 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.
		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.
		People are having to balance the danger from ice on the pavements against the danger from traffic from walking on a main road.'
	19/03/2025	Gritting routes are available here https://www.angus.gov.uk/roads parking and travel/roads and pavements/winter gritting and snow clearing/roads a nd pavements gritting routes You can request gritting to be done and if there is availability then they will try to do it.
	19/03/2025	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
	21/05/2025 17/09/2025	Cllr Doran will check up on this No update
Sidlaw View Residents Association –	19/03/2025	BRIEFING NOTE discussed with Alan at the meeting (see below)
Solar Lighting Project		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.
		'EXECUTIVE SUMMARY from Allan Todd, Secretary, Sidlaw View Residents Association (SVRA) 14 March 2025' removed 21/05/25 – see March 19 th 2025 minutes for the summary
	21/05/2025	

			Angus Council Refused to take on responsibility as it is not
			Council ground and will set a precedent
			Update from Allan. SVRA – they have applied for approx. £34K funding for solar lights and path stud solar lights. Decision by September
		16/07/2025	Update from Alan. We have submitted three funding applications for the supply and installation of 6 column solar lights where the solar panels are wrapped around the column and not mounted on top in the form of a big solar array. The lights we have selected are much more attractive and fitting for the park.
			Also for the supply and installation of 60 solar road studs that delineate the whole footpath. The road studs are green lights installed at 10 metre staggered intervals each side so that you see one light each 5 metres you travel. There will be red lights at each entry/exit point.
			Whilst solar lighting is not the optimum solution this will provide lighting and guidance of the footpath during the winter months whilst considering the ongoing maintenance costs that the residents will have to bear.
			We expect a decision late August/September 2025.
Correspondence		17/09/2025	Community Group Health check (see email 'Keep Your Group Thriving' from Hong). Action Avril to share on Facebook for all Community Groups awareness. Action Avril to request a group health check at some point in the next year. Create a new item in minutes to track.
		17/09/2025	Community Council Development (See email 'Community Council Update' from Community Planning) - £250 per CC to promote the awareness and work of the community council before next year's elections. First track via Treasurer until money comes in.
Funding Opportunities			
Finance/	25/25	21/05/2025	24/25 accounts were reviewed
Treasurer	Accounts	16/07/2025	Action Keith to submit to Angus Council before 31 st July. SUBMITTED 20 th July 25.
	Hybrid Spend	21/05/2025	£200 Hybrid spending was discussed and may be used on a speaker phone and camera to make it easier to have hybrid meetings. Or on a new email/website system

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		17/09/2025	Agreed to try it out with our own home equipment first to see if it would work.
		21/05/2025	ACTION – Avril to check with Angus council if they have a teams account we could use for remote meetings.
		16/07/2025	Angus Council don't have a teams account for this so we will
			just have to use a private one. CLOSE
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	21/05/2025	Removed detail on this on 21/05/2025 – leave header in place
	New		
	Planning Applications		
	Applications		
	Berryhill Solar Farm Community	19/03/2025	Keep on the list to check up once the Solar Farm is up and running.
	Benefits	21/05/2025	Uniper Renewables GmbH have reached an agreement with Solar 2 Limited and will now be responsible for the future development. Have notified them we are the correct Community Council and asked for an update
		16/07/2025	https://www.berryhillsolarfarm.co.uk/ this includes an Indicative Site Layout plan which was shared at the Community Council meeting
			Update from Solar 2 Limited. They expect construction to start in early 2026. They will be honouring the agreement to provide an annual contribution of £500 per MW in each year the solar farm is operational and would welcome suggestions on how the fund might be best used to support local initiatives. The maximum capacity is 50MW per year. Using 45 to 50MW. Action Avril to check when it will be operational.
		17/09/2025	Email sent
	Muir Homes	21/05/2025	Muir homes have withdrawn from the possible development at East Adamston Farm. Bellway developers have since picked up the option to develop.
	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

		17/09/2025	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. No update on this motion North East Convention of Community Councils email RE renewable energy projects and major energy infrastructure. Stonehaven 11 th October –RSVP – NEScotlandccs@gmail.com
Social Media and Comms	Facebook insight	17/09/2025 15/01/2025	Total Followers 1,512 (up 13 from last meeting) Last 28 days (18 Aug to 14 Sep) 6,580 views (road closures and 20mph proposal) ACTION – CC to look at how to make Facebook posts more engaging
	Website	25/11/2024	Look at moving to a different provider
	Communicati	25/11/2024	Now available as a Voice template by Hong
	on plan	25/11/2024	Will need updated with more contact details
Community Engagement	Voice	18/09/2024	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
		25/11/2024 19/03/2025 21/05/2025 16/07/2025 17/09/2025	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 Avril to set up a meeting with Hong to go through options Meeting to be setup after summer No Update
Defibrillators	Liff Village	17/01/2024	Funding application submitted to National Lottery by Stuart
Jens.maters	Liii Viiiage	15/05/2024 18/09/2024	Delayed by 2 months at National Lottery Rejected by National Lottery. Richard Laing has submitted a new request to a different charity
		25/11/2024	No update
		15/01/2024	No update Stuart to look at other funding enpertunities
		19/03/2025 17/09/2025	Stuart to look at other funding opportunities Hong will see if she can find any funding opportunities for this
	Piperdam	18/09/2023	Piperdam resort has one but it's not public use so we may
	riperdalli	10,03,2024	want to apply for one if Liff is successful
		19/03/2025	Follow up once Liff one is successful
	Lundie	18/09/2024	Defrib finder not showing the one in Lundie. Action Rose to follow up
		17/09/2025	
Fires	FIRES - Concerns raised about Fires in public places	21/05/2025	With the dry weather we've been having, all fires of concern should be reported to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service by calling 999. If SFRS think the police are required in terms of criminality or wider public risk they will contact the police direct. Add this information to Facebook.
	such as Backmuir	16/07/2025	This has not been added to Facebook – should it be?

	(Woodland Trust do not allow open fires), Templeton and Dronley Woods	17/09/2025	CLOSE as too late for this summer. Has been added to the Useful notes section of the minutes.
AOB			

Date of next meeting: 18th November 2025 7pm (Tom Brown Room, Millennium Hall, Birkhill) For up-to-date information visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MBLCommunityCouncil or Website at www.MBLCC.co.uk

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Follow the MBLCC Public Channel on WhatsApp: https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaLQjGo3mFYA7zz9v61U

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



Flood and Winter Resilience Phone Numbers

Muirhead Doctor Surgery 01382 580264

Power Cuts call 105

Gas Emergency 0800 111 999

Floodline/Flood Agency 0345 988 1188

https://ready.scot/prepare

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)

https://www.ssen.co.uk/

https://www.facebook.com/ssencommunity/

Priority register - https://www.ssen.co.uk/psr

Track or Raise a Fault in your area - https://powertrack.ssen.co.uk/powertrack

Scottish Water

Report a problem through portal at https://swcustomerportal.microsoftcrmportals.com/ReportAProblem/

On Twitter: @scottish water

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/scottishwater

Customer Helpline: 0800 0778 778

Priority register -

Online: Priority Services Register Form https://swcustomerportal.microsoftcrmportals.com/Priority-Services-

Register/

Call: Customer Helpline 0800 0778 778 Text Relay Service: 18001 0800 0778 778

Write to: Scottish Water, PO Box 8855, Edinburgh, EH10 6YQ

If you are experiencing an unexpected loss of supply or emergency, you can check if it is already on https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/In-Your-Area/Latest-In-Your-Area

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