



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

Attendance:

Chair: Stuart Grubb;
Secretary: Avril Kidd
Treasurer: Keith Kirkhope
Planning: Liz Cargill
Community Councillors: Grant Kidd;
Elected members: Cllr Doran; Cllr Whiteside
Members of the public:0

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Margaret Dunning
Police: Constable Martyn Brennan
Angus Council Officers: Hong Zhang
Elected members:

Minutes of previous meeting

- Approved at meeting 19/11/25

Police Report

Recent crimes/issues in the area:

Assessment period – 17/09/2025 – 19/11/2025

There were **47** 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 – **1** crime recorded.

Group 2 – Sexual crime. **1** crime recorded.

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

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

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

Group 7 – Motoring offences – **3** recorded crimes.

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

General Agenda

Community Resilience Planning	NCR for Community Councils	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 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 willing to participate and help shape the plans.
		18/09/2024	£500 grant approved – fill in the banking form to receive funding 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
		25/11/2024	No update ACTION Rose to check on the £500 as we have not received it yet
		16/07/2025	ACTION Keith to check on the £500 as we have not received it yet
		19/11/2025	ACTION Keith to send one last email on this – SENT – no response received. CLOSE
	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/1I8tJuECNagvWfdGOYvhLT1B7Rj5DDOK/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=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

		21/05/2025	working on the Liff specific resilience plan. ACTION – Avril to share current draft of full plan.
		19/03/2025	Was shared on one-drive on 21 st March 2025 Arbuckle (Farmer who owns the field on the North of Woodside road) says he is putting in resilience measures to help prevent flooding.
		21/05/2025	ACTION Avril to check with Jennifer to see what measures are being planned. CLOSED but no-one knows of any plan
		19/11/2025	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?
	Village Resilience Groups	19/11/2025	Each of the villages/resilience boxes needs to create sub resilience plans as part of the full MBLCC Resilience Plan Current planned leads Fowlis – Keith Liff – Stuart Muirhead – Avril Birkhill – James Lundie – Christine Freel
	Community Involvement in Resilience	19/03/2025	Look at various ways of involving the Community in Resilience.
		19/03/2025 17/09/2025 19/11/2025	Look at Engagement Plan. ACTION all Not completed
		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.
		17/09/2025	Investigate once we have an event planned – check each meeting
		19/11/2025	CC to decide on a date in January for a training event after Angus Resilience Flood Training event in Forfar this month (with possibly teas and coffees to attract people). Intent is not only to train but to recruit for Village Resilience teams. Do maildrops to those who were impacted by floods. ACTION – CC Decide date ACTION – Liz to draft a maildrop ACTION – CC plan refreshments ACTION – Avril to check with Hong about printing for maildrop

	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
		21/05/2025	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	Muirhead ,Liff and Lundie boxes have been built.
		17/09/2025	Lundie box needs raised and 'Birkhill' box to be planned
		19/11/2025	Lundie box is now ready and has some equipment in it. Birkhill box needs levelled before equipment is put into it.
		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 Just checking up on the Flood Barriers to be used.
		19/11/2025	
		16/07/2025	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. Batteries (and other electricals) will be put into Fireproof and Waterproof bags Keith to order up bags
		19/11/2025	
	Insurance	19/03/2025	Check on Insurance needed for all equipment – ACTION Avril
		21/05/2025	to check with Jennifer. Once the full set of equipment is known we need to send to Jennifer Anderson so she can get a quote
		16/07/2025	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.
		19/11/2025	Keith has emailed to follow up

	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.
		19/11/2025	Reminder to follow up once full resilience plans 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 Detectors	17/01/2024	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
		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
		19/11/2025	Has been deployed a couple of times – did anyone notice any difference? We need to ask for Jim back
	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
		19/11/2025	Email sent with request for update
		17/09/2025	Action – Avril to request traffic review of Birkhill/Muirhead (speed and traffic at shops/crossing) and Liff and Fowlis
		19/11/2025	Email sent with request
		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 (CSWS)	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.
		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 https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1A9QMU1GJS/
		19/03/2025	70% in favour of Community Speed Watch but only one volunteer so far

	21/05/2025 16/07/2025	ACTION – Avril to check with Constable Brennan on latest 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.
	19/11/2025	No update
Government proposal for 20mph	17/09/2025	Angus Council has recently authorised the preparation of the above noted Speed Limits Order for the purposes shown in 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/trafficorders < http://www.angus.gov.uk/trafficorders >.
	19/11/2025	This has been shared on Facebook. People should be encouraged to complete the survey and add any additional comments. ACTION – Avril Most people seemed positive about it – ACTION – Cllr Doran to provide some information on this
Traffic Calming measures in Muirhead (traffic island on Coupar Angus Road)	12/01/2023	Put in place in December 22.
	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.
	19/11/2025	Delayed due to Scottish Water works going on in the same area
Path from Backmuir Woods to Liff School is needed	02/03/2023	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
	04/05/2023	ACTION – Stuart to discuss with Graham Dailly when he attends meeting
	18/09/2024	Email sent 16/9/24
	25/11/2024	No response. Check again with SPN
	17/07/2024	Could any of the funding opportunities be used?
	18/09/2024	ACTION Rose to pass on to Sidlaw Path Network
	15/01/2024	Rose has passed on to SPN – close action
	17/07/2024	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?
	18/09/2024	No update
	25/11/2024	No update
	15/01/2024	Cllr Doran will provide an update
	19/03/2025	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.
	21/05/2025	

	16/07/2025 17/09/2025 19/11/2025	A meeting has been setup with Cllrs and Sidlaw Path Network to discuss Dates to be suggested SPN Minutes were attached CLOSE
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 16/07/2025 19/05/2025	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 Cllr Doran provided an update that there will be an Angus traffic meeting to discuss the traffic issues across the whole of Angus. Avril has requested traffic data from the crossing. Look at doing a community survey for the issues at the crossing.
Lack of gritting on pavements	15/01/2025	<i>Complaint received about lack of gritting on pavements.</i> <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> <i>Inver Terrace and the path linking Inver Terrace and Coupar Angus Road have also been neglected.</i> <i>There are several diversity issues and societal issues being ignored by failing to ensure that we can walk safely on our pavements:-</i> 1. <i>Those in the street who have disabilities are being poorly treated compared with others in the village.</i> 2. <i>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.</i> 3. <i>Religious discrimination by not gritting the pavement is preventing people from accessing Muirhead church which is at the end of the village.</i> 4. <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i>

		19/03/2025 19/03/2025 21/05/2025 19/11/2025	<i>People are having to balance the danger from ice on the pavements against the danger from traffic from walking on a main road.'</i> 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 You can request gritting to be done and if there is availability then they will try to do it. 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 Cllr Doran will check up on this Cllr Doran got a reply saying it was not a priority route but they had asked for CC input. Which has now been provided
	Sidlaw View Residents Association – Solar Lighting Project	19/11/2025	<i>No recent update</i>
	Community Health Check	17/09/2025 19/11/2025 17/09/2025 19/11/2025	Community Group Health check (see email 'Keep Your Group Thriving' from Hong). Avril to request a group health check in 2026. Keep open until then. Keep Open Action Avril to share on Facebook for all Community Groups awareness. Not complete
Correspondence		19/11/2025	Angus Integration Joint Board (IJB) is reviewing its Strategic Plan, something we are required to do every three years. The Strategic Plan sets out the broad aims and objectives that will guide decision making and the allocation of resources over the next ten years to meet the health and social care needs of the people of Angus. As valued partners, your insight is essential in helping us shape a Strategic Plan that is realistic, ambitious and aligned with the needs of our community. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short survey: https://engage.angus.gov.uk/strategic-plan-review Deadline: 19th December 2025. ACTION - Stuart We would also appreciate your support in sharing this survey with your networks to ensure that a wide range of voices and experiences are reflected in our planning for the future. ACTION – Avril to share on Facebook

Funding Opportunities			
Finance/ Treasurer	Community Council Development	19/11/2025	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.
	Hybrid Spend	21/05/2025 17/09/2025 19/11/2025	£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 Agreed to try it out with our own home equipment first to see if it would work. Home speaker works on whatsapp but not tried camera or teams. Plan a hybrid meeting for January for CC members only to try it out
Planning	NPF4 Update	15/11/2023 17/01/2024 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 19/11/2025	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 ACTION Liz to email planning officer at Angus Council to ask next steps for Local Development Plan (LDP)
	New Football stadium at Camperdown Park	21/05/2025	Removed detail on this on 21/05/2025 – leave header in place
	New Planning Applications	19/11/2025	3 new applications in area – 1 note from CC
	Berryhill Solar Farm Community Benefits	19/03/2025 21/05/2025 16/07/2025	Keep on the list to check up once the Solar Farm is up and running. 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

		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. 17/09/2025 19/11/2025 Action Avril to check when it will be operational. Email received 'We're pleased to be making good progress on the project as we move through the development phase and prepare for construction, which is expected to commence early next year (subject to securing internal company approvals). Based on that timeline, we anticipate that the solar farm will begin generating electricity in late 2026 and the first community benefit payment would be expected in late 2027, following the first full year of operations. Please note that all timings remain subject to securing internal company approvals, and may shift as the project progresses. We'll keep you informed as things develop, and we remain keen to engage with you on how the fund might best support local initiatives.' 19/11/2025 Avril has asked if the £500 will be index linked.
	Community Energy	19/11/2025 May be worth looking at Community Energy paid for by Berryhill – Community Energy Scotland [https://communityenergy.scot/ would be an excellent place for you to start exploring this topic. Go to the "resources" tab and have a look. https://www.glasgowenergy.coop/ ACTION – all to review
	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 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. 19/11/2025 No response from Scottish Government

		17/09/2025 19/11/2025	North East Convention of Community Councils email RE renewable energy projects and major energy infrastructure. Stonehaven 11 th October –RSVP – NEScotlandccs@gmail.com Angus Council Elected members all voted against the current proposal for the Tealing to Westfield Overhead Line
Social Media and Comms	Facebook insight	19/11/2025	Total Followers 1,510 (down 2 from last meeting) Last 28 days (21 Oct to 17 Nov) 2,090 views (Pylons and Scammer Awareness)
		15/01/2025	ACTION – CC to look at how to make Facebook posts more engaging
	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	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	CLOSE Information passed to rest of CC. Decision TBA
		19/03/2025	ACTION – Avril to send draft resilience plan to Hong to see if she thinks Vo1ce is a good option
		21/05/2025	Avril to set up a meeting with Hong to go through options
		16/07/2025 19/11/2025	Meeting to be setup after summer
Defibrillators	Liff Village	17/01/2024	Funding application submitted to National Lottery by Stuart
		15/05/2024	Delayed by 2 months at National Lottery
		18/09/2024	Rejected by National Lottery. Richard Laing has submitted a new request to a different charity
		25/11/2024	No update
	Piperdam	15/01/2024	No update
		19/03/2025	Stuart to look at other funding opportunities
		17/09/2025	Hong will see if she can find any funding opportunities for this
		19/11/2025	
	Lundie	18/09/2024	Defrib finder not showing the one in Lundie. Action Rose to follow up
		19/11/2025	ACTION Avril to check with Lundie Hall
AOB		19/11/2025	Police Visibility and Awareness meeting held on Monday 17 th November. Liz attended and provided an update

Date of next meeting: 21st January 2026 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



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

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On Twitter: [@scottish_water](https://twitter.com/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

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

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Fire Issues

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.