

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Annual General Meeting
6th March 2014 in Millennium Hall

ATTENDANCE:

Community Councillors – Colin Hunter, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Elaine Stewart, Alison French,
Angus Councillors - Cllr Sheila Hands plus Assistant Sandra Black, Cllr Fotheringham.
Community Police Officer Sean Scanlon and one member of the public

APOLOGIES:

Jim Moir, Jimmie Reid and Ken Johnston

MINUTE OF A G M 9th February 2012:

Proposed: Alison French

Seconded: Elaine Stewart

MATTERS ARISING:

None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Firstly my thanks to

- CC members (especially office bearers) for their work for the CC
- Angus Councillors who attend our meetings
- The public who show an interest and those who attend our meetings

Perhaps the most significant event was the May meeting which, thanks to Vince and Jimmie, was attended by around 110 member of the public, who wished to express their views concerning the sites in our area for which developers had submitted reports to Angus Council (in advance of the Local Development Plan being issued). Due to the reorganisation which has taken place in Angus Council the publication of the Local Development Plan has slipped drastically and will now be in summer or autumn 2014. Slippage has been a feature of Angus Council in recent months and, while essential services have continued, there appears to have been a hiatus with much of the work of the Council. In particular, the lack of meaningful communication from Local Community Planning, between August 2013 and January 2014, has affected the CC.

I think our CC has made good progress over the year. Both our Facebook page, which went live soon after the last AGM, and our Website, which was operational by April, are important developments which help to keep us in touch with our local communities. Facebook now has 123 likes and we do receive queries and feedback via it. The additional noticeboard at the Co-op ensures we now have boards throughout our communities and, by and large, they are kept up to date with info!!

We have had a number of successes such as the Interpretative Sign at Fowlis, the grass being cut outside Liff PS and Birkhill Park and Recreation Ground being part of Fields in Trust. The drainage of the park is now effective and I understand that the reseeding will be checked and is likely to be improved.

Speakers have given us presentations on Adult Protection against scams and on Proposals for the Western Gateway Development. Road signage has been improved and minor repairs have been prompt when requested via the Access Line. (People should be encouraged to use this facility as it does result in things being dealt with.) The 30, 31, and 51 bus services now include Piperdam and provide a Sunday Service, not available

previously. Most of the good work on the transport front has been through the Transport Subgroup for Success for Sidlaw. Traffic management at Birkhill PS has improved although some concerns persist.

A great deal is being made of the financial constraints on Angus Council but when the CC can work effectively with Council Officials I believe this helps best value to be achieved for the benefit of the communities in our area. We look forward to the verges at the Millennium Hall & Bowling Club being properly seeded and maintained and we will not give up on trying to get Angus Council to do the decent thing viz a viz Fowlis Village Green.

Although we thought our period of office would end this year we have learned it is now to run until 2015 so hopefully the current CC can continue to be of benefit for another 1½ years. I also hope that we will see others showing an interest, to facilitate the formation of a new CC come October 2015.

FINANCE: (Jim Moir)

A copy of audited accounts to follow – See **Appendix 1** attached.

PLANNING/WEB: (Doug Neilson)

Planning Contact Report 2013

1 Over the year there have been 39 planning applications submitted for consideration within the community council area and the number includes 3 Listed Building consent notices, 2 Prior Notification notices and 1 Advertising display notice.

2 The Angus Council Planning web site allows easy accessibility to information available and there were 20 Enforcement enquiries reported in the Community Council area during the last year. Of these 20 Enforcement enquiries the position, as of 15th February 2014 is 13 are closed and 7 are 'Pending Consideration'.

3 Training on Development Planning and the Main Issues Report took place on Saturday 23rd November, 2013 at Angus House, Forfar.

Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips and Ken Johnston attended on behalf of the Community Council and the session was delivered by Planning Aid Scotland.

Web site and Facebook page functioning well and being updated.

MEMBERSHIP: (Colin Hunter)

We can now have 10 Councillors and 3 Juniors (Age Range 14 to 18years) Colin noted that we could have another member and Alison indicated that some young people may be interested.

Continuation of Elected Members – All members were able to continue in their present positions

PROPOSALS

a) Commencing meetings at 7.00pm - this was proposal was agreed.

b) Delay 2015 AGM until September - this item to be checked by the Chairman before setting a date.

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2014-2015)
Thursday 3rd September, 2015
at 7.00pm
in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill

Appendix 1

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

MUIRHEAD, BRIRKHILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Statement of Income and Expenditure of Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

Income	£	£
Council Grant		1047.30
Bank Account Interest		4.41
Total Income		1051.71
Expenditure		
Fowlis Village Green Support	100.13	
Community Council Insurance	93.02	
Planning Expenses (D Neilson)	80.30	
Hall Hire	130.00	
Printing, stationary, website expenses	336.16	
	739.61	
Surplus for the period		312.10
Opening Balance		3631.67

Closing Balance as at 31/03/2013 3943.77

Represented by

Bank Account 3943.77

Prepared by Jim Moir Date 31 March 2014

Auditors Certificate

I have examined the books and records of the Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 and have found the above statement to be correctly stated and sufficiently vouched.

Original Signed by Robert Low

Date 18th August 2014