

# **Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council**

## **Approved Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1st September 2016 in Millennium Hall, Birkhill**

### ***ATTENDANCE:***

Community Councillors – Alison French, Colin Hunter, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Ken Johnston, Ciaran Haut, Helen Haut and Ruth Scanlan  
Angus Councillor - Cllr Sheila Hands  
Plus 1 member of the public.

### ***APOLOGIES:***

Cllr Fotheringham.

### ***MINUTE OF A G M 3rd September 2015:***

Proposed: Stuart Phillips

Seconded: Colin Hunter

### ***MATTERS ARISING:***

None

### ***CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:*** (Alison French)

In the community council election, only 5 people were nominated to become Community Council councillors and as there are 10 places available, these 5 people were elected unopposed. At the inaugural meeting, an additional 2 members and 2 youth members were co-opted giving a total of 9 community councillors. The Community Council has dealt with a number of issues since last November. Some have been achieved such as the upgrade of the tennis courts at the Millennium Hall and others remain as outstanding issues including the adoption of roads & drains at Osprey Road, Piperdam, adoption by Angus Council of Henderson Park, Liff and fire hydrants at Piperdam. At Henderson Park there was still money left in the Stalled Spaces Grant to cut the grass this summer and the Community Council bought a set of goals to be used there. There have been some setbacks as funding for certain services, such as local buses and garden waste collection, which have impacted on some parts of the community. We have worked with the Sidlaw Path Network to resolve access provision to an existing Core Path on Woodlands Road but without success. The main issue that concerns local residents is the speed that some drivers travel through our villages and this is continued to be monitored. We held an open forum on the local bus services with representatives from Angus Council and Stagecoach / Strathtay buses and also the Angus Rural Leader Programme gave a presentation on funding availability for local community projects. The small working group of community councillors that was formed to look at the possibility of setting up a development trust and benefitting from a joint project with the James Hutton Institute concluded its feasibility study, with the decision that the change in government grants meant that the project was no longer financially viable.

The Community Council would again this year like to thank Councillors Hands and Fotheringham for their continued support of the Community Council.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Doug Neilson)

There are 50 residents on our email circulation list and over the year there has been a 25% increase in Facebook followers hearing about our meetings and concerns that effect the area. Of course not all the Facebook followers are residents of the area. In September 2015 we had 300 likes and this has increased to 437 today, however we lost 9 over the year. We have achieved over 1000 views on two occasions lately; one was the photograph and information about the Sidlaw Path Network's work at Blairfield Road / Templeton Woods and the other was a 360 drone video over the Millennium Hall and Birkhill / Muirhead by Rising View.

In addition to posting details of planning applications and call notices for meeting the Facebook page also promotes activities taking place in the locality but not everyone gives us notice of events. Local businesses are also featured on our Facebook as a means of promoting them and we also share information from Police Scotland to ensure residents are aware of current issues.

There are regular updates from Angus Council on consultations and planning developments within our area and we are scheduled to get regular Police Scotland reports commencing later this month.

**PLANNING CONTACT REPORT:** (Stuart Phillips)

Period September 2015 - September 2016

There were 23 planning applications made in the last year.

12 have been approved ( 4 subject to conditions)

2 have been withdrawn

9 are as yet to be decided

1 enforcement order regarding car parking at the stables Old Dronley road. Case now closed.

**FINANCE REPORT:** (Colin Hunter)

Annual Accounts – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

The Audited Accounts were submitted to Angus Council on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Income** Income is greater than in previous years due to the Stalled Spaces Grant of £1,750, in respect of Henderson Park, and reimbursement by Local Energy Scotland of £1,452 paid to SCENE Consulting for the first stage of a feasibility study into a Community Energy Scheme. (There will be two further cross transactions in the 2016-17 Financial Year.) There is also a payment of £100 from the Co-operative Bank to compensate for delays in changing the signatories for the Account. No bank interest is expected in the 2016-17 Financial Year.

**Expenditure** The items of expenditure are self-explanatory.

**Bank Balance** The Bank Balance is boosted by funds still held for Henderson Park.

A copy of the audited accounts for the year 2015 -2016 **Appendix 1:**

**ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS:**

All Office Bearers were prepared to remain in office and consequently they were re-elected unanimously.

**NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill**

# Appendix 1

## Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff Community Council – Annual Accounts

Statement of Income & Expenditure for Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff Community Council for the period  
1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016.

### Income

Angus Council Grant	740 – 00
Stalled Spaces Grant	1750 – 00
Co-operative Bank – Compensation	100 – 00
Local Energy Scotland – reimbursement	1452 – 00
Bank Interest	<u>1 – 41</u>
	<b><u>£4043 – 41</u></b>

### Expenditure

Millennium Hall Room Hire	273 – 00
Community Council Insurance	94 – 87
Website Fee	33 – 76
Stalled Spaces grass cutting	470 – 00
Friday Night Project – Grant	500 – 00
SCENE Consulting (Energy Feasibility Study/Inv 1)	1452 – 00
D Neilson – Travel & Secretarial Sundries	91 – 60
K Johnston – computer service & ink	<u>98 – 99</u>
	<b><u>£3015 – 22</u></b>

Surplus for period	1028 – 19
Opening Balance	<u>4561 – 05</u>
Closing Balance	<b><u>£5589 – 24</u></b>

Bank Balance at 31/12/2015	5761 – 24
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>172 – 00</u>
	<b><u>£5589 – 24</u></b>

Treasurer - Andrew Colin James Hunter

Signed *A. Colin James Hunter* Date 5/7/2016

### Auditor's Certificate

I have examined the books and records of Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff Community Council for the period  
1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 and have found the above statement to be correctly stated and sufficiently  
vouched.

Signed *W. R. ...* Date 5/7/2016