

**Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council**  
**Approved Minute of Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Millennium Hall**

**ATTENDANCE**

- Community Councillors – Colin Hunter, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor. also attending Councillor R Murray, PC Steven Wilson
- Apologies - Councillor S Hands, Sandra Black, Alison French, Ken Johnston, Jim Moir, Jimmie Reid, , Terry Smart, Margaret McCarey.

At the commencement of the meeting Colin Hunter, Chairman, acknowledged the death of Mr Tom Brown the first Chairman of the Community Council, who had made an enormous contribution to the local community.

**MINUTE OF MEETING** 1<sup>st</sup> November **Adoption Proposed:** - Vince Taylor **Seconded:** - Doug Neilson

**Matters arising** The Chairman raised the problem of local notice boards displaying out of date information and would like to address this by proposing that individual Community Councillors are allocated to look after specific notice boards as follows:

Millennium Hall (2) & Co-op (new)	Stuart & Vince	Nursery & Adils	Jimmie & Ken
Fowlis Village Green & Hall	Colin	Liff Church & School (Poss)	Alison & Elaine
Lundie (Poss)	Jim	Piperdam	Doug

**POLICE MATTERS** PC Wilson provided a report with the following points

**Operation After Dark;** a large amount of houses left in darkness whereas simple timed lighting could deter criminals. Check external security lights are working and ensure personal property is marked with the house number and Post Code so items recovered can be safely returned to the owners.

**Keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours;** fraud and scams through various contact methods such as cold calling, mail, email and telephone; theft of diesel and don't leave expensive presents lying around outside (e.g. bicycles); be vigilant and if you see any unusual behaviour ring the police on **0300 111 2222**.

**Festive season and personal safety;** don't drink and drive and even intoxicated pedestrians can put themselves at risk. Winter driving and walking conditions on snow and ice increase accidents – be aware of the conditions. In general, crime in the area is low but there have been thefts and if the criminals think there are easy pickings in the area they will return. Recently three people were arrested on suspicion of burglary and stealing diesel.

Questions were raised regarding the School Buses (on agenda), solar powered speed signs and mud on the road:

Cllr Murray explained that the speed signs were rotated throughout the area by Angus Council Roads Dept. Mud on the road – PC Wilson informed the meeting that people should telephone the police if this is an issue.

**SCHOOL BUSES**

**Birkhill Primary:** PC Wilson informed the meeting that Sgt Mark Hill has taken on this issue and is keen to re-investigate the problem.

**WARD FUNDING**

**Interpretive Sign:** Designer has been approved for the development.

**Notice Boards:** The notice board at the Co-op is being taken forward by Stuart Phillips who has been in discussion with Co-op and the Community Planning team who are providing the board. Community notices only.

**Dog Bin:** A dog bin is to be positioned at Backmuir of Liff.

**PARKS**

**Birkhill Park Drainage:** work commencing week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**Fields in Trust:** Concern about ownership of Henderson Park, Liff, and Cllr Murray agreed to pursue the matter.

**FINANCE**

Discussion took place on the financial year.

**PIPERDAM**

**Gates on Core Path:** Angus Access Forum corresponded with Piperdam management but without success.

**Fire Hydrants:** Community Council to ascertain Tayside Fire and Rescue are satisfied with arrangements.

**Water Pressure:** this may still be a problem for some residents.

**New Lodges:** Angus Council confirmed that conditions involving the supply and removal of water by Scottish Water have been met however some conditions pertaining to application **08/01383/OUT** are outstanding.

### LIFF

**Dog Fouling:** The Chairman had seen a project, which has been carried out by Liff PS children and proposed that the Community Council agree that a Kindle be donated to the school. This was agreed by the meeting.

**Speeding Traffic:** Ongoing.

### FOWLIS

**Village Green Adoption:** Ongoing as an investigation of ownership continues.

### PLANNING

**Planning Applications:** Due to a problem at Angus Council, a number of planning applications did not arrive with the Community Council planning contact for three weeks; however the problem has been rectified. Four planning applications received one each for Piperdam, Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff.

### CALEDONIA HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The local Guides are to undertake a Beetle Drive in the complex in January.

### LIBRARY VAN

The Chairman has been in contact with Ms Dakers of the Library service liaison meeting will involve van staff.

### ROADS

**Road Markings:** Ongoing

**Pavement collapse on A923:** Russell King is investigating a solution.

**Road Closure:** A923 in Birkhill to be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 Dec from 18.30 -22.00.

### COMMUNICATION

**Website: mblcc.co.uk:** Vince explained that Daniel has been busy and started a new job but will be in touch.

**Pop up Banner:** The new banner was displayed and met with everyone's approval.

### COMMUNITY PLANNING

**Success for Sidlaw:** A report of the Success for Sidlaw meeting was conveyed to the meeting.

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Bi-annual Meeting:** It was agreed that Colin, Stuart and Doug would attend the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Items from What's New:** Articles discussed: Engaging Communities on Climate Change Course 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2013;

Network facility with other CCs visit [www.shcnlive.co.uk](http://www.shcnlive.co.uk) to get a flavour of concerns being aired;

Red Cross survey on Community Resilience and help [http://s.zoomerang.com/s/Community\\_Resilience](http://s.zoomerang.com/s/Community_Resilience)

**Scottish Water:** replacement of mains water pipes in Muirhead

**Scottish Water Survey:** available at [www.scottishwater.co.uk/yourviewscount](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/yourviewscount) until 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**Tayside Fire & Rescue:** Quarterly activity reports available at [www.taysidefire.gov.uk](http://www.taysidefire.gov.uk)

**Auchterhouse CC:** An error was identified in National Planning Framework Doc and we are to query the matter.

**Angus Local Plan – Main Issues Report:** To be discussed at the Bi-annual meeting and an extension sought.

### AOCB

**What's New:** It seems that a lot of information in 'What's New' is being overlooked and needs to be addressed; funding sources, Scottish Government Consultations as well as the Local Plan need to be picked up.

**Liff Primary School:** Ground outside the school needs attention - between Parks Dept and Roads Dept.

**Liff Graveyard:** Comments on Facebook page had been investigated and Cllr Murray agreed with our response.

The meeting closed and those present enjoyed Xmas Mince Pies, and Tea or Coffee.

**NEXT MEETING THE AGM**

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY in the MILLENNIUM HALL BIRKHILL at 7-30 PM**