

MUIRHEAD, BIRKHILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Approved Minute of Meeting held 5th December 2013 in the Millennium Hall

ATTENDANCE

Community Councillors –

Stuart Phillips, Colin Hunter, Vince Taylor, Jim Moir, Doug Neilson.

Councillor Hands and assistant, PC Boreland and 2 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Fotheringham, Jimmie Reid, Ken Johnston (arrived at 8.30pm), Alison French, Elaine Stewart, PC Sean Scanlon.

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Adoption Proposed: - Stuart Phillips

Seconded: - Jim Moir

MATTERS ARISING

- a) **Fields in Trust - Henderson Park, Liff:** agreed that the matter be added to our agenda as ‘Ongoing Issues’.
- b) **Library Van –** a review is to take place early in 2014 and Chairman will be invited to attend. Discussion took place on the timing of van visits and returning / renewing loans of books.
- c) **Gourdie Farm forest –** an update from the Forestry Commission confirmed the report at our last meeting.
- d) **Garden waste in Piperdam –** agreed this was not detrimental to the habitat and a matter for the landowner.
- e) **CCTV at Muirhead –** resident advised to contact the local Community Police officer or telephone 101.

FOWLIS VILLAGE GREEN

Faculty of Advocates legal services unit may be willing to investigate whether there is case law from previous cases and currently we await clarification, in addition it may be possible to highlight this issue on our web site.

BUSES AT BIRKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The content of an information sheet, stating the Community Council’s position with regard to buses turning at the school, was agreed and copies would be sent to the school head teacher, children’s parents, residents in the vicinity of the school, Police Scotland and Angus Council.

POLICE MATTERS

PC Steve Borland gave the latest report:

Rural crime continues to be an issue in the Angus area. Over recent weeks there have been a number of thefts reported in the area of Muirhead and Strathmartine. Between 15th-19th October 2013 thieves attempted to break into a lock fast workshop at Templeton Farm, Strathmartine. This follows onto an attempted housebreaking with intent to steal that occurred between 13th-19th November 2013, whereby persons returned to the same premises and gained entry, although no items were stolen. Between 10th and 11th November 2013 Thieves stole a petrol go-cart from the garden at an address near Bridgefoot. Between 11th-15th November 2013 an housebreaking with intent to steal occurred at Ralston Business Centre, Newtyle whereby persons entered the property by forcing a window but left without stealing anything.

There have been two occasions recently whereby drivers travelling on the A923 Dundee to Birkhill road near to Camperdown Park, Dundee, have had their cars damaged as a result of persons (believed youths) throwing stones from within Camperdown Park onto the road. These incidents occurred during darkness and the matters were fully investigated although no persons were seen by the drivers or traced following an extensive search of the park.

Between 0001 hours on 7th September 2013 and 2359 hours on 20th November 2013, a theft occurred at Blairfield Caravan Park, Birkhill, Angus, whereby a caravan window was removed and stolen from a caravan. The caravan was not believed to have been entered and there were no other items taken.

Residents are asked to remain vigilant, and report any suspicious activity or any information to **Police Scotland** depending on the circumstances either on **999, 101**, or **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**

ROADS

A consultation on variation of speed restrictions at Benvie Road, Fowlis was discussed and any objections have to be submitted within 35 days from 6th December 2013 to Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Angus Council.

FINANCE

Finances are in order with only administrative costs being committed this month.

PLANNING

Recent planning applications were intimated to the meeting:
Ref: 13/01025/FULL Extension at 17, Hillpark Drive, Birkhill
Ref: 13/01027/FULL Access ramp at 10 Clayhills Gardens, Birkhill
Ref: 13/00967/MSCL House & garage, North Mains of Liff
Ref: 13/01098/FULL 3 x Houses at Gardens House Balruddery (Re-application)

South Gray development:

Report given to the meeting regarding the South Gray launch by Springfield Homes attended by the planning contact and advised that fuller details will be on display between 12.00 – 8pm at both the DCA and Doubletree by Hilton on Wednesday 22nd January and Thursday 23rd January respectively. Details will be on our web site.

Planning Training:

Three members of the CC attended the training day held at Angus House and it was very successful and highlighted the importance of the development planning consultations and Main Issues Reports. Planning Aid Scotland who ran the training session explained that they can provide assistance with planning issues and assist in investigating the possibility of a cap on legal costs involved in legal challenges to proposed developments.

BI ANNUAL MEETING

The Chairman gave a report on the topics featured at the Bi-Annual meeting, which included Financial challenges, Re-organisation of the Council, Community Benefit from renewable schemes, Community Council Elections and Forward Planning with a) Community Planning arrangements, b) Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill consultation and c) Get Ready for Winter (presentations by Roads Dept. and Police Scotland).

CORRESPONDENCE

a) The consultation period for the 20MPH traffic calming measures affecting Osprey Road will be from 10th January until 10th February 2014.

A O C B

a) Minutes on notice boards: It was noted that a number of notice boards in our area had out of date minutes posted on them and for us to keep the community informed it is essential that the notice boards are kept up to date.

b) A Local Community Planning Team communication assistant had contacted members of the communication group and asked about the proposed leaflet that a previous assistant had embarked upon. The group members were of the opinion that the Community Council had managed to produce their own leaflets, web site and communication initiatives without much in the way of assistance from the Local Community Planning Team.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm and Christmas mince meat pies were served.

Best Wishes for 2014.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2014 in the MILLENNIUM HALL BIRKHILL, 7-30 PM