



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minute of meeting 1 December 2016 held at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill

1 Attendance: Alison French, Doug Neilson, Vince Taylor, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Ruth Scanlan and 3 members of the public and Beverley Gibb of Community Planning at Angus Council.

2 Apologies: Cllr Fotheringham, Cllr Hands, Police Scotland, Helen Haut, Ciaran Haut and Ken Johnston.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by Alison French seconded by Stuart Phillips.

4 Rural Charrette: Beverley Gibb of Community Planning gave an introduction to the proposal that our Community Council Area is to be the subject of a Rural Charrette project. A Charrette is the process of developing a large scale engagement and design process with all the different stakeholders in the area whereby everyone involved can help development of the area for the benefit of the area. Charrettes have been held in seven towns in Angus including Carnoustie and Monifeith but this is the first time Angus is to undertake a Rural Charrette although there are examples in Scotland around Balmaha and Loch Lomond. Presently a competition to engage a company to lead this project is taking place and hopefully funding will be available through the Scottish Government to support it. This involves architects, community engagement specialists, community groups and transport planning and takes the lead from the priorities identified in the Success for Sidlaw meetings. **ACTION - Beverley & Doug.**

5 Police matters: As no police representative was present a summary of issues in the monthly are reported as:

- 1) Reminder that it is an offence to own an Air Gun without a licence after 31st December 2016. The date for obtaining an Air Gun licence has now passed and no licences will be available until 2017. If you have an Air Gun then ensure that it is stored with someone who has an appropriate licence until one is obtained.
 - 2) **Operation after Dark** - Police Scotland advise you to keep your home secure during the dark months:
 - 1) Use timer switches on lights and radio to look like you are home.
 - 2) Ensure all windows and doors are secure when leaving the home and going to bed.
 - 3) If possible consider using security lighting at the front and rear of the property.
 - 4) Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away when not being used.
 - 5) Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds or outhouses and fuel tanks - beware of theft.
 - 6) Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of your property.
 - 7) Create a FREE private inventory of all your personal property at www.immobilise.com
 - 3) Dangerous and Anti-social parking remains an issue and officers will continue to target these offences. Due to the change in temperature, police remind all drivers to clear all car windows prior to commencing their journey. It is not acceptable to clear a small part of the windscreen and full visibility must be obtained while driving.
- * At this point a resident from Fowlis brought up the subject of speeding on Kirk Road approach to Fowlis from Liff. There are 40mph signs on all the other road approaches in Fowlis prior to the 30mph signs, however the Liff to Fowlis road has only a 30mph sign. Discussion regarding the speed assessment previously carried out by the Roads Dept. and the need for some restriction ensued and consideration was given to the fact that a 40mph limit extends eastwards from Liff to the junction with Gourdie Brae. It was agreed that the issue be brought to the attention of Cllr Hands. **ACTION - Cllr Hands**

6 Matters Arising:

- a) **Construction of weighbridge at Muirloch** - as Cllr Hands was not in attendance matter ongoing.
- b) **Road junctions at Muirhead** - as Cllr Hands was not in attendance matter ongoing.

- c) **Garden waste subscription issues** - as Cllr Hands was not in attendance matter ongoing.
- d) **Osprey Road:** Colin reported on a meeting with Scottish Water representatives, a resident and members of the CC. At the meeting we were informed that we would receive fortnightly updates and a timeline for the resolution of the issues. A letter of comfort was sent to Angus Council in order to allow adoption of the roads and carriageways on the North side of Osprey Road, Osprey Rise and Osprey Bank. ACTION - Doug
- e) **Fire hydrants at Piperdam:** Doug reported that he had contacted SFRS regarding the issues currently concerning residents and was awaiting a reply. ACTION - Doug

6 Correspondence:

Emails: The following have been circulated to community councillors since the last meeting:

- 1) What's New x 3
- 2) Angus Council - Traffic Regulations Orders changes regarding parking enforcement
- 3) Police report
- 4) Angus Council - Local Plan Draft Guidance

Additional emails:

- a) 8 emails arranging meeting with Scottish Water
- b) J Ireland x2 - regarding promoting the 2017 Calendar for Liff and Fowlis Hall
- c) Police Scotland - informing us that there would not be a police officer in attendance tonight.
- d) K Cowey - acknowledging our decision to request retention of two pay phone kiosks.
- e) Resident - regarding the incident with 51 bus on Benvie Road.*
- f) SFRS - acknowledging our request for audit information.
- g) B Gibb - requesting to make a presentation to us on proposed Rural Charrette.

By post:

- 1) Angus Council - Planning the Future (Link to youtube video distributed).

* A resident who was on the No 51 bus related the experience she had encountered when the bus met a car on the narrow Benvie Road between Fowlis and A923 when they sat there for 45 mins as the car driver refused to reverse. The passengers wrote to the Bus Company to praise the bus driver for his action and believe the Bus Company had reported the incident to the police.

7 Finance: Colin had nothing to report this month.

8 Planning:

Ref 16/00846/ADV - Advertising sign at Co-op

Ref 16/00847/FULL - Single storey extension at 1 Clinkerheel Drive, Birkhill DD2 5RN Mr & Mrs McLaren

*Ref 16/00892/FULL - 6 Tree House holiday homes at land north of Woodlands Road, Piperdam

*Ref 16/00893/FULL - 6 Holiday units at land west of the visitors centre by Piperdam Loch.

Both of these *planning applications submitted by Piperdam Golf and Leisure

Ref 16/00796/FULL - a house at 17 Sidlaw Terrace has been withdrawn

At this point Ken Johnston arrived 8.35pm

9 Web site / Social Media: All up to date with 460 'Likes' - no action.

10 AOCB:

- a) Ken informed the meeting that Muirhead and Birkhill Bowling Club requested the support of the CC to resolve an issue with their Asset Transfer request to Angus Council. After discussion a solution was proposed and a draft submission was considered but in Ken's opinion it did not meet his request. It was then decided that it should be left for the legal representatives of the Bowling Club and Angus Council to resolve the matter. Matter closed at Ken's request.
- b) A resident asked for some assistance with collecting population statistics for a project.
- c) Vince questioned the changes being introduced with the boundary changes and it was agreed to monitor the developments being proposed.
- d) Doug gave an update on the dates for CC meetings in 2017.

Next meeting **Thursday 2nd February, 2017 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.**

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.