

# MUIRHEAD, BIRKHILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Approved Minute of Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Millennium Hall

### ATTENDANCE

Community Councillors – Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Jim Moir, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Jimmie Reid, Vince Taylor, Elaine Stewart, Alison French, Councillor Sheila Hands, Cllr Hands Assistant Sandra Black, Councillor Fotheringham, Terry Smart, PC Sheena Melvin, Joe Dorman, Paul Lewis. Apologies - Councillor Thomson.

MINUTE OF MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> December Adoption Proposed: - Vince Taylor Seconded: - Stuart Phillips

### POLICE MATTERS

PC Sheena Melvin provided a report with the following points

#### Have your say on local policing

On 28/01/2013, Tayside Police launched a consultation on its draft interim Local Policing Plans for 2013-2014. The force wants community feedback on the priorities set out in the Plans. The draft interim Local Policing Plans 2013-14 are available on the Tayside Police website and also on each of the Local Authority websites. Consultation closes on 18 February 2013.

Cannabis Cultivations It was recently highlighted in the press that there was a large cannabis cultivation discovered within Angus. Residents are asked that if they suspect such activity is, or may be, ongoing, please let Tayside Police know. Furthermore we would remind local residents they can report **any** type of drug dealing within their community to any police officer in confidence. They can also telephone and leave information anonymously to Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or complete a Ditch the Dealer response leaflet.

Any information received will be treated in strict confidence and will be acted upon.

Poaching Over recent weeks, Tayside Police has received numerous calls regarding alleged poaching. If you see poaching taking place, please contact Tayside Police immediately. If possible, note a description of those involved, and that of any vehicle seen, including registration number if possible.

Bogus Callers Tayside Police advise the public to be on guard in relation to sharing personal banking information on the phone. Should anyone receive such a call they should hang up (for email – ignore the request) and contact the police.

#### Current performance

Between April and December 2012, there was a reduction in serious violent crime in Angus compared to the same period in 2011. There was also a reduction in the number of Housebreaking to domestic dwellings, although an increase in both commercial and domestic non-dwelling (sheds and outbuildings etc) was experienced. During the same period, there was a slight increase in the number of vandalisms reported across the local authority area. There has been an increase in the number of crimes of fraud reported across the county – this is replicated in the other Tayside counties.

#### Recent crimes/issues in the area:

Theft of Batteries, metal and fuel The theft from rural locations in Angus continues. In particular, the theft of metal, particularly lead, batteries – car, tractor and fence batteries – and fuel all continue to be reported. Residents are asked to secure property as much as possible, and to remain vigilant for people acting suspiciously.

Vandalism: Vandalism continues to be the main volume crime which affects communities within Angus. Often, vandalism is seen as a minor crime, however such damage often leaves people feeling vulnerable and makes people reluctant to go into areas, and results in significant costs to local authorities which affects the services that we all receive. Questions were raised regarding the School Buses and Parent parking and a general discussion took place

### SCHOOL BUSES

Birkhill Primary: Ongoing – we await Yellow Lines

Liff Primary: Parental parking is causing **congestion and a source of danger at the junctions next to the School.**

Parents are requested to enable other traffic (especially Vans and Lorry traffic) to go about their business without problems

### WARD FUNDING

Interpretive Sign: Designer has been approved for the development.

Notice Boards: The notice board at the Co-op is in process of being made and erected

FINANCE: Finances are in order

### PARKS

Birkhill Park Drainage: Work has been done and the grass area will be re instated when the climate allows

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

Angus Play Parks Consultation: This will produce information for the Councillors to debate - ongoing

### PLANNING

Planning Applications: Eight planning applications have been received for our Community Council area.

Angus Local Development Plan Main Issues report: A report was given by the Chairman

## PIPERDAM

**Gates on Core Path:** The Sidlaw Paths Network are seeking an update.

**Fire Hydrants:** Waiting a response from Tayside Fire and Rescue.

**Water Pressure:** Scottish water to be contacted for information re the use of Tankers

**Bus Stop:** Moving the Bus Stop is being considered at the Traffic Coordination Group 29<sup>th</sup> January meeting

**Safe Walking Route:** from Piperdam to Muirhead on the A923 is not considered to be a sufficient priority

**Osprey Road** is earmarked for consultation in 2013 regarding traffic calming measures

## LIFF

**Dog Fouling:** The Chairman to pursue.

**Speeding Traffic:** Ongoing.

**Footpath Information:** The provision of a footpath at Church road on the “walk to school route” is considered to be a high priority and is being considered by Angus Council in the 2013-14 bids for funding.

## FOWLIS

**Village Green Adoption:** An investigation of ownership continues, Chairman to pursue

## LIBRARY VAN

Ongoing

## ROADS

**Speed Limits:** Reminder Signs are to come back to our area in the near future. A Speed Limit review of U class roads in Angus Council area is currently being carried out.

**Road Markings:** Ongoing

**Pavement collapse on A923:** Repairs are proposed for 2013-14

**Gourdie Brae:** Drainage Gullies on the West Side appear to be subsiding – We will ask for these to be reviewed

**Pedestrian Warning Signs:** Signs on Liff Road at Backmuir Wood will be supplied in this financial year

## COMMUNICATION

**Website: mblcc.co.uk:** Vince explained this is nearly complete

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

## COMMUNITY PLANNING

**Success for Sidlaw:** A report of the 31<sup>st</sup> January Meeting was given by Stuart Phillips.

**Communication and Transport:** Sub groups are ongoing

**Community benefits from Renewables:** There is a suggestion that all areas should share in the benefits accrued from Wind Turbines in stead of these being confined to the area that they are located in.

**Bi Annual Meeting:** Our representatives raised the lack of time for consultation re the Angus Local Development Plan - Main Issues Report at this meeting

## BIO DIVERSITY SEMINAR

Alison French gave a comprehensive report on the Seminar which she attended

## ITEMS FROM WHAT’S NEW:

**Redesigning Community Justice** A consultation paper was published on 20<sup>th</sup> December

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Minutes:** Request from Angus Council to have us appraise them of the types of advertising we use for the minutes.

**Angus Sports Awards 2012:** Nominations form received

**Carbon Footprint Grants:** Information received

**A90 Upgrade/Bypass:** Letter received

**Community Resources Network Scotland:** Letter received

**Angus Events Organisers:** Letter received

**Insurance:** Letter received

**Draft Interim Local Policing Plan:** received

**My Community Rights:** Letter received

**Consultation/Engagement Training for Community Councillors:** Information received

**Actions and Aspirations for Inclusion in Local Community Plans 2013-2016 Pro forma:** Received

## AOCB

**Birkhill Cemetery:** Information was requested re the proposed enlargement of the Cemetery

**Facebook:** Paper, Plastic and Cardboard should be added to the Recycling area

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