



## Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minute of 4 February 2016 held at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill

**1 Attendance:** Alison French, Doug Neilson, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Helen Haut, Ruth Scanlan, Cllr Hands and six members of the public.

**2 Apologies:** Cllr Fortheringham, Ciaran Haut, Ken Johnston to arrive late.

**3 Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Proposed by Stuart Phillips seconded by Colin Hunter.

**4 Police Matters:** Cllr Fotheringham had met with the Area Commander David McIntosh and at present David McIntosh is currently looking at how the police will communicate with community councils in Angus. Doug will copy posts from Police Scotland / Tayside Police Facebook page to our Facebook page. ACTION - Doug to continue to ask for direct police contact with the community council.

**Local Bus Services - Open Forum:** Chris Boyle of Angus Council / Jamie Lawrie of Stagecoach Strathtay

Chris Boyle informed the meeting of Angus Council's role in supporting Explore Dundee bus services (30; 31; 51) in the area. How the closure of Liff Hospital resulted in a loss of financial support from NHS Tayside combined with a reduction in finance from Dundee City Council has resulted in a review of the provision in the new contract being negotiated with Explore regarding 30; 31; and 51 services. There will continue to be a service but the service will be revised to take account of the drop in financial support.

Jamie Lawrie explained aspects of the 57 and 59 provision and the continued support for the communities along the routes.

The Open Forum allowed those present to ask questions and make suggestions with regard to the services and both Chris and Jamie were very supportive to the comments received. Comments related to timing of services to meet the needs of the commuters; the timing of 57 and 59 which run close together rather than providing a more frequent service; possible route deviations to include new development at the Western Gateway; connection issues with buses at Seagate bus station whereby buses arrive from Edinburgh / Glasgow shortly after the 57 or 59 have departed - therefore possible passengers make alternative plans.

When or where there is no bus service Angus Council / Tactran host a 'Lift Share' service whereby people, whether they have a car or not, can arrange travel at the following website:

<https://liftshare.com/content/default.asp?sid=1496&sid2=1498&skin=811&lang=EN&country=GB>

Agreed that the session was very worthwhile and we now await the outcome of the contract negotiations.

### 5 Matters Arising:

a) **Henderson Park:** No progress at present - it was agreed to investigate a local solution to this issue and as there are funds available to cut the grass this year the CC has time to evaluate a possible solution. ACTION - Alison to contact Elaine and Liff residents with a view to a local solution.

b) **Osprey Road:** Doug received a further update from Scottish Water regarding progress:

- 1) Another survey has been carried out and infiltration continues to take place at certain manholes and this led to flooding at the pumping station.
- 2) Scottish Water are in contact with the developers regarding their proposals to address issue at 1) above.
- 3) Piperdam Golf and Leisure have commenced remedial work in manholes serving the holiday lodges.
- 4) The site issues have been referred to Scottish Water Escalation Steering Group.
- 5) The Operations and Maintenance manual for the pumping station is now with Scottish Water's Framework Contractor and is being progressed - completion due in 5 - 7 weeks.

ACTION - to monitor.

**c) Woodlands Rd:** The barrier and one way system is now in operation however the access path has yet to be installed. Angus Council enforcement officer to take the matter up with Pipersdam Golf and Leisure. ACTION - to monitor.

**d) Tennis Courts:** Cllr Hands - ongoing.

**e) Fire hydrants at Pipersdam:** Further to Cllr Fotheringham's enquiry, Angus Council's Building Control and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service identified the lack of fire hydrants as not complying with Building Regulations and are pursuing the matter. ACTION - to monitor.

**f) Pipersdam Drive:** Details of Cllr Fotheringham's investigation had been circulated to the CC and it was agreed to ascertain what Cllr Fotheringham thought about the reply. ACTION - contact Cllr Fotheringham.

**g) Clinkerheel Park:** As part of the upgrade of the park a feasibility study is currently being carried out to include a new footpath between the north end of the park and the open space at Young Avenue. ACTION - await update from Angus Council on the result of the feasibility study.

**h) Community Defibrillators:** Doug reported that he was waiting on further information from Muirhead Medical Centre regarding contact details in support of the proposal. ACTION - deferred to next meeting.

**i) Growwild:** Discussion took place on various suggested sites including entrances to the villages and as part of the Clinkerheel Park upgrade. It was agreed that the packs be purchased and that Ruth would follow up the suggested sites for planting. ACTION - Doug to provide contact details to Ruth for the Park.

## **6 Correspondence:**

Emails

- a) Launch of trueCall38 by National Trading Standards - [www.trueCall38.co.uk](http://www.trueCall38.co.uk) for more information.
- b) Angus Council community council blog - it was suggested some of our issues be aired on it. ACTION All
- c) SURF Newsletter - agreed that we unsubscribe to this newsletter as it is not applicable.
- d) Community Council Insurance - completed and status of insurance for volunteers confirmed as covered.
- e) Queens 90th Birthday lunch - agreed that the Church take the lead and CC support it if Hall is available.
- f) Comments for the Local Bus services forum from 2 residents - these were passed to Chris Boyle.
- g) Angus Health and Social Care Draft Strategic Plan - agreed comments to be made by individual CC members at the following: <http://www.angus.gov.uk/hscisurvey> details placed on Facebook page as well.
- h) Scottish Community Council website has been relaunched at [www.communitycouncils.scot](http://www.communitycouncils.scot) noted.
- i) Improve Community and School Provision - Tuesday 23rd February at 2.30 Carnoustie Access Office
- j) Community Safety - Thursday 11th February at 2.00pm Carnoustie Access Office

**7 Transport / Roads:** C11 closed at Lossie Hall, Liff for 2 days from 25 January 2016 - BT Cable work.

**8 Finance:** Colin reported that the handover of the bank account had still to be resolved.

**9 Planning:** Stuart reported the following applications:

- Ref: 15/01066FULL Extension and Alteration 6 Clayhills Gardens, Birkhill - Mr & Mrs Ross.
- Ref: 16/00033/PPPL Removal of condition on planning application 15/00400 to allow first floor accommodation at new build 8 Osprey View Pipersdam for Mr C Airlie.

**10 Web site / Social Media:** All up to date with 353 'Likes' - Agreed to remove housing developments from website whilst we wait for the Angus Local Development Plan. ACTION Doug

**11 Development Trust:** Colin gave an update regarding the feasibility study currently being carried out. He requested that Bill Cant and Euan Caldwell be associate members of the CC - Agreed

## **12 AOCB:**

- a) Dog fouling in the area - residents should report this on the Angus Council Accessline in the first instance. Identified a need for more bins in Dalgety Court area - ACTION Doug to forward request.
- b) SSE emergency generators for the hall to be investigated - ACTION Stuart and Hall Committee.
- c) Noticeboards in Liff - resident in Liff has agreed to assist by posting information - ACTION Alison.

Date of next meeting **Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.