

MUIRHEAD, BIRKHILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minute of Meeting held 3rd July 2014 at 7pm in the Millennium Hall

ATTENDANCE

Community Councillors –Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Alison French, Jim Moir, Elaine Stewart.

Apologies: PC Sean Scanlon, Cllr Fotheringham, Freda Knox, Cllr Hands, Cllr Hands assistant, Cllr Thomson, Doug Neilson.

MINUTE OF MEETING 5th June

Adoption Proposed: - Alison French **Seconded:** - Stuart Phillips

POLICE MATTERS

The Police report mentions Advanced Fee Fraud, Wildlife Crime (deer poaching and hare coursing) and Home Security.

The following crimes were reported in our area

- About 1530 hours Sunday 1st June 2014 a suspicious white Transit van was reported as driving slowly around Braeside, Auchterhouse. The VRM was circulated and enquiry is ongoing to trace the owner/driver.
- About 1914 hours Monday 2nd June 2014 person(s) set fire to a pile of logs at the disused/ruined Balmuirfield Lodge, near Bridgefoot, causing minor damage to the building. The derelict building was once again made secure following this incident. It is believed that local youths are responsible and contact has been made with the owner to look at target-hardening.
- About 1730 hours, Thursday 5th June 2014 a suspicious vehicle was seen driving up Braeside, Auchterhouse and the driver was believed to be taking photographs of houses from an I Pad or similar. The vehicle is believed to be a blue Ford S-Max. This matter is under ongoing enquiry.
- Between 0001 hours Monday 9th June 2014 and 0600 hours Tuesday 10th June 2014 person(s) stole a quad bike from a field at Rosemill Road, Bridgefoot.
- About 1740 hours Friday 13th June 2014 a suspicious person was reported as walking in Craigmill Road and was believed to be looking for insecure motorbikes. The male left when challenged by a local resident.
- Between 2230 hours Saturday 14th June 2014 and 0830 hours Sunday 15th June person(s) forced entry into an outhouse at Bridge Cottage, Auchterhouse and stole a large quantity of mechanical gardening equipment to the estimated value of over £4000. This matter is under ongoing enquiry.
- About 1550 hours, Monday 16th June 2014 a suspicious incident was reported in The Brae, Auchterhouse, whereby a black coloured vehicle was reported as having stopped and the driver ask a schoolgirl if she needed a lift then drove off when the girl said that she didn't want a lift. The description of the vehicle in question is different from the one mentioned above. Enquires were made and PC Scanlon spoke to all school pupils and staff at Auchterhouse Primary School with regard to 'Stranger Danger' and offered public reassurance in this regard. The vehicle has not been seen since.
- Between 0001 hours Thursday 12th June 2014 and 2359 hours Monday 16th June 2014 person(s) stole a quantity of furniture from rented accommodation at an address in Hillview Terrace, Bridgefoot, Angus.
- About 1800 hours, Sunday 29th June 2014, person(s) forced entry to the disused/ruined Balmuirfield Lodge, near Bridgefoot, and set a fire within the building causing more damage. It is believed that local youths are responsible and contact has been made with the owner to look at target-hardening. Like Balmuirfield Lodge above, it is believed that local youths are responsible and enquiries are ongoing regarding this and contact has been made with the owner to look at target-hardening.
- About 2015 hours, Friday 27th June 2014, person(s) forced entry to the staff accommodation block at the former and disused Strathmartine Hospital and set fire to a mattress, causing minor damage to the building.

The report also mentions Vandalism, Antisocial Behaviour and Scrap Metal Thefts

MATTERS ARISING

The Bi-annual Meeting took place with Community Councils Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 7.00pm in Angus House, Forfar. 3 Presentations were given (Angus Ahead Website, Recycling and Self Directed Support) and an update on Community Items was given

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Shelley Haig Presentation will take place in September

FOWLIS VILLAGE GREEN

Brian Smyth is to put together an explanation of the work so far, the negative outcome and put this to the villagers.

CORRESPONDENCE

We received an invitation to Angus Local Access Forum

We received an email re Success for Sidlaw Leaflet

We received correspondence re Grass Cutting at Osprey Road – This is the builders responsibility

Correspondence received regarding the Rural Parliament

TAYplan

Consultation re the Main Issues Report has taken place – we are to archive this meantime

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

There has been some response to the leaflet which was distributed; we are still encouraging residents to participate

BUSES

The Sidlaw After School Initiative is to pursue Buses for After School Activities – 2 meetings have been held and a pilot organised. An analysis of the take up will decide the future progress. Transport Group next meeting 26/8/2014

PARK

Park Drainage works were reseeded - lots of weeds appeared – weeds were sprayed but rain washed this away therefore spraying will take place again

ROADS

Grass Verge outside Millennium Hall/Bowling Club has been sprayed and this be reseeded. Discussions are taking place between departments regards the adoption of this area by the Parks Department.

FINANCE

Our finances are healthy at the moment

WEB SITE

Our Website is running, we have had 134 likes on our Facebook site and we are encouraging all residents to make use of these options for information

PLANNING

There have not been any new applications during last month

A O C B

- The current A923 work has been completed however the pavement and fences leading out of the village on both the Coupar Angus Road and the Newtyle Road need work. We have asked for a timescale for maintenance work on these pavements and fences.
- The flooding at the Police Station is under investigation
- The potential for upgrading the A923 pavement on the north side is being investigated

- Information on the Gourdie Farm Forest was given
 - a) It is to consist of a Farm, Dense Woodland and Allotments
 - b) It is to have one tenant farmer
 - c) Applications to be in by 15th July
 - d) Entry will be 28th November 2015
- Funding for activities to celebrate the Commonwealth Games is available should anyone wish to apply
- The availability of Doodle Planner was mentioned

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2014 in the MILLENNIUM HALL BIRKHILL at 7-00 PM

ONGOING ISSUES

To be discussed only if there is a change to the current position and the item is not on the Standard Agenda

- **Birkhill** - Cemetery
- **Liff** - Church Road and Woodside Road
- **Piperdam** - Core Path Gates