



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minute of meeting 2 June 2016 held at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill

1 Attendance: Alison French, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Helen Haut and Ciaran Haut, Ken Johnston, Ruth Scanlan, Cllr Fotheringham, and 2 members of the public.

2 Apologies: Colin Hunter and Cllr Hands.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by Stuart Phillips seconded by Helen Haut.

4 Police Matters: No report.

5 Matters Arising:

a) **Henderson Park:** Grass has been cut and Alison & Elaine to meet with local residents to pursue a solution for future maintenance. Ongoing. ACTION - Alison.

b) **Osprey Road:** Report from Scottish Water on planned action to install new pumps at the pumping station and conduct a survey of drains in order to resolve the issues. Ongoing. ACTION - Doug.

c) **Woodlands Rd:** Response from Angus Council was unsatisfactory and Cllr Fotheringham agreed to follow up on planning consent conditions. ACTION - Cllr Fotheringham.

d) **Tennis Courts:** Upgrade completed.

e) **Fire hydrants at Piperdam:** Report from SFRS on continued dialogue within the Fire Service with a view to agreeing a course of action with Building Standards at Angus Council. Ongoing. ACTION - Cllr Fotheringham and Doug.

f) **Clinkerheel Park:** No update from Angus Council. ACTION - await update.

g) **Defibrillator:** Discussed under correspondence.

h) **Growwild:** Sue Marshall's project to sow seeds on the verges in Fowlis had been intimated on our Facebook page but no response as yet. Sue had contacted Angus Council roads to inform them of the project and had also identified areas to commence sowing with assistance from residents. Alison had some Growwild boxes of seeds and passed them to Ruth for future use.

i) **Support for Mrs Lawson:** Shona Lamb attended and gave a positive update on behalf of Mrs Lawson and that as of Monday 6th June a satisfactory care package was being implemented and thanked all parties for the action and support the family received.

6 Correspondence:

- 1) Community Council Insurance - paid, actioned by Colin.
- 2) Acknowledgement from Inspector Main regarding our response to the MMWP consultation.
- 3) A Nation of Life Savers - Defibrillator (AED) Ken had raised this and after further discussion regarding the stipulations on AED maintenance, siting and ownership responsibility, it was decided that the CC would not be an appropriate body to take on the responsibility of a defibrillator at present. The Bowling Club, had had training on the use of a defibrillator and had applied for funding for one to be sited there. Ken will report on the situation once the defibrillator is in situ.

- 4) Notice Boards: a) Lundie Hall have decided to install a notice board and will be happy to display our notices there. Doug will send information for display.
 b) Co-op notice board requires maintenance and Stuart agreed to take this forward.
 c) Adils notice board has been changed with the upgrade to the shop and now that the re-launch has taken place one of the display cases will be allocated to the CC for notices. ACTION Ken.
- 5) Craig's reply from Scottish Water CEO had been helpful in processing the outstanding issues.
- 6) Birkhill School - school bus incident hitting a lamp standard and the lamp standard not being replaced but straightened - a photograph of the offending lamp standard was provided by Stuart. The fact that buses continue to reverse and turn on Dronley Road was a concern and Craig said he would take it with Chris Boyle. ACTION Cllr Fotheringham.
- 7) High Speed Broadband: Alison had been contacted by BT with posters and a banner promoting High Speed Broadband in Birkhill. It was agreed to hang the banner on the Tennis Court to promote the availability and display posters on our notice boards.
- 8) Angus Health & Social Care Single Point of Contact Questionnaire: Doug reminded everyone of the need to complete the questionnaire by Friday 10th June, 2016 - item previously circulated.
- 9) Notice of road closure between A923 and Fowlis for the installation of passing places and the changes to bus provision for two weeks from 8th June with only Sunday service to Piperdam - circulated.
- 10) Doug intimated he received bus timetable changes for Montrose and Brechin and given the current financial climate wondered why this was the case given the cost of postage. Surely this could be conveyed by email - Craig will discuss with Chris Boyle. ACTION Cllr Fotheringham.
- 11) Doug received a brochure from HAGS about children's outdoor play equipment. - For information.
- 12) Doug received notice of the decision by Angus Council to introduce a subscription service for garden waste collection service as of Monday 4th July 2016. - For information.

7 Finance: Colin reported that after visiting four Post Offices in the Dundee area he finally managed to get the Angus Grant cheque paid into the CC account while visiting Consett, County Durham.

8 Planning: Stuart reported the following applications:

Ref: 16/00289/FULL Extension to house at 6, Kirkcroft Brae, Liff DD2 5RT Mr & Mrs Coates

Ref: 16/00292/FULL Erection of a dwelling house at West March Muirhead Mr. Sinclair

Ref: 16/00393/FULL Dropped kerb to be extended and widened Coach House 110a Coupar Angus Rd for Mrs Hutchison

9 Web site / Social Media: All up to date with 402 'Likes' - no action.

10 Development Trust: Doug explained that the Steering Group considered the feasibility study and after investigating a number of options for renewable energy, the changes to payments introduced recently by the UK government, made the project unviable. Without a regular source of income to fund a trust to develop and support the area it was decided that this item would be removed from the agenda.

11 AOCB:

- a) Doug raised the possibility of the CC having the Millennium Hall as a postal address and asking the hall committee to consider sharing the office with the CC for a nominal rent. This would allow CC Office Bearers to access information and post when members were on holiday thereby resolving the issue of correspondence missing deadlines for returns. It was agreed to pursue this and Stuart would ask the Hall Committee about this proposition. ACTION Stuart.

Date of next meeting **Thursday 7th July, 2016 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.**

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.