

# **MUIRHEAD, BIRKHILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Approved Minute of Meeting 2<sup>ND</sup> May in the Millennium Hall**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Community Councillors – Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Jim Moir, Doug Neilson, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, , Elaine Stewart, Alison French, Councillor Sheila Hands, Cllr Hands Assistant Sandra Black, Councillor Murray PC S Wilson  
Approx 110 members of the public  
Apologies Jimmie Reid, Councillor Fotheringham

### **MINUTE OF MEETING APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Adoption Proposed:** - Jim Moir

**Seconded:** - Stuart Phillips

### **POLICE MATTERS**

PC Wilson gave a summary of the current situation in our area

New non-emergency number Residents are asked to note that 101 is the new number to contact the police when it's less urgent than 999.

Complaints are regularly received by police in relation to inconsiderate and dangerous parking around schools in Angus, particularly at the start and end of the school day. Please help us to keep children safe by parking appropriately and obeying keep clear signs.

### **POTENTIAL RE ZONING FOR HOUSING**

The Community Council had received notice of a variety of potential new developments and wished to make the residents aware of these therefore put out flyers for this meeting.

The Chairman gave a comprehensive dialogue explaining, with the use of maps and posters, what the current proposals were.

The meeting was overwhelmingly against any large scale development in our Community Council area either on the 11 sites which were assessed by Angus Council or the additional site proposed by Stephen/Bett.

There was agreement with TAYplan and the Draft Angus Local Development Plan that large scale development is not suitable for our area and that housing should be at the Dundee Western Gateway or to the east of South Angus.

Our area is unsuitable due to

- Inadequate infrastructure (e.g. Water Pressure, Sewage disposal, Drainage etc.)
- The primary schools are full, there is a lack of secondary school places and the current provision is too far away from our area resulting in children not being able to participate in After School Activities
- The roads are inadequate - too narrow with difficult junctions (e.g. between the A923 and the B954)
- Development of the areas in question would most certainly have a highly detrimental effect on wildlife of all sizes
- People who are resident in Birkhill, Muirhead and Liff live in these places because they want to live in a small village atmosphere and not in urban sprawl
- There is no evidence to suggest that this level of housing development is either necessary or wished for
- It would be very short sighted to allow properties to be built on prime agricultural land due to population increase
- Shops are currently not sufficient to service such a large increase in population and there is a lack of parking at the local shops
- There is a lack of Angus Council facilities - e.g. no Access Centre, library, sports centre.
- Is it coincidence that when the Dundee Western Gateway Villages have been reported as being delayed, these proposals now come to the fore, i.e., the builders need something to build so lets go somewhere else.

The residents attending the meeting indicated a lack of trust of Property Developers, of the current Planning Process and strongly object to the potential releasing of green field land in our area especially to the south of Birkhill and Muirhead and to the north of Liff

### **ROADS**

#### **A923:**

- More repairs are proposed for 2013-14 budget.
- The Pavement outside 180 to 190 is being used for parking.
- Drains on the re surfaced area are sinking.
- Since the change from 50 mph to 40 mph the sign on the road has not been changed

### **FINANCE**

Finances are in order

The renewal of our Insurance is being researched to achieve the most appropriate conditions/cost

We are in a position to consider financial help to local organizations

## **PLANNING**

### **Planning Applications:**

This month three planning applications for our Community Council area were read out  
We are to ask for clarification on the Piperdam Chalet application

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **Website: [mblcc.co.uk](http://mblcc.co.uk):**

This is now up and running

### **Facebook:**

Page is up and running and residents are using it: We have had over 50 contacts, 73 people viewing the Housing information and 374 people viewing the Roads information

### **Notice Boards:**

The notice board at the Co-op is to be erected in a few weeks

### **Correspondence Out:**

Information request to be sent to D Hill, Roads, Angus Council

### **Correspondence In:**

- E Mail from D Hill regarding
  - 1.A923 Embankment Collapse repairs, Tidying verges, Grass to be planted at new pavement outside Millennium Hall/Bowling Club, improved grass cutting Liff PS
  - 2.Enhanced Grasscutting at Birkhill outside Millennium Hall/Bowling Club
  - 3.Liff Primary Larger Bin, Bus on Verges,
  - 4.Piperdam white lines - To be checked by supervisor
  - 5.Liff Road Benvie Road Signs- To be checked by supervisor
  - 6.Grit Bins - To be checked by supervisor
- Letters regarding
  - 1.Angus Council re Community Councillor Details
  - 2.Bus Services – 30,31 and 51
  - 3.Bi Annual Meeting
  - 4.Angus Council Consultation on – “Living Well in Later Life”
  - 5.Audit Scotland – “Reshaping Care for Older People”

## **ONGOING ISSUES**

### **• Community Planning**

- 1.**Communication group** - No report
- 2.**Transport Group** - The Chairman gave a brief report of the meeting held on 16 April which mentioned that Douglas Hill had been present to deal with roads issues and that we had an update on Bus Services particularly the 30, 31 and 51.

### **• Birkhill,**

- 1.**Primary School** - Parents are asked to be aware that indiscriminate parking is dangerous for the children.  
We have asked for a Risk Assessment for the Monifieth buses turning at the School
- 2.**Cemetery** - No update
- 3.**Park Drainage** - The grass area will be re instated when the climate allows
- 4.**Post Box Road Speed Restriction Consultation** – The provision of Roads Humps for traffic calming purposes has been proposed however the necessity and benefit of this course of action is being questioned by the residents

### **• Liff**

- 1.**Footpath** - The possibility of a Walk to School Route for Liff was well received
- 2.**Church Road** - We are to investigate whether we can have Mobile Speed Sign Poles erected here
- 3.**Woodside Road** – We are to ask if the verge can be cut to provide a footpath

### **• Fowlis, Village Green Adoption** - No further forward, awaiting information

### **• Piperdam, Core Path Gates** - The Sidlaw Paths Network is waiting on information, Paul Clark of Angus Council to investigate

### **• Angus Playpark Consultation** - a report is to be produced to inform Angus Council

### **• Fields in Trust** - Concern about ownership of Henderson Park, Liff, and Cllr Murray agreed to pursue the matter. Birkhill Park has been included in the submission for inclusion

### **• Library Van** - Floor on one van needs repair

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
**in the MILLENNIUM HALL BIRKHILL at 7-30 PM**