



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minute of meeting 3 November 2016 held at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill

1 Attendance: Alison French, Doug Neilson, Vince Taylor, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Helen Haut, Ciaran Haut, Cllr Hands and 5 members of the public.

2 Apologies: Cllr Fotheringham, Ken Johnston and Ruth Scanlan.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by Colin Hunter seconded by Vince Taylor.

4 Police matters: Constable Steve Wilson gave an update on Community Policing in our area and the possible closure of Muirhead police office. It's possible that the Police will hold surgeries in the area on a regular basis using the Millennium Hall or other convenient places after disposal of the office. Recently there have been two housebreakings in Auchterhouse and also in Tealing and a theft from the rear loading ramp of the Co-op in Birkhill. Residents in rural areas should ensure security of out buildings and houses is maintained and in these shorter days check that external security lighting and internal timed light switches are operational. A number of criminals drive round looking for houses that appear unoccupied and expect a number of people are out all day at work. Timed lights should come on in the early afternoon and neighbours, cctv cameras and security lights can all help to deter criminals. Road users are reminded to check their lights, tyres and vision and drive to the conditions now that colder temperatures prevail. Speeding and inconsiderate parking are still major issues in the area and road users are asked to drive courteously and safely on their journey and be aware of cyclist, bikers and other users.

5 Matters Arising:

- a) **Telephone Kiosk consultation:** The four telephone kiosks in our area were being considered for removal by BT due to lack of use and an option to adopt them for the community was available. The Community Council agreed the following action on the telephone kiosks:
- i) Fowlis be retained and adopted by Liff and Fowlis Village Hall.
 - ii) Coupar Angus Road, Muirhead be retained due to level of use and poor mobile phone coverage.
 - iii) That Church Road, Liff and Post Box Road, Birkhill may be removed due to lack of use.
- Secretary to notify Angus Council of the decision ACTION - Doug
- b) **Mobile Phone mast at Stoneygoves:** Ongoing
- c) **Henderson Park:** Ongoing
- d) **Osprey Road:** Colin and Doug gave an update on the collection of archived data in preparation for contacting Scottish Water. At this point a resident raise concerns regarding the lack of progress on adoption and intimated that they had been in contact with Scottish Water. It was agreed that the resident and the CC would share information and work together to try and get a prompt resolution to the adoption of Osprey Rise, Osprey Bank and part of Osprey Road. Ongoing - ACTION - Doug & Colin.
- e) **Fire hydrants at Piperdam:** A meeting took place between SFRS and the CC and Alison gave a report on the outcome of the meeting. The SFRS is to carry out an audit of the lodges and assess the risks and management of fire safety at the development. On the understanding that planning permission has been approved for additional lodges to be built there will be a further assessment of the fire fighting facilities available to the SFRS with the complex for fire fighting and prevention. ACTION - Doug
- The following item was discussed at this point as it followed on from e) above.**
- f) **Bio-mass Storage at Piperdam:** A deputation of residents from Muirloch attended the meeting concerned that the storage facility for wood chip bio-mass material, allowed under planning condition for the sole use of the owners of Piperdam, was being developed as a commercial unit with the installation of a weighbridge. No-one was aware of any planning application being lodged for a weighbridge or change of use. The residents had experience of large vehicles negotiating the tight access road to the facility and were concerned that the area, which is designed for leisure and tourism, is being turned into an industrial unit. The noise caused by the operation of the wood chipping machinery, at various hours

of the day, were also a cause for concern. In addition, following on from the issue at e) above (Fire hydrants), there was supposed to be a water tower installed as part of the approved plans for this facility, presumably in case of fire, however that has not been constructed. Sheila agreed to look into the matter and asked for further information from the residents. ACTION Cllr. Hands

- g) **Clinkerheel Park:** Ongoing ACTION - Doug
h) **A&J Stevens Homes:** An email from Residents Association explaining their role in maintaining the play park by the development and that they hired Dundee City Council to maintain it. Matter resolved.

6 Correspondence:

Emails: The following have been circulated to community councillors since the last meeting:

- 1) What's New x 4
- 2) Colin - First aid /Defibrilators
- 3) Police monthly report
- 4) Colin - Tealing CC re A90
- 5) Colin - Photos of Play park
- 6) E McLeod - re Local Priority meeting re-scheduling

Additional emails:

- a) SFRS - regarding meeting. This was arranged for 2nd November and Alison & Doug attended.
- b) J Ireland - Fowlis telephone kiosk. Fowlis Hall Committee are to adopt the kiosk by Fowlis Village Green.
- c) J Christison - Community policing. Julie is not our Community officer but conveyed our concerns.
- d) Jimmie Reid - Telephone mast. Sent him copy of details of proposal and map..
- e) Ken - inviting me to sign up for NEXTDOOR. I have not as yet signed up - discuss!
- f) L Hally - Closure of Benvie Road, Fowlis. Posted on Facebook.
- g) L Hally - Suggesting CC signs up OSMA through Ordnance Survey site; confirmed CC is signed up.
- h) C Boyle - Posters on bus shelters. Posters to be included in official bus shelter notice boards
- i) Stuart - resident query regarding weighbridge by Muirloch / Piperdam. Information at our meeting.
- j) S Austin - Food waste collection in certain rural areas withdrawn from 21 November - affected residents to be informed

By post:

- 1) Received details of new bus timetables for Brechin town service 34; Arboath - Dundee 39, 73, 73a; Arbroath, Ethiebeaton - Dundee 39; Strathcathro Hospital to Brechin, Friockheim, Arbroath 140 & 141.
- 2) HAGS - play ground equipment.

7 Finance: Colin had nothing to report this month.

8 Planning: Stuart reported one application had been submitted this month.

Ref 16/00796/FULL - A new house at 17 Sidlaw Terrace, Birkhill for Mr Devlin

9 Web site / Social Media: All up to date with 447 'Likes' - no action.

10 AOCB:

- a) Colin raised the issue of flooding in the playing field at the back of the Millennium Hall. Alan Allardice will deal with it once Colin has submitted photographs of the affect area. ACTION - Colin
- b) Sheila reported that Craig Hudson had looked at the junction of Liff Road and Coupar Angus Road, Muirhead and agreed that it is a problem. Ongoing
- c) The junction of Coupar Angus Road and Newtyle Road (by Adils) is also a difficult junction to negotiate. After discussion, Sheila agreed to raise the matter with the Roads Department. ACTION - Cllr Hands
- d) The issue of a portion of the funds raised by the garden waste subscription service being used to offset the cost of non-subscribers putting garden waste in with general landfill was raised. Some residents have two garden waste bins and therefore they are paying double while others are not subscribing at all. Sheila has agreed to investigate and report back regarding this. ACTION - Cllr Hands
- e) Dog fouling in Piperdam was raised by a concerned resident, however, it is a problem in other villages in the community. Dog fouling should be reported to Angus Council, **Accessline Tel. 03452 777778**
- f) Timing at the Pelican crossing at the Co-op was questioned - report to Angus Council, Accessline.
- g) Music festival in Camperdown Park - concern was raised regarding the impact of traffic on A923 during the festival. This is the responsibility of Dundee City Council and hopefully this has been considered.

Next meeting **Thursday 1st December, 2016 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill.**
Meeting closed at 9.00pm.