

**MUIRHEAD, BIRKHILL AND LIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Approved Minute of Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the Millennium Hall**

**ATTENDANCE**

Community Councillors –  
Stuart Phillips, Colin Hunter, Vince Taylor, Jim Moir, Doug Neilson.

Councillor Fotheringham, Councillor Hands, Cllr Hands Assistant Sandra Black

Apologies: Jimmie Reid, Ken Johnston, Alison French, Elaine Stewart, PC Sean Scanlon.

**MINUTE OF MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Adoption Proposed:** - Jim Moir

**Seconded:** - Stuart Phillips

**POLICE MATTERS**

The contents of a briefing from Police Scotland, provided by Sean Scanlon, were discussed at the meeting and the paper highlighted the following matters;

**Fraudulent Activities** – residents are warned to be aware of fraudulent activities in all its forms and remember ‘**if it is too good to be true it probably is**’. Other issues included **Wildlife Crime, Under-age Drinking, Rural Crime** such as theft from sheds, theft of diesel and theft of metal such as manhole covers, be vigilant.

Despite a downward trend recently, **Vandalism** still remains a problem in Angus and the effects of it can have a big impact on local communities.

**All the above can all be reported to Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.**

**Antisocial behaviour** is the main issue that affects communities in Angus and this includes dog fouling, littering, neighbour noise, youth annoyance as well as antisocial driving and loud vehicles.

This item should be reported to the **Accessline on 08452 777 778** and the Angus Safety team will deal with this in a robust manner.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- ◆ Dog Fouling – residents should report incidents to the Accessline and this is being recorded.
- ◆ Grass verges- the verges between the Millennium Hall and the A923 are to be maintained by Neighbourhood services and added to their work schedule.

**FOWLIS VILLAGE GREEN**

The Chairman gave an update on the latest position with regard to this item and it was agreed that the Community Council pursue a solution between Angus Council and the developers.

**BIRHILL PARK DRAINAGE** - This item is now satisfactorily completed.

**FIELDS IN TRUST**

Birkhill Public Park, at the Millennium Hall is now registered with Fields in Trust but Henderson Park in Liff is not in the scheme at present, this is possibly due to ownership issues.

**ROADS**

• After considerable time and effort by Councillors, Council Officials and Police the Community Council feel that they have achieved as much as they can regarding buses turning outside Birkhill PS. Buses for Monifeith High School pupils will continue to turn at the roundabout / junction. This has been approved and agreed by the Police and Angus Council officials stating ‘**Whilst the current arrangement is not ideal they consider the current arrangement as the safest option given the road layout in that locality.**’ The Community Council still has concerns regarding buses turning at the junction but accepts that they cannot take it further, however, it was agreed to publicise the final report on the Community Council notice boards, Facebook page and web site.

- V.A.S. no update on this at present
- Traffic calming at Piperdam – resident’s survey will be undertaken shortly for measures on Osprey Rd and an assessment of vehicle speed will be carried out on Piperdam Drive.
- Road Marking on Gourdie Brae now completed
- Road works on the A923 are ongoing and will be subject to a weeks break for holidays 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.

## **FINANCE**

The Treasurer informed the Council that accounts have been formally approved by Angus Council.

**PLANNING** – The following planning applications have been submitted during the last month:

- 1) Replacement of windows at Berryhill Farmhouse, Berryhill **Ref No 13/00756/LBC** (Listed building)
- 2) Extension to 141, Coupar Angus Road, Muirhead **Ref No 13/00826/FULL**
- 3) Alterations to Woodend Cottage, 29 Church Road, Liff **Ref No 13/00849/FULL**

In addition a session for Community Councillors has been arranged for Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013, which will be conducted by Planning Aid for Scotland, titled Community Engagement in the Planning Process. Community Councillors from Angus, Perth and Kinross are invited to attend to find out more about the planning system.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Towards a Litter-Free Scotland – the consultation on the draft **National Litter Strategy** finishes on 27<sup>th</sup> Sep.
- **Angus Funding News** - this publication, dated September 2013, was only circulated on 16<sup>th</sup> September to both our Secretary and Liz Begg of Community Planning. Whilst helpful to assist organisations with funding, the deadline for some of the funding applications cannot be met, which is totally unacceptable.
- Scottish Government’s **Climate Challenge Fund** – an Idea’s Bank welcomes project ideas from communities for carbon saving with funding available to bring the projects to fruition.
- Enterprise Ready Fund – this fund is open for applications; details at <http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/>
- Volunteering Support – financial support for a volunteering project or volunteering cluster details for both are available at <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/>
- Better Breaks – a workshop for preparing an application for a grant for Better Breaks will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the Angus Carers Centre, 3 Fishacre, Arbroath. Details at <http://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/>

## **COMMUNICATION**

Facebook – we now have over 90 likes and people, new to the area, have asked for assistance or advice.

Notice Boards – it was agreed that certain notice boards are for Community Council use only.

New National Express Bus Timetables for 30/31 & 51 are available with Community Council labels on them.

## **A O C B**

- 1 Bushes at Liff Primary School – Greenbelt have been asked to cut them back
- 2 Hear to Help Road Trip – will be with the Mobile Library in our area on 14<sup>th</sup> November (see notice)
- 3 Flooding Forum with SEPA took place in Strathmartine Primary School on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- 4 A Grand Green Idea – competition for green ideas submissions by 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- 5 Representation from residents in Piperdam regarding a ‘For Sale’ sign at the junction of Piperdam Drive and A923 – matter referred to planning enforcement officer in Angus Council for investigation.
- 6 As a number of ‘Ongoing Items’ had been achieved, it was agreed that only the following remain:

**Birkhill**            1 Cemetery  
                          2 Dronley Road Craizing

**Liff**                    1 Footpaths (Church Road & Woodside Road)

**Angus Council** Community Planning – Success for Sidlaw  
                          Play park consultation.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER in the MILLENNIUM HALL BIRK HILL at 7-30 PM**