

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st August 2019 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

Attendance: Alison French, Stuart Phillips, Colin Hunter, Vince Taylor, Ken Johnston, Cllr Whiteside, PC Gail Beattie and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Brian Smyth, Helen Haut, Cllr Hands, Cllr Fotheringham, Cllr Lawrie, Community Assistants.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (6/06/19)

Approved – Stuart Philips

Seconded – Vince Taylor

Police Report – Report presented by PC Beattie, which was in a new format. There is general non-location specific information which will be circulated once a month and local information which will be sent out just before each meeting. Incidents reported in the last 2 months are: 1 housebreaking with intent to steal, 1 fraud via paypal, 1 theft of a caravan and 1 theft of number plates

Matters Arising:

- Speed cameras – these have been moved to the Coupar Angus road and Newtyle road and will be moved again in September.
- Street Cleaning – **AF** to follow up.
- Notices for noticeboards and noticeboard at the Co-op – new mobile library timetables have been put on the noticeboards. Waiting for one more quote for Co-op noticeboard then **CA's** will approach the Co-op after previous discussion of the Co-op willing to sponsor this.
- New handbook from Angus Council handed out to attending community councillors. Remainder in the office drawer.
- Post Box in Liff – this will not be moved or an additional one placed in Liff.
- SSE substation at the Co-op – the path to the Roundie has been strimmed, but the fencing is still there. No timescale for completion.
- Access to Riverside Recycling Centre and Council Areas – conversations are still ongoing between the 2 Councils. Update needed before the next meeting.
- Schools for the Future – meetings resuming this month, so update expected at the next meeting.

Community Assistants Update

An overview of the last two months was handed out and a short discussion. The creation of a community website will be discussed at the next meeting when one of the Community Assistants will be present.

Park & Footpaths between Muirhead & Accordian Way/John Huband Drive – The Community Assistants have been working to support their application. No update from the residents association.

Bi-annual community council meeting – **AF** to follow up on PowerPoint slides and hard copies of Angus Council Plan.

Defibrillators – Training has taken place at Fowlis and the money has been handed over to Lundie.

Lundiemuir Plantation - Scottish Forestry have informed the Community Council that the broadleaf, roadside trees are to be left pending a report from an arboriculturalist, the Core Path on the East side is to be protected and that once completed the red squirrel survey will be made available to the Community Council.

Ongoing issues

- HGVs at Lundie – Still no update at present.
- Schools for the Future – No update.
- Men’s Shed – Work still being done on the Millennium Hall.
- Defibrillator at Lundie
- Pitnappie Cutting
- Lack of Secretary for the Community Council
- Speed limits at Liff Primary – No progress on this.
- Citizenship Award for Liff Primary School – This will be next summer so will be reviewed prior to this to make a decision how to progress.

Correspondence – As circulated.

Planning applications

1. 19/00284/full (4/6/2019) – Change of use from Agricultural land to garden ground to install treatment plant and foul/surface water soakaway at Plot 4, Westmarch Steading, Muirhead
2. 19/00421/full (18/06/2019) - Change of use to launderette (class 1) at Muirhead police station
3. 19/00465/full (17/06/2019) - Erection of a conservatory at 5 Kirk Road Fowlis
4. 19/00524/full (04/07/2019) - extension to north elevation & internal alterations - 1 Kirk Road Fowlis
5. 19/00492/full (09/07/2019) - Alterations to dwelling housed extension to raised platform at 32 John Huband Drive Birkhill

1 member of public attended to discuss the planning application at Benvie Road, Fowlis. This was a revised application after a number of objections to a previous plan. There have been big problems with flooding in this area. The Community Council have been advised that no application will be approved until the flooding issues have been resolved.

1 member of public attended to discuss the change of use application of the old Muirhead Police station. The neighbours are concerned about this application and have asked for support from the Community Council. The Community Council will seek views from the wider community.

Finance: Audited accounts have been sent to Angus Council

Web site / Social Media: 651 likes

Date of next meeting – AGM – 5th September 2019 7pm, Millennium Hall