

**Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council**  
Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7pm by Zoom

**Attendance:** Alison French, Stuart Phillips, Ken Johnston, Cllr Hands, Cllr Whiteside, Cllr Fotheringham, Former Community Assistants (JM and ES), and 5 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Colin Hunter, Allan Todd, Doug Neilson, Helen Haut, PC G Beattie.

**AF** welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those attending for the first time and who have expressed an interest in joining the CC.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting (6/02/20)**

**Approved** – Stuart Phillips

**Seconded** – Ken Johnson

**Police Report - Assessment period 01/06/20 –08/08/20**

- Rogue traders information – to be printed off and put on noticeboards and information posted on Facebook
- Pop up Jim/Police Cut Out has been used to discourage speeding in the area
- Report of vandalism on Dronley Road, iTunes scam and one drink diving incident during this time period

**Matters Arising:**

- Community Council Grant Consultation – the consultation period is now finished and the results have been circulated by Angus Council
- **AF** to confirm if we have an ICO number and if we need an annual certificate.
- Dog Fouling at Piperdam –**Cllr Whiteside** followed up on this and no current problems have been identified.
- Swallow roundabout – work was scheduled to start in April but no new date has been circulated
- HGV's at Lundie – **AF** confirmed that there is no weight limit for road in question.
- **AF** gave notice at the Feb meeting of an amendment to the standing orders to change the meetings to every 2 months. Notice is now given that this will be discussed at the AGM in Sept.
- Planning Application Piperdam – due to a conflict of interest for the Angus Councillors it was agreed to return to this topic at the end of the meeting, once other items of business had been dealt with and the Cllrs had left the meeting.
- A member of the public raised the issue that the park equipment in a housing estate in Liff needs renewing. **Cllr Fotheringham** to check the planning conditions of the play area and whether the developer is still responsible for upkeep. **AF** to send email addresses of CCs to RO, including that of AT of SVRA for advice on funding.

**Community Assistants Update**

The report circulated covered the last 5 months of the post while the CAs had been working from home. While work on some projects had to be paused due to the current lockdown, alternative projects such as a newsletter were completed. The CC wished to thank JM and ES for their hard work over the last two years. They would also like to thank the members of the Steering Group for their input in supervising the work of the CAs over this time.

**Covid Support Group for Local Area** – the work of this group has been supported by the CC. Donations to their Just Giving page are being held in the CC account. Over 250 contacts were made to the helpline for assistance with shopping and prescription deliveries. Any requests received from the VAA were also completed and assistance will continue while there is still a need.

**Speed limits at Liff**

20mph signs are being put up in Liff village for a trial period of 18 months. **Cllr Hands** is to clarify when this will commence and also how the scheme will be monitored and assessed after the trial period. Residents of Fowllis village have also expressed an interest in lowering the speed limit through their village and may be eligible to join this new scheme. The CC will keep this under review.

**VT** to investigate whether it is possible to move current speed cameras to other villages as a temporary measure.

**Correspondence:**

Relevant correspondence over the last six months has been circulated to CC members

**Finance** – The end of year accounts have been completed, circulated and will be presented at the AGM in Sept.

**Planning Applications General:**

- These have been circulated by **SP** to the CC over the last six months. There have been no contentious applications during this time.
- The application for 6 flats at the site of Muirhead garage had been refused again and an appeal was made to the Scottish Executive, this however has been returned to Angus Council for consideration.

**Web site/Social Media** – There has been an increase in Facebook followers to 866, which is a good proportion of the local residents.

**Planning Application Piperdam:**

Cllrs Hands, Fotheringham and Whiteside left the meeting so that this item could be discussed.

A planning application submitted for restaurant, café and farm shop at the site on the left hand side of the Coupar Angus Road just before the entrance to Piperdam. This has been available to view on Angus Planning portal and 234 comments have been left. Many of the comments in support of the plans are from those outwith the area. Residents in Piperdam have already held a meeting to discuss the proposal and there are mixed feelings about it. The CC must represent the views of the local people and so far there is a 50/50 split in opinion.

It was agreed, after discussion, to send a comment from the CC highlighting concerns re issues not currently resolved in the area and which will be exacerbated with further development, such as the water pressure and drainage, tree felling consultation and traffic problems/junction to main road. **SP** will draft a comment to cover these issues and once approved this will be submitted as a comment (not an objection) before the proposal is discussed further at the AC Planning Committee

**AOCB –**

**SP** had a query re the domestic recycling bins and where the contents go for recycling. **AF** to ask Cllrs for information on how much of the residents' rubbish gets recycled with in the UK.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**AGM on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm** – venue/zoom to be decided  
**AF** is to check the admission procedure for new members of the CC