

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th February 2020 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

Attendance: Alison French, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Cllr Hands, Cllr Whiteside Community Assistant (JM), and two members of the public.

Apologies: Helen Haut, Allan Todd, PC G Beattie.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (5/12/19)

Approved – Stuart Phillips

Seconded – Alison French

Police Report - Assessment period 03/12/19 –05/02/20

- SF&R attended a call to a layby where newspapers were set alight. No trace of any persons.
- There was one call of a racial nature that was detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration. No other calls of a criminal nature.
- There were calls received with regards to road traffic matters but again nothing involving criminality.
- There was one reported theft of a motor vehicle which was detected and resulted in additional road traffic crimes related to the incident.
- Rural speeding initiative continues as well as deploying the 'pop up bairns' around the local schools.
- Officers are actively targeting individuals who are driving noisy trail bikes and other such vehicles, wherever possible road traffic offences will be dealt with and ASBO's issued.
- Gail's 'blether with a bobby' sessions are to take place at the Millennium Hall on - Friday 14th Feb, Mon 24th Feb, Thu 12th March, Wed 25th March, Friday 10th April and Monday 27th April.

Speed limits at Piperdam & speeding at Liff

Residents raised concerns about the combination of a dangerous junction and speeding cars at the intersection of Woodside Road, Fowlis Road, Loch of Liff Road and Church Road. There are two issues, one from Fowlis side and one from Backmuir / Woodside Road, two walls were recently demolished by a car. **VT** to find out if CC speed cameras can be moved to Liff, unsure if this is feasible. Residents have been in contact with Craig Hudson, senior traffic engineer from Angus Council Roads Department and discussed buffers and rumble strips, Cllr Whiteside suggested rumble strips and painting 30 signs on the road may be possible. Hopefully this will be done immediately. The suggestion of a 40mph buffer was rejected but it may be possible to move the 30mph zone further out. Craig Hudson to follow up and take to the April Communities Committee meeting. No update on speed watch.

Matters Arising:

- Community Council Grant Consultation – Our CC response has been submitted. The consultation period has been extended. **AF** to confirm if we have an ICO number & if we need an annual certificate.
- Community Transport scheme – No progress.
- Sexual Entertainment Venues - no response submitted, but it is believed a licence will be required
- Participatory Budgeting – Small grants to be used in this area, advertised locally and on CC/SWAngus Facebook pages. People being encouraged to vote
- Winter maintenance – pavement clearing – No update.
- Dog Fouling – The street sweeper has been picking up, **Cllr Whiteside** to speak to dog warden as no update and Cllr Whiteside will also ensure that the Dog Warden receives any future complaints.
- Scrambler bikes – There has been an issue with males frightening people in Templeton woods and the Muirhead Stables / Dalgety Court area. **CH** to contact PC Beattie to check she has the witness information.
- Removal of podiatry service from Muirhead Medical Centre – People are having to go to Ardler and Lochee which is not convenient for everyone. **Cllr Whiteside** reported it was removed due to issue of space, patient transport may be an option. **JM** reported can set up a toe nail clipping service if there are volunteers.
- Picnic tables – Three picnic tables being delivered on Fri 28th Feb and installed on slabs once the ground is hard enough.
- CC website – **VT** to advertise the Participatory budgeting information.
- Access to Riverside Recycling Centre – Ongoing, no progress.
- Swallow roundabout – **AF** should be receiving updates, will pass on. Work scheduled to start April
- HGV's at Lundie – **AF** to follow up, will enquire if weight limit.

- SSE substation – Complete apart from a sign to the Roundie.
- Citizenship Award for Liff Primary School – Will be reviewed prior to the summer date.
- Lundialmuir Plantation – No update.

Community Assistants Update

The main projects at the moment are Participatory Budgeting bids, emergency resilience planning and the cinema club. A fresh appeal for volunteers for various groups has been circulated around all the noticeboards in the area and online.

Pavements in Liff – ongoing issue as many of the roads in Liff do not have pavements. Angus Council has been granted £191,000 by Transport Scotland from their Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) programme to support local projects over the coming year, residents encouraged to apply. Bill Batchelor, chairman of the Western Gateway Community Group has been liaising with Dundee City Council in regards to a safer route for school children. There are 107 pupils at the school and it is not safe to walk there especially with a 60mph speed limit sign at the school. A twenty's plenty sign would be welcomed at the school, **Cllr Hands** has emailed Ian Cochrane, Director of Infrastructure about the signs. **Cllr Whiteside** to contact Walter Scott from safer routes to also have a look. Resident in Liff to send Craig Hudson accident statistics. **SP** suggested moving street lights in order to prevent speeding as street lights depict a built up area which is 30mph. Piperdam speed limits to be followed up by **Cllr Hands**. **VT** to ask if Newtyle road camera can be turned to face the other way.

Sidlaw View Residents Association – Alan Todd now on the CC. Successful in a Paths for All Award for Grant Funding of £3,000 toward the relaying of the footpath with the provision that work is completed by 1st June 2020. SVRA are holding their Annual AGM 20 February 2020.

Waiting Restriction Order – No waiting at any time order to come into force around Liff School, Coupar Angus Road at School Wynd and on Quarry Road, Muirhead. **SP** been in contact with Daniel Monroe to discuss a driveway for 1 of the affected properties. CC couldn't support the objection submitted by one member of the public, due to access required for emergency vehicles.

Correspondence:

1. STPR2 Online survey (now closed)
2. National Planning Framework 4 – 2 emails
3. SSEN Transmission Business Plan to deliver a Network for Net Zero
4. A Public Health Strategy for NHS Tayside
5. CC Training Schedule
6. VAA & What's New list & roadworks

Planning applications:

- 19/00926/full (06/01/2020) - proposed upgrade to existing house annex to form a new first floor at Ledyatt Cottage Lundie
- 19/00842/PPPL Proposed erection of detached house in garden ground (renewal) at 8 Osprey View Piperdam.
- 20/000064/Full extension to dwelling house at 14 Loch of Liff Road, Liff.
- 19/00976/full conversion of attic to form bedroom and erection of wooden fence at 134 Coupar Angus Road Birkhill.

Finance – No report.

Web site / Social Media – Nothing to report.

AOCB – AF gave notice that at the next meeting an amendment to the standing orders will be discussed to change the meetings to every 2 months.

Date of Next Meeting Muirhead and Birkhill Millennium Hall, Thursday 2nd April at 7pm