

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th April 2022 via Zoom

Attendance: Alison French, Stuart Phillips, Ken Johnston, Stuart Grubb , Colin Hunter, Cllr Whiteside, Cllr Hands and 3 members of the public

Apologies: Allan Todd

Minutes of Previous Meeting (3/2/22)

Proposed – Ken Johnston

Seconded – Stuart Philips

Police Report – Police report circulated to CC members – 68 calls to the police & 6 crimes reported in our area. This month's campaign is about hate crime.

Website update

Angus Council have provided a £500 grant for the CC to enhance community council meetings and to help engagement in our area. We have signed up to transfer our website to a new provider and will use the funding for this. We have updated the site which will now be more accessible for everyone. It was agreed to go live with the new site.

Actions: AF to get site live

SG & SP to think about planning page

Free Period Angus

Angus Council have provided each CC a grant of £200 to help towards promoting the Free Period Angus campaign. We will discuss further how to promote this and have requested any further advertising information from Angus Council.

Actions: All to think about how to promote this

AF to pass info to Cllr Whiteside

Winter Resilience

Angus Council hosted a webinar on winter servicing and the community. They are looking to identify routes, communities, volunteers, and storage areas and then determine the funding available. Resources available may include grit bins, spreaders etc. Any volunteers will be covered under Angus Council insurance.

Actions: SG and a member of the public have offered to take this forward

Traffic in Muirhead and School parking

There has been an onsite meeting with AC regarding speeding in Muirhead and AC have proposed an island on the carriageway leaving Muirhead on the Coupar Angus Road. The CC are unsure whether this will help but members of the public and CC members have agreed we should take up the offer and then review if it makes a difference.

Action: KJ to contact AC to take this option forward

Parking at Birkhill Primary: Still an issue, suggestion was discussed about having a no stopping zone around the school.

Action: SP to discuss no stopping zone with AC

Parking on Coupar Angus road at chemist and area round the junction / shop: New parking legislation will mean there will be no parking allowed directly outside the chemist.

Parking at Liff Primary: The new exclusion zone will only apply to the triangle outside the school so may make parking on Church Road worse. We will review how this goes.

Actions: SG to take photos on Church Road and AF to pass to Community Policing

Ongoing Issues:

- Liff PS citizenship award – CH to follow
- Liff PS stone caterpillar – CH has engaged with the school – a pupil will be leading on this and we will provide some support

Correspondence:

Litter in our Area

The CC received a letter commenting on the amount of litter in the Roundy area. It was raised that this is a general problem in the area including the local woods. A member of the public is going to contact the local schools regarding the problem in Backmuir Woods. It was agreed that the CC will provide litter picking equipment and try to encourage groups to use it.

Actions: Member of public to contact schools regarding litter issue
CH to investigate litter pickers
AF to respond to letter regarding the Roundie

Place Based Investment

Information from AC regarding this but only 3 weeks to apply. It would be good to have training from AC regarding this fund which needs to be specific for rural communities. May be something Success for Sidlaw group can pick up.

Action: AF to contact AC

1. Letter about the Roundie
2. Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations
3. Scotland's census 2022
4. Power of Youth 2022 funding
5. Planning update
6. Angus Village & towns Community Led Hall grant Fund
7. Community council: 2021 / 2022 Rural & Island CCs Support
8. Angus Council Winter Resilience
9. Angus Living Life Well Engagement
10. Participation Request National Event
11. Angus Council Winter Resilience - Aid to Communities Grant 2022
12. Copy of Consultation document for Murdo Fraser's Members' Bill on Fly-tipping
13. Tay Cities Park & Choose Strategy – Public Consultation
14. Community Planning – Free Period Products
15. SEN various emails
16. Additional Support for projects
17. Update on Village and Town Hall Fund and the Power of Youth Fund
18. Western Gateway community meeting update
19. Reuse of Land & Buildings - Take Part in Our Survey
20. SEN encourages applications for its £1m Resilient Communities Fund
21. Angus Community Resilience
22. Place Based Investment Fund 2022 Launch
23. VAA & What's New list

Finance: Money from the PB funding is ongoing

Planning applications:

We have been notified regarding a pre-planning application for 90 houses and a farm shop between the Coupar Angus and Newtyle Roads and from the Newtyle Road down to Backmuir of Liff. It was agreed to put this information on the noticeboard at Adils and on facebook.

- 21/00998/full (16/02/2022) Extensions to house (alterations to approval 20/00704/full) at The Old Quarry Road, Muirhead
- 22/00073/FULL (24/02/2022) Erection of Dwelling House (Change of House Type) at Plot 2 Wester Balruddery

Social media: Discussion about website noted above

AOCB:

There are local council elections before the next Community Council meeting and the CC would like to express our thanks for all the hard work and support provided by Councillors Hands, Whiteside and Fotheringham over the past 5 years.

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 2nd June 7pm. Location to be confirmed depending on current COVID restrictions