

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st of October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

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

Apologies: PC Beattie, Cllr Hands

Minutes of Previous Meeting (3/9/20)

Approved – Stuart Phillips

Seconded – Colin Hunter

Police Report – 06/08/20 to 01/10/20

The Contact Assessment Model (CAM) is a new way of managing all 101 and 999 calls to the Police. Every contact from the public is THRIVE assessed; calls are considered in respect of the level of Threat, Harm, Risk, Investigative opportunity and Vulnerability, through Engagement with each caller and the level of Police response identified according to immediate need.

Police dealt with 25 calls within the Birkhill, Muirhead and Liff community council area during the above period.

These covered a variety of different types of incident as follows:-

10 Road Traffic matters; 6 incidents of disturbance/antisocial behaviour; 2 Alarm activations; 1 Fraud; 2 Suspicious persons; 1 neighbours dispute ; 3 '999' pocket dials

Crimes noted:

1 Threatening and abusive behaviour; 1 attempted fraud; 1 Careless Driving

AF is to query the increase in phone contacts and get clarification of the new way of reporting.

Actions from Previous Meeting/Matters Arising:

- **AF** confirmed that we do not have an ICO number. **AF** to check with Angus Council whether we need to be registered. KJ reported that we were registered before. Old laptop to be checked for further information.
- Update re park equipment in Liff – Green Belt group has been contacted and they gave assurances that the park equipment is to be refurbished next year. CC to keep under review.
- Speed limit changes in Liff start Mon 28th Sept for 18 months. One of the speed signs is wrong (Woodside Road) it has a 20mph sign on post and 30mph painted on the road. The area around Liff School has not been completed and this is causing confusion. Angus Council is in charge of carrying out this work including the roads that are in the Dundee catchment area. Some signs are being obscured by tree branches. **AF** to contact council re tree maintenance and problems with signage above. Fowlis village is to be also zoned as 20mph but there is no definite date for this. **AF** to check possible start date.
- Concerns re parking on Dronley Road, around Birkhill Primary School, have been raised by residents. There are various issues including congestion due to school traffic as well as traffic cones left on the road at the grass area all day. Issues are worse since construction started in the school. **Cllr Whiteside** to contact the head teacher for her input. **AF** to set up a meeting outside the school with PC Beattie and CC to assess the problem.
- Email from the Local Government and Communities Committee of the Scottish Parliament – survey re experiences on asset transfers and participation requests. There has been no direct involvement by the CC but there is some among local community groups. **AF** to check whether to pass on survey for them to complete.
- Caterpillars at Birkhill and Liff Primary schools – Liff primary school has been contacted and is working on preserving the stones. Birkhill Primary school contacted but no reply to request. **Cllr Whiteside** will raise matter with the school when in contact re parking problems.

Ongoing Issues:

- Picnic tables – These have been installed and the CC would like to thank Stuart Phillips; Donal Langlands; Ron Clark for the digger; and George the blacksmith in Fowlis for their hard work. **AF** will put the photos on Facebook. The tables were paid for through charrette money: £1000 for seats, £200 from CC; £300 for slabs, sand etc. **CH** to organise a sign to disabled table from car park.
- One of our community councillors, Vince Taylor, has resigned. The CC would like to extend their thanks to him for all his hard work while on the CC for over 10 years. He was instrumental in getting the CC website set up. **AF** to ensure that the website log in details and password are passed on. The SWAngus email address is to be removed from website as soon as possible as it is causing confusion. A review of the administrators for the CC

Facebook page is to be carried out. The community information collated by the Community Assistants is still to be added to the CC website.

- Biomass Shed Access – A crossing over the mains gas pipeline was to be installed 2 years ago, work was to be completed after 2 months. Cllr Fotheringham checked and was told that there were “no site visits due to Corona virus”. **Cllr Whiteside** to follow up.
- Access to Riverside Recycling Area for Angus residents – ongoing issue – update expected soon.
- Citizenship award for Liff Primary school – ongoing
- Dykes of Gray at the Western Gateway – Work on Swallow roundabout not started. No work on primary school either. Residents association have Facebook group and are pursuing the above.

Planning:

Application for woodland planting at Woodland Hill at Lundie Farm. **CH** to check if this will be linked up with any core paths in the area.

Two story extension to 25 John Huband Drive.

Correspondence:

- SSE webinar for North East and East Coast
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – Home Fire Safety Visit Checker – online self-assessment survey identifies high risk homes.
AF to put link on CC Facebook page.
- Rest of correspondence has been circulated since last meeting

Finance: PB money - £1,500 for each of community café and cinema in CC account. Deadline pushed back for spending until Feb 2021. No sign of PB scheme for this year.

Social media: There are now 882 followers.

AOCB:

AT gave update re Sidlaw View Residents Association - SVRA owns the footpath between Accordion Way and Young Avenue. It is frequently used by members of both communities (Birkhill and Muirhead) and is a main safe route to and from Birkhill Primary School. SVRA have been successful in raising £3,500 from Paths for All and £17,076 from Viridor Credits, an Environmental Company to repair the footpath. They have now £27,000 of the total cost of £34,152. This leaves approximately 32 metres of footpath to complete the project and efforts to attract funding for this will continue. Work will commence April 2021 owing to the Contractor’s work commitments and the approach of winter.

Cllr Whiteside to see if Spaces for People can fund the shortfall.

SP has been contacted with complaint that spaces are not available at Birkhill Nursery school for local residents. Availability is limited due to increase in hours available however the resident should contact Cllr Whiteside directly for her to investigate.

KJ asked for consideration to be given to changing the evening for CC meetings so that others can attend. He also raised problems with cars being parked on the pavement at the Chemist and parking issues at the Laundry in Muirhead. There is a traffic enforcement notice at doctor’s surgery on Liff Road. **AF** to contact PC Beattie re parking issues and to follow up re notification and complaints procedure re traffic enforcement notice.

Cllr Whiteside – There is Town Centre funding available for simple projects in rural areas. She will talk to KJ and AT re possible projects.

Date of Next Meeting

3rd Dec at 7pm – venue to be decided after review of restrictions at that time.