

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minutes of Meeting held on 5th April 2018 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

Attendance: Colin Hunter (acting Chairperson), Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Ken Johnston, Linda Clink and Cllr Whiteside

Apologies: Doug Neilson, Alison French, Helen Haut, Cllr Hands & Cllr Fotheringham.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved – Ken Johnston

Seconded – Stuart Phillips

Police Report – March report circulated. Nothing of note to report.

Matters Arising:

- Charrette next steps – No further update. Alternatives for A923 junction at Muirhead and any other feedback or requests for Roads department to be discussed at next CC meeting in May.
- The Charrette 'Quick Wins' funded projects - Update – just over £25k has been allocated.
 1. Speed signs – Two speed signs with solar packs and data capture for our area were reported ordered by Angus Council. Roads department are to erect, maintain and move them on a basis to be agreed with the CC. The two installed speed signs in Birkhill and Muirhead have been removed. **Action** : Vince to contact Roads for update and proposal
 2. Sidlaw Path Network – 5000 leaflets were printed and 12 dispensers purchased. Colin distributed copies to the meeting and has contacted Communities team regarding out of area distribution of the leaflets to libraries, library buses, sports centres. **Action** : Colin
 3. Development worker. Agreement between Angus Council and CC has been signed. Draft advert awaited from Angus Council for review and will be circulated to CC with job description etc once received. **Action** : Colin
 4. Acoustic panels for the Millennium Hall – Stuart presented chosen panel details and supplier (Rosewood Acoustics) price of £5k to supply and fit panels around the top wall areas in the Hall in four colours chosen by Hall representatives. Supplier indicated he wanted a deposit if four colours chosen rather than one. **Action** – Stuart to contact supplier regarding deposit, fire retardant guarantee and quantification of attenuation and echo reduction, and will forward suggestion to inform Hall's insurers of plans.
 5. Outdoor table and benches for the Millennium Hall. Ken indicated a range of prices from local company who supplied the bowling club depending on size and style. Colin had done other research. **Action** – Colin and Ken to follow up with possible visit to view.
- Mens Shed – A notice has been posted in the Co-op regarding the next meeting in April. The CC has not been provided with any information for the facebook page as previously. **Action** : Vince to contact Donald McNeill at Angus Council Communities for update.
- Post Box road post box - Vince is awaiting a response from Cllr Fotheringham confirming regarding exact location of new post box. Homeowner indicated he wished to purchase the old wall mounted box if it was available.
- Footpath clearances (snow) – Cllr Whiteside advised she and Cllr Hands spoke against the Council's proposal to stop service in our area in order to fund savings but continue service in main and coastal towns. Ian Cochrane is to attend their group meeting. No update / response from Angus Council to CC's letter provided. Cllr Whiteside advised she would be pursuing the issue the next time it was presented to a full Council meeting.

Correspondence:

1. Roadworks, Smiddy Brae, Fowlis
2. SFRS - CPR And Defibrillator Training
3. Liff Primary school request for support

4. Success for Sidlaw Transport sub-group - Colin advised of change of name to just "Sidlaw" sub-group and the increased scope of the group to encompass any matter concerning Sidlaw
5. Angus Autism Strategy Group survey
6. Tourism Business Briefing
7. VAA bulletins, Angus Funding news & Whats New list - Cllr Hands emailed Victoria Gibbons regarding information irrelevant to the Angus area being included in Angus news, and forwarded email copy to Colin. The WREN funding from landfill projects noted and is source for Development Worker to pursue.

Planning applications

1. 18/00121/full - Alterations and change of use to flexible business unit, Hearse House Liff Parish Church
2. 18/00148/full - Extension to Dwelling house, 4 Piperdam Drive
3. 18/00119/lbc - For Internal and external alterations to building and alterations to boundary wall, Hearse House Liff Parish Church
4. 17/00924/full – Noted change of access proposed by applicant to winery and house development from Benvie Road via Muirloch Farm/cottages road instead of direct from Benvie Road.
5. 16/00987/full - Noted Feb 2018 Roads dept email to Planning removing requirements for visibility splays to A923 at Check Bar road and passing places on Check Bar road re access to the proposed biomass production facility as road/gate is under control of applicant.

Finance: Audit is due for the end of the financial year accounts. **Action :** Colin to arrange.

Web site / Social Media: We now have 553 Facebook likes. A request was received from a business to link its facebook page to the CC facebook page. It was agreed the current position should remain that the CC website and facebook page should not promote any political or commercial organisation. **Action :** Vince to contact the business concerned. Colin and Vince to update the website and facebook page with list of the 'Quick Win' funded projects.

AOCB:

- A scrambler bike was driven on the grass near Birkhill PS then did wheelie down the road when children were present. **Action :** Stuart to inform PC Beattie and confirm police investigation.
- The island at the east side of the junction at Birkhill Inn has been removed in spite of its usefulness as a refuge place for pedestrians to cross the Coupar Angus Road and deterrent effect to stop over-taking near the two junctions . **Action :** Vince to contact Roads dept managers to discuss its return.

Ongoing Issues

- Henderson Park - Alison & Colin - ongoing
- Osprey Road Adoption – ongoing. Remedial works had been carried out, but there were still items on the Council's remedial list to be completed. Linda alerted Kirkwood Homes and Angus Council to a couple of failures in the works, and also requested if daffodils could be planted in the north side grass verges of Osprey Road that has been cleared and prepared for grass seeding.
- Water and Sewerage remedial works at Piperdam – ongoing. Low water pressure still being experienced by residents. Scottish Water has been investigating.

Date of next meeting – 3rd May 2018