

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Approved Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd May 2018 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

Attendance: Alison French, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Vince Taylor, Linda Clink, Cllr Hands, Cllr Whiteside, Sgt Neil Pryde (Tayside Police), Jill Boni (Angus Council Communities Officer), Donald McNeill (Angus Council Communities-Sidlaw Men's Shed), 2 members of public representing Sidlaw Men's Shed.
Apologies: Helen Haut, Doug Neilson, Cllr Fotheringham.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Cllr Hands requested amendment ref her action in item 7 as she had followed the matter up and forwarded an email copy to Colin Hunter. The minutes with Cllr Hands amendment was

Approved – Stuart Phillips

Seconded – Colin Hunter

Police Report – April report circulated. Sgt Pryde attending introduced himself. Cover for the area currently from PCs Scott Anderson and Barry Taylor (Kirriemuir) and Sgt Mickey Crichton. PC Beattie's local drop in surgeries will continue with Sgt Pryde. Sgt Pryde provided reassurance on 3 reported assaults, enquiries ongoing regarding youths on dirt bikes and landowner's consent is required for their use on private land. Speeding continues to be an issue and is being addressed by Traffic Police. CC noted traffic survey at east end of Birkhill of vehicles in and out of Dundee carried out. **Action** : Sgt Pryde to amend CC contact email address to Alison's email as previous change notifications not successful. Sgt Pryde provided his email address to the Chair (neil.pryde@scotland.pnn.police.uk). He confirmed decision to close Muirhead police station and answered questions on Trauma Teddies initiative recently launched by Tayside Police. **Action** : Vince to put link for Trauma Teddies + knitting pattern on MBLCC facebook.

Matters Arising:

- Sidlaw Men's Shed – Donald McNeill, and 2 members of the Men's Shed gave update on progress to date. Fortnightly meetings to be held in Birkhill Bowling Club – 1st AGM on 11 May. Constitution developed, search for premises or land for shed/shipping container ongoing. CC's help sought in publicising meetings, ideas generation, contacts and funding. **Action** : Donald to email Vince AGM poster in .jpg or word file to upload to MBLCC facebook page. Shed representatives to send summary of amount of funds sought from CC and its planned use/purpose to Alison. Men's Shed representatives left the meeting.
- Jill Boni introduced herself, her role and remit including to support council house tenants, community council and village hall committees, promote pride in place, and establish volunteering in the area in part to replace Council services withdrawn or reduced. Jill illustrated work with Pride in Place awards, Sidlaw Path Network, Monifeith Ecoforce, Canine Capers & Green Dog Walkers. Jill assured CC she would not be focused solely on Monifeith & Carnoustie. Donald McNeill to continue as lead support for Mens Shed. Jill unavailable Sept 2017 to Jan 2018 except for 10 'keeping in touch' days. **Actions:** Colin to send Jill copy of Village Hall handbook for info and asked it be updated. Jill to look at insurance for volunteers.
- Charrette next steps – Alternatives for A923 junction at Muirhead and other feedback/requests for Roads dept not discussed. **Action** : Jill asked to establish when Charrette report will be published and revert.
- The Charrette 'Quick Wins' funded projects
 1. Speed signs – The two speed signs have not been installed yet. Vince had circulated response from Roads dept indicating scheduling still to be agreed with its contractor, and sought views on response. Cllr Hands and Linda confirmed understanding the two speed signs are to be installed in Muirhead/Birkhill then circulated around CC area. **Action** : Vince to contact Roads to confirm dates and installation in MBLCC area highlighting Police report that speeding remains an issue.
 2. Sidlaw Path Network – We have 12 dispensers, they have been installed where required. Colin has also distributed leaflets to Mobile Library, Development Standards Committee at its 24 April meeting and Locality meeting.
 3. Development worker. Angus Council has changed job title to Communities Assistant to fit its grading structure. Colin reported person specification for job advert looks acceptable, but job spec is not specific to CC area and our needs. **Action** : Jill to discuss job spec with her manager, Elaine Glennie, provide summary and job & person specs developed so far to Colin (by email)
 4. Acoustic panels for Millennium Hall – Installed and paid. Favourable comments received from hall users. Colin/Stuart to try to 'roller out' dents from balls. **Action** : Stuart&Colin to draft advisory

note for hall users re impact of balls and £50 per panel replacement cost, and ask for foam balls to be used inside hall to reduce risk of damage. CC may have to fund purchase of foam balls.

5. Outdoor table and benches for the Millennium Hall. List of suppliers compiled and prices from one received. **Action** – Colin and Ken to continue with research and visits.

- Post Box road post box – A post box was installed on the east side of Post Box Road.

Correspondence:

1. Muirhead Men's Shed [SEP]
2. Pride in Place [SEP]
3. Quicks wins update [SEP]
4. Parking consultation – open until 8th May [SEP]
5. Traffic island – Birkhill [SEP]
6. Roadworks – Kirk Road, Fowlis [SEP]
7. Footpath clearing [SEP]
8. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) [SEP] New regulations come into force on 25 May 2018. Disappointment expressed that no information or support for CCs from Angus Council received yet. Edinburgh City Council has published 12 page online guidance note indicating CC must register with Information Commissioners Office, and separate email addresses for CC business should be used. **Action** : Alison & Cllr Whiteside to contact Angus Council requesting GDPR guidance & training.
9. VAA bulletins & What's New list. New format of VAA bulletin significantly increased in size to 1Mb noted and content still mostly out of area information.

Planning applications

1. 18/00227/PPPL – Representations re development of farm steading to create 4 new houses, renovation of existing steading to form a 5th house and new access road, Ledyatt Farm, Lundie
2. 18/00254/FULL - Erection of dwelling house, Plot 4 Westmarch steading Muirhead [SEP]
3. 18/00135/CLU - Extension to north elevation, 3 Warren Place, Birkhill [SEP]
4. Binns Farm solar farm – location and size (49MW across 100 hectare site) briefly discussed. Public meeting expected early June in Fowlis Village Hall. **Action** : CC to try to attend meeting. Establish if any community benefit funding forthcoming (Note - Planning ref 17/00979/EIASCR)
5. 17/00924/FULL – Noted 2 residents made representations objecting to changed access route to winery and house proposed via Muirloch Farm road. Linda made representation correcting Roads comment that there were no accidents recorded on the A923 at the Fowlis junction in last 5 years.
6. 16/00987/FULL - Brief report of Development Standards Committee meeting on 24 April given. Noted planning application conditionally approved. Additional planning condition regarding National Grid gas pipeline given to Committee members only at meeting, not read out or given to those attending. No agreement to change location of weighbridge to west side or amendment for fixed time limit on installation of boundary fence, passing places on Check Bar road, or road repairs.

- Survey received from Angus Council on views on your experience with planning dept and process
- Cllr Hands highlighted reasonable steps CC should take to demonstrate it fulfilled its role in planning process as statutory consultee including publicising and holding meetings on planning applications.

Finance: Bank statements received. Audit due for end of the financial year accounts. **Action** : Colin

Web site / Social Media: We now have 560 Facebook likes.

AOCB:

- Angus Council Roads advised the traffic island removed from near the Birkhill Inn is in Dundee City Council's remit. **Action** : Vince to contact Dundee City Council to request its return.
- Pedestrian Crossings – Birkhill/Muirhead – has the timings or crossings been upgraded ?
- Schools Consultation – Sidlaw plan not being considered, Cllr Whiteside trying to get it included.
- Piperdam Noticeboard – Maintenance required+£20 to purchase locks & tape to secure window.
- Advertisement for CC Secretary – **Action** : Alison

Ongoing Issues

- Henderson Park - Alison & Colin - ongoing
- Osprey Road, Osprey Rise and Osprey Bank Adoption - ongoing. Heading towards completion.
- Water and Sewerage remedial works at Piperdam – ongoing. Low water pressures reported.

Date of next meeting – 7th June 2018