

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th April 2019 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

Attendance: Alison French, Stuart Phillips, Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Helen Haut, Brian Smyth, Cllr Whiteside, PC G Beattie, Community Assistant (ES), plus one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Hands, Cllr Fotheringham.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (7/02/19)

Approved - Brian Smyth

Seconded – Helen Haut

Police Report – All house holders on the main roads of Birkhill and Muirhead have had a letter informing them that a sticker will be placed on their bin as part of the Bin Speed Campaign. **GB** to check that all types of bins will have stickers so that stickers will be visible on more than one day a week and also whether the CC can request more areas to be included in the scheme.

Crimes reported since Jan – Break-in at Muirhead shop; two speeding tickets and theft of gates from a farm.

Matters Arising:

- Speed cameras – no update from **VT**.
- Street Cleaning – new shift pattern starts on Mon 8th as well as strike action - **AF** to ask for clarification from Angus Council with regards to expected work pattern in our area.
- Pitnappie Cutting – some progress but wait for more information.
- Noticeboards –variable info available – topic sheets to go up - **CAs** to print more at half size.
- Single contact email address for CC – this may not be working as there was no response from VT to test email - **AF** to wait for reply from **VT** before contacting Angus Council.
- Notices re CA activities – **CAs** to check all outlying noticeboards every 2 months
- Handbook from Angus Council – **CAs/AF** to follow up
- Speed Watch – no volunteer names via Facebook – scheme not likely to go ahead.
- Sidlaw Men’s Shed – see under Social Media.
- Post Box in Liff- no update from **VT**
- KJ suggested that the yellow lines on the Western approaches to the village should be extended. KJ also reported that the VAS on the Coupar Angus Road not always working and is possibly triggered by departing traffic. **BS** to contact Angus Council on our behalf.

Community Assistants Update

An overview of the different projects the CAs are working on was discussed. The CA Facebook page CommunitiesSouthWestAngus to be promoted.

Binn Solar PV development - The plan to install a Solar Farm was withdrawn due to environmental unsuitability.

School for the Future

Consultation will be carried out by Angus Council over the coming months - more info at:

https://www.angus.gov.uk/schools_and_young_people/angus_schools_for_the_future/monifieth_cluster_proposals/monifieth_cluster . There will be two evenings at Birkhill Primary School; Tuesday 23rd April and Wed 8th May. These dates to be publicized widely by CC and residents encouraged to participate.

Liff School Speed limits and signage

Meeting held at Liff Primary School with Angus Area Traffic Co-ordination Group reps. Nothing to be done on Angus maintained road. Issues passed to Dundee City Council through Police Rep PC McEwan.

HGVs at Lundie - No update at present.

Joint Community Council Meeting

Joint CC and Angus Council meeting on Thurs May 16th – call for items for the agenda. KJ will attend, others to check closer to the date. Two items were agreed and will be submitted for the agenda:

1. Use of Dundee Recycling Centres and
2. Two tier service; urban vs rural access to services.

Use of Dundee Recycling Centres

The issue of residents not being able to use Dundee recycling Centres was raised. Discussions are taking place to allow residents near the boundaries to use Dundee facilities. Letters have gone out to permit holders that they can no longer use Riverside or Baldovie but this applies to all Angus residents. Nearest Angus recycling centre is Monifieth but there is no general waste allowed there anymore. To access landfill waste Angus residents would have to travel to Arbroath or Forfar.

BS raised the question of whether it would be better to change the boundary and for the Muirhead, Birkhill, Liff CC area to be part of Dundee especially in light of the increase in development at the Western Gateway. Residents are unhappy at the level of services in the area and the lack of progress on an agreement to access the recycling centres in Dundee.

A letter will be sent from the CC to Stuart Ball (at AC) outlining the issues and urging both Dundee and Angus Councils to come up with a solution to sort out the problem.

FROG - CAs to review

Citizenship Award for Liff Primary School – Agreed to sponsor an award. ES to make further enquiries with head teacher re type of award and the possibility of it being eco- friendly.

Ongoing Issues

- Sports Award – Robin Shields won certificate for football and Pippa Ready won certificate for netball.
- Men's Shed- have signed lease with hall, planning permission submitted.
- Henderson park – no update – take off agenda
- Defibrillators - There is a delay in getting the cabinet for the defibrillator at Fowlis. The lack of reliable phone signal is hampering progress at Lundie.

Correspondence – as circulated

Planning Applications

1. 19/00078/full (31/01/2019) - Proposed demolition of an existing building and construction of a replacement steel portal framed grain store. Lundie Castle Farmhouse
2. 19/00116/full (15/02/2019) - Single storey extension to the rear elevation to form utility room 230 Cupar Angus Road Muirhead
3. 19/00150/full (27/02/2019) - Proposed single storey extension to existing house to form an open plan kitchen / living space. 8 The Glebe Liff.
4. 129/00194/clu (13/03/2019) - Single storey rear extension to private dwelling at 13 Kirk Road Fowlis
5. 19/00202/full (18/03/2019) - Installation of broadband cabinet at Smiddy Brae Fowlis
6. 19/00212/clu (21/03/2019) - Alterations and extension to form new Garden room extension. - 3 Young Avenue Birkhill
7. 19/00207/full – Alterations to Millennium Hall Birkhill to form men's shed.

The changes to the Development Standards Committee at AC were raised. Five individual objections are no longer eligible for review and have to be material objections. **SP** to get clarification on this.

Web site / Social Media – Both need updating to reflect current issues.

Finance

Men's Shed received £500 for First Aid training

The insurance is to be paid and the annual audit to be done. Bank details requested by AC for BACS.

Dog Fouling - Main issue at Piperdam is dog roaming. Some fouling problems at Muirhead as well.

AOCB

- Resident suggests reinstating bollard at Sidlaw Terrace – put as ongoing issue until more information is gathered.

Date of Next Meeting Muirhead and Birkhill Millennium Hall, Thursday 6th June at 7pm