

# AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING No 233

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 20 February 2007

<b>Present:</b>	Linda Cockram, Joanne Elwin, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts
<b>Apologies:</b>	Gavin Christie, Gwen Louden.
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Cllr Frank Ellis, Bob Ness and Ashley Kennedy CLDS. Plus 4 members of the public.
<b>Chair:</b>	Joanne Elwin

### 233.1. Chairman's Comments.

Joanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 233.2. Minutes of Meeting No 232

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were approved.

### 233.3. Matters Arising

#### a). Traffic Survey

There has been a string of accidents recently on the B954 at the Cotton.

Today a site meeting was held between the Tayside Police, the Council and Cllr. Ellis to further assess the problem faced by motorists at that "black spot". Frank reported that they feel (as a result of speed monitoring) that speed is not the only cause of accidents and that the road surface is a major problem in certain weather conditions. Improvements, including anti-skid strips, will be considered. They agree that something has to be done but neither further signs nor a speed restriction are the answer.

The footpath to the Avenue is still not satisfactory. It needs clearing back to the dry stone wall with bushes/tree branches pruned. **Frank** will take up the matter with the Roads dept...

#### b). Core Paths

Euan Grewar has done a splendid job of opening up the old railway line running north from North Dronley. This section is part of Dronley and Eastfield farms and is now easily walked up to the road-end. Euan has also installed wicket gates at either end of the northern side of his field beside the old railway line allowing people to walk from Dronley Wood car park to and from the old railway line

In addition to this he has agreed to create a footpath from the southern section of the old railway line at the boundary of Templeton and Dronley farms up to Dronley Wood, where the Forestry Commission have agreed to open up the wall and install a gate.

These paths will only be open to pedestrians and therefore will not, strictly, be core paths.

Discussions re the right of way from Sunnyblink to the main road at Bonnyton are ongoing.

#### c). Website

Duncan Kennedy welcomes comments from anyone viewing our website at [www.auchterhouse.com](http://www.auchterhouse.com)

### 233.4. Planning Applications

**a). Bonnyton** The application for 4 houses at Bonnyton farm has been withdrawn.

**b). North Dronley/Hosie Park** Outline for 18 houses. A letter of objection has been submitted by Linda. There was further discussion on this application which was even more unsatisfactory than the first application (for 14 houses) submitted 6 months ago. The meeting was reminded of the conclusion of the Reporter hearing the objections to the Angus Local Plan Review (August 2006): *"I also agree with the council that, given the drainage constraints of the area which still remain to be resolved, the site remains non-effective for the time being at least and should not therefore be allocated for housing development within the local plan review"*.

**c). Old Whisky Road** Outline for 1 house in garden of "Four Winds". There was strong objection to this application, which would alter the character and density of houses in the area. It was

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noted that, a few years ago, a similar application had been submitted (and refused) for a neighbouring house on the same street. A letter of objection has been submitted.

**d). Balkello.** Extension to Blairhall house. There was no objection.

### 233.5. Correspondence Received

#### a). Angus Council

- **Chief Exec.** Request for advice on “Doors Open Day” in Angus, see [www.angus.go.uk/doorsopen](http://www.angus.go.uk/doorsopen). It was agreed that both the Church and Old Mansion House (including tower) might be considered. **Garry** would approach the respective people to get their agreement
- **Corp. Planning & Human Resources:** Enclosing minute of Bi-annual meeting with community councils on 12 Dec 06. There have been requests to attend training sessions. These would be passed to the Council.
- **Infrastructure Services** Notifying us of withdrawal of application for houses at Bonnyton.
- **Corp Services** (Law & Admin): Enclosing the draft Statement of Principles under Gaming Act 2005
- **From Cllr Frank Ellis:** Letter re Paths in the Avenue. See 233.2. above.
- **Neighbourhood Services.** Notifying us of Angus Housing Forum to be held 21 February in Next Generation, Ethiebeaton Park, Monifieth at 9.00am. This had been received too late to give adequate notice.
- **External Funding Manager.** Emailed to invite us to organise an event during Roots Festival to be held 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September.

#### b) OTHERS

- **Tayside & Central Scotland Transport Partnership:** Public consultation on Regional Transport Policy. **Linda** agreed to study this policy document and report back at the next meeting.

### 233.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £1379.28.

### 233.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Linda reported on the seminar she attended on 14<sup>th</sup> February on the National Planning Framework, which she found interesting.
- b) The Focus on Alcohol Promotional DVD (sent last month by **action on drugs + alcohol Angus**) was shown.

### 233.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7.30pm**