

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF 2012 AGM

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 18 October 2012 at 7.00pm

Present:	Grant Anderson, Shiona Baird, John Forster, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Gavin Christie, Linda Cockram, Clive Sayers,
In Attendance:	Cllr Craig Fotheringham; PC Steve Wilson; 2 members of the public
Chair:	Shiona Baird

Chairman's Comments.

Shiona welcomed everyone to the AGM.

1. **Talk by Heather Turnbull.** Heather gave a short talk on the work of the Angus Independent Advocacy and the project she is working on. The advocacy works with adults who may have:- learning difficulties; mental illness; dementia or frailty and need someone to speak up for them. People who could be helped by them can get information by email at enquiries@angusindadvocacy.org or tel: 01241 434413

2. Minute of AGM 18 October 2011

The minute of last years AGM was approved

3. Annual Reports

- **Chair.** Shiona's written report is attached
- **Secretary** The secretary's written report is attached.
- **Planning Contact** Linda's written report is attached.
- The financial report for the period from Oct 2010 to end Mar 2012 was made by John in April. This has now been audited and submitted to Angus Council.
The bank balance was £1550.86.with nil cash-in-hand.

4. Appointments

All office bearers were re-appointed.

1. **CHAIRPERSON** Shiona Baird.
2. **SECRETARY** Garry Stewart
3. **TREASURER** John Forster
4. **PLANNING CONTACT** Linda Cockram

5. Membership

In the revised constitution for community councils our membership has been reduced to 8, but 3 youth members can be elected to our council.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Date of next Meeting

This would be held on Thursday 17 October 2013.

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Chair's Report for Auchterhouse Community Council 2011 – 2012

The Community Council has completed another year covering a wide range of issues which have been brought to our attention for discussion and decision. Several of the issues have been contentious but I hope it will be agreed that we dealt with them with fairness, objectivity and openness.

Whilst mainly a Hall issue, the request by some members of the community to have the prop shed removed, was taken on board by the Community Council. It impacted on the wider community when it became a wider parking issue involving parking at the school. The consensus was that the need for the removal of the prop shed was not demonstrated and Angus Council eventually agreed with this view. The parking outside the school gates has improved with the more considerate parking of cars, for which we thank those dropping off and collecting pupils. Latterly however concern has been expressed by residents at the inconsiderate parking across driveways by drivers when attending village or hall activities. This was deplored and the Hall Committee is addressing the problem.

The flooding at Funny Neuk up the Brae and its impact on residents downstream has taxed the Council for many years but concerted action by a few stalwarts appears to have at last had the desired effect of a dry path (well relatively) and an acceptable flow of water in the burn which eventually arrives in the lower village.

The Community Council kept a close eye on the developing Tayplan, Tactrans and the Strategic Transport Projects Review, the latter particularly as it could have a considerable impact on our community if the proposed Dundee bypass is taken forward.

As a statutory consultee, the Community Council has an important role in the determination of local planning applications. Some recent applications have caused some members of the Council to query the current approach. As a statutory consultee and a key group in ensuring local democracy, this is one of the most crucial roles of the Community Council. This debate will continue into the next year.

We are pleased to welcome Cllr Sheila Hands to our meetings, following her election to Angus Council and already we are forging a good working relationship with her. We are also pleased to welcome our new Community Police Liaison Office - PC Steve Wilson who is already showing a keen interest in ensuring good community relations.

As always, very warm thanks are extended to our indefatigable secretary Garry Stewart who takes on any task requested of him. We owe Linda Cockram a huge debt of gratitude in her role as Planning Officer for the Council. Her grasp of planning issues and her determination to ensure the Council is fully informed on planning matters is quite remarkable. Our thanks also to John Forster for ensuring the ACC books are kept up to date and in good order.

Grateful thanks are extended to the other members of the Community Council who attend and contribute so well in meetings.

Finally, a big thank you is offered to the various members of the public who join us in our meetings, bringing their own knowledge and expertise to bear on the issues of the day.

Shiona Baird (Chair)

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SECRETARY'S REPORT for the year October 2011 to September 2012.

There were 9 meetings during the year, held in October, November, January, February, March, April, May, June and September.

Attendance at meetings was: -

Members	Attended	%	Members	Attended	%
Grant Anderson	4	67	John Forster	6	67
Shiona Baird	8	89	Clive Sayers	2	22
Gavin Christie	3	33	Helen Smith	7	78
Linda Cockram	6	67	Garry Stewart	9	100

Meetings were switched from the 3rd Tuesday to the 3rd Thursday of the month in March.

Topics of Discussion and Action through the year: -

Hill Water Supply The banks of the burn were improved to prevent the loss of water in the flow to Old Whisky Road but no action taken to get the burn cleaned out. The supply has been maintained throughout the year but can vary from "just enough" to "far too much" causing flooding. In heavy rain the burn picks up surface water making control of the flow very difficult.

Police Report PC Steve Wilson was appointed community police officer in April in place of Sheena Melvin. Monthly reports from Tayside Police Angus have kept everyone informed on local issues.

Traffic Matters. Car parking on the main street at the start and end of the school day remains a concern. There are no plans for any change. If the development of the field adjacent to the school gets planning consent a school car park will be incorporated in it.

The 138 & 139 bus services (operated by National Express since June) now run to the city centre and use the roundabout at the end of Braeside to turn around. The Council and operator have noted the concern residents, living on the Brae and at Braeside, have for the bus travelling through their area and are monitoring the service closely.

Hall Prop Shed There was much discussion with the Council on the safety of children using the lane to the school. As there was no perceived increased risk to children caused by it the proposed removal of the prop shed was dropped.

TACTRAN/STPR TACTRAN has been concentrating mainly on rail improvements to services from Perth northwards and eastwards. A new station at Invergowrie is planned. The STPR still lists the Dundee north bypass although it has low priority and is unlikely to happen in the next 20 years.

TAYplan The TAYplan Strategic Development Plan has been issued after lengthy consultation. We took part in this and submitted a wide range of comments.

Angus Local Development Plan. The much delayed draft plan has been presented to Councillors. Its circulation is imminent.

Planning Applications. There was full discussion on the 10 applications submitted this year, - see Planning Contact's Report. The applicant for the West mains wind turbine has agreed to give financial benefit to the community (annually £330 once the turbine is up and running)

Recycling Kerbside recycling has been postponed while the Council trial new equipment and processes. If successful a new wheelie bin to take all recyclable waste will be issued to households.

Argus & Web site Bob Bruce has continued his sterling work in editing and publishing the ARGUS news sheet and updating our website with minutes and ARGUS. Many thank Bob. Most of the society pages on the website have now been updated.

G H Stewart, Secretary

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Planning Applications Oct 2011 - Oct 2012 – Planning Contact's Report
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10 planning applications have been made in the past year for the Auchterhouse area.

2 of these have been for wind turbines – one has been approved, one is still pending.

5 were for internal or external house alterations (including alterations to the local boarding kennels) – 4 of these were approved, the last is still pending.

There was 1 application to demolish a cottage and rebuild which was approved. We queried some building work which took place before planning approval but the planning application for the site was approved shortly afterwards.

1 application, for an air source heat pump, was approved.

An application for change of use of agricultural land to garden ground is still pending. The Community Council formally commented on this application.

The application for permanent siting of a mobile home in a resident's garden as a residence was appealed to the Court of Session this year. A further report decided that the caravan could not be used as a dwelling. The final decision, made in August after over two years of deliberation, is that the law allows the mobile home to be placed in the garden but only for purposes ancillary to the use of the house, not as a dwelling. The mobile home was removed and replaced in the garden to comply with the enforcement order to remove it.

The Community Council has formally responded to 1 of these applications this year on behalf of the community and also sent comments to the DPEA regarding the mobile home appeal. Also in relation to the mobile home appeal, the Community Council further commented to the DPEA and to Angus Council about elements of the appeal process which we felt were unhelpful or did not facilitate appropriate contribution to the process. We are making further comment on two of these issues.

Linda Cockram