

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 237

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 19 June 2007

Present:	Linda Cockram, Joanne Elwin, Keith Faulder, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts,
Apologies:	Kim Miller, Cllr Frank Ellis.
In Attendance:	Cllr John Whyte, Gwen Louden + 3 members of public
Chair:	Joanne Elwin

237.1. Chairman's Comments.

Joanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

237.2. Minutes of Meeting No 235

The minute of the last meeting, which had been circulated, was approved.

237.3. Matters Arising

a). Traffic Matters

The anti-skid strips on the road at the Cotton have now been installed.

Tipper lorries going to and from the Braeside site are endangering people in the village as well as damaging pavements and verges. Action to avoid having these lorries pass one another in the village will be sought. **Gwen** will follow this up especially to determine if alternative routes can be used.

b). Core Paths

Newtyle Path Network group are now working on the development of the old railway line, as a core path, from Newtyle to Couston road.

Euan Grewar has completed the path from Dronley Wood car park to the old railway line at North Dronley and installed gates and signposts. The council expressed its thanks to him for this beneficial initiative, which will avoid walking on the road between the wood and North Dronley.

c). TACTRAN

John updated the council on transport issues and informed us that the final TACTRAN report is on their website. He is a member of TACTRAN and has attended his first meeting with them.

The sheer cost of a bypass to the north of Dundee will make it a non starter and in any event it will be opposed by Angus Council.

He will update us on developments as they happen.

d). Purchase of Chairs

It was agreed that the cost (£250) of 80 chairs purchased recently would be met by the council.

e). Drilling for Sandstone

Linda explained that the Forestry Commission had received a request from Dalglish Associates for permission to drill in Dronley Wood for sandstone. A similar request has been received by Euan Grewar, Dronley Farm. If good quality stone is found the prospect of quarrying has to be faced. There would be strong opposition to this (in the wood) because of its effect on wildlife there and the amenity the wood provides for many people. ACWAG have been promised involvement in any discussions/negotiations between Dalglish Assoc. and the Forestry Commission.

f). Police Matters

Vandalism is raising its head again with damage to cars and graffiti writing on road signs being reported to the police. The public is asked to report any incidents without delay.

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237.4. Planning Applications

- a). There has been no development with existing applications.
- b). An application has been made for a garage and an extension to a house at Whitehillfaulds. There were no objections.

237.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Infrastructure Services: Notifying us of the move of the Planning Dept from St James's House to the Council Buildings.

b) OTHERS

- **Angus Local Access Forum:** Forwarding the agenda for the annual meeting of the Forum (held on 14th June).
- **Tayside Police:** The secretary has had a telephone conversation with Insp John Tasker concerning the outstanding report from the Work Foundation and an explanation of police priorities for the area. It was agreed to invite John to our September meeting to discuss this and any matters concerning us.

237.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £1,475.63. Payments of £270 are being processed.

237.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a). Joanne has received literature from "Focus on Alcohol " Angus, including its Evaluation Report on consultations held in the last 2 years. From this the necessary further action to reduce the impact of alcohol abuse in Angus would be identified and actioned.
- b). There was further discussion on the danger to children from traffic in the school lane and around the hall. It was felt that restrictions should be enforced on using the lane, especially at beginning and end of the school day, by drivers of large vehicles. The practice, which some parents have adopted, of driving up to the hall with their children is **dangerous** as it involves reversing into the hall area where there can be other children hidden from the driver's view. The secretary will discuss this with the head teacher in order to determine the facts and get improvements made including the repair of the road surface.
- c).ACTIVE has plans in place to start the Tennis Court project (in the SW corner of the glebe field) in the autumn. Graham Leese explained that the work will be carried out in 2 phases and when completed would include a considerable amount of tree planting. There is a shortfall of about £3,000, in the £41,000 funding necessary, so donations are still most welcome.

237.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 18 September 2007 at 7.30pm