

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 241

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 15 January 2008

Present:	Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, Clive Sayers, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts,
Apologies:	Gavin Christie, Joanne Elwin, Cllr Frank Ellis, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller, Bob Ness, Gwen Louden
In Attendance:	Cllr John Whyte and 2 members of the public
Chair:	Garry Stewart

241.1. Chairman's Comments.

Garry acted as chairman in Joanne's absence and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

241.2. Minutes of Meeting No 240

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

241.3. Matters Arising

a). Traffic Matters

Angus Council's review of speed limits on B and C class roads is still awaited.

There is strong demand for a speed restriction from Kirkton to the Road-end and on the B954 from The Cotton to The Countryside Sports entrance. It was agreed that we should continue to push for this.

b). Core Paths

There were no new developments in our area.

The Sidlaw Path Network is hopeful of a grant towards major improvement to the old railway line (Rosemill to N Dronley). It was agreed that the Network should be requested to extend their network through Auchterhouse to link up with Newtyle. John Brush (Chairman of the Network) agreed to follow this up.

c). Toilet Block

An application to the Communities Priorities Fund has been made seeking funding to modernise and winterise the building, so that it can be kept open all year and not shut in the winter months as it is now. A response is expected by the end of January.

c). Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

Angus Council's working party is now set up.

Angus Council have agreed to send out all information on this (including working party minutes) by email so that each member could receive a copy.

d) Tennis Court

There has been no decision by Angus C on the request by ACTIVE to install a tennis court on the playfield. If the Council agree, ACTIVE will hold a public meeting to explain their plan.

241.4. Planning Applications

a). Applications for an extension to Oakwood Cottage, Balbeuchley and for alterations to one of the planned houses at Braeside have been received. There were no objections.

Linda reported that the Council planning website now contains all the details of applications again, - after a short period when information had to be removed for fear of infringing on data protection.

241.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

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Chief Exec's Dept:

- Forwarding the Agenda for Bi-annual Meeting with CC'c. to be held on 12 Dec.
- Angus Council Annual Report & Accounts is at www.angus.gov.uk/annual-reports/default
- Training for community councillors, - Running meetings & Taking Minutes session will be held at 7.00pm on Wed 23 Jan in Angus House, Forfar.

Infrastructure Services, Planning

- With a request for volunteers to facilitate and run Ecoteams. Leaflets were given out and more information will be sought.
- Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance: Traditional Farm Steadings. **Shiona** agreed to study the contents.

b) OTHERS

Waterwatch Scotland:

Their North East Panel request comments or complaints in respect of the water industry in Scotland.

Tayside Fire & Rescue Board

Forwarding their Consultation Document "Towards a Safer Tayside". Comments by 11 Feb 2008. **Linda** and **Shiona** agreed to study the document and complete the questionnaire.

Scottish Government

Linda has received consultation documents on the National Planning Framework for Scotland and will make a response. She has an invitation to attend a seminar on the subject.

The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (APRS)

Forwarding their newsletter (a bi-annual).

241.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £1,108.59.

241.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a). John Brush explained his need to invest in more equipment for his weather station and the need for some financial support to meet this and other costs. Sources of funding are being investigated.
- b). Gritting on Dronley Road and Bonnyton road was about 3 days late at the time of the first snowfall. **Cllr Whyte** agreed to follow this up with the Council.
- c). Several manholes on the sewer running through Greenford farm are in need of repair. Scottish Water will be informed.

241.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 19 February 2008 at 7.30pm