

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 243

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 18 March 2008

Present:	Gavin Christie, Linda Cockram, Keith Faulder, Clive Sayers, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts,
Apologies:	Shiona Baird, Joanne Elwin, Kim Miller, Cllr John Whyte
In Attendance:	Bob Ness, Gwen Louden and 1 member of the public
Chair:	Garry Stewart

243.1. Chairman's Comments.

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

243.2. Minutes of Meeting No 242

Delete reported on and insert responded to in 242.4. g). With this amendment the minute of the last meeting, which had been circulated, was approved.

243.3. Matters Arising

a). Traffic Matters

Angus Council's review of speed limits on B and C class roads is expected this month. Concern continues to be expressed over parking and severe congestion the village at start and end of the school day. There is no obvious way to improve this; drivers are asked to be patient and courteous.

b). Core Paths

There were no new developments in our area.

Sidlaw Path Network wishes to have a representative of our area to attend their next meeting and discuss the inclusion of Auchterhouse in their area. Garry agreed to attend.

c). Toilet Block

The application for a grant has been successful. A plan for the improvement work will be drawn up with the Head of Community Services.

d). Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

The minute of the last meeting of the joint working group is available at <http://www.angus.gov.uk/commcouncil/Review2008/jointwrkgrp.cfm#Minutes> and information on the national review is at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CommunityCouncils/ComCounWrkGrp>

e) Police Matters.

Gwen Louden reported to the meeting. The main topics were:

The practice of youngsters using local fields to ride their motor cycles/quad bikes was a concern to the Police especially if they do not have the owners consent. Liability, in the event of an accident, may lie with the owner. Also, these young riders will be breaking the law by taking their bikes on a public road (even pushing the bike). If caught they risk having their vehicle seized. There are supervised circuits in the area, which can be used for this pastime without running unnecessary risks and annoying neighbours locally. Garry and Gwen will look into erecting warning signs.

A single non Emergency Number to ring for Police attendance from anywhere in Tayside will be introduced this month. This will free 999 calls for use in situations involving risk to life or a crime in progress.

Complaints of Youths Causing Annoyance (YCA's) are on the increase. People are requested to think carefully when reporting incidents, - are the youths doing anything other than playing? If they are acting in an anti-social manner they should be reported on 01307 302200.

Acts of vandalism tend to increase at this time of the year. Be vigilant and protect property. Report any acts to the police on 01307 302200.

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Police have powers to seize vehicles driven by a person who does not hold a licence or valid insurance. The public are encouraged to report such drivers on Crimestoppers 0800 555111.

243.4. Planning Applications

- a). An application for an extension to Balbeuchley cottage has been lodged. There was no objection.
- b) Bob Black explained the background to his request for a house (for a member of his family) in the ground of Newlandhead. The current extension to his house was originally a separate dwelling and his plan would be to restore and improve on it substantially. This would need a new application being submitted to the Development Office with full background information.

243.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec's Dept:

We are notified that our application for a grant for the toilet block was successful.

Law and Administration

Enclosing the latest minutes of the CC Review work party, - webpage sent out in separate email

Finance

Community council insurance scheme and bill for premium, - £75.48.

Infrastructure

The old Bus Shelter at Road-end needs repair but is no longer the responsibility of the Council. If we want it as a shelter the community must ensure its upkeep. It was agreed to meet the cost of necessary repair. Mrs McLeod, Burnhead Cottage, is willing to continue to keep it clean and tidy (and supply flowers and foliage around it), for which she is sincerely thanked.

b) OTHERS

Scottish Government

The Government encourages community councils to register for electronic updates to the Planning Modernisation work now in progress. Consultation papers have been published and comments are welcomed. Linda has agreed to register on our behalf to receive these updates

Forestry Commission

Consultation on F C Scotland's Draft Climate Change Action Plan, - see www.forestry.gov.uk/ccapscotland.

SEPA

Giving us an invitation to attend a Seminar in Perth on 1st April on SEPA's Thermal Treatment Criteria

243.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £1,111.25. A rent rebate of £72 has been requested.

243.7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

243.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 15 April 2008 at 7.30pm