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| AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING No 244 |
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HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 15 April 2008

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

244.1. Chairman's Comments.

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

244.2. Minutes of Meeting No 243

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

243.1. Matters Arising

a) Police Matters.

Gwen Loudon reported to the meeting that as the Police in Angus are heavily involved in 2 major inquiries no Public Consultation Document has been produced this month.

Speed on the Brae is a major concern especially at the beginning and end of the work day. Also the state of the verges is terrible leaving walkers no where to get off the road except into mud. Action to reinstate these and to monitor speed will be taken up with Angus Council. **Gwen** will follow up enforcement of the speed limit with Tayside Police.

b). Traffic Matters

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

b). Core Paths

There were no new developments in our area.

c). Toilet Block

Garry will attend the site visit to be held by Environmental Health, to draw up a list of work to be carried out by a contractor,

d). Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

The joint working group met on Monday 14th to discuss CC boundaries and the duties and responsibilities of CC Councillors. Minute of the meeting will be made available in due course.

e). Bus Service 6 & 6A

The subsidised Strathmartine bus service is being reviewed by the Council in the light of the number of passengers using it. It was felt that it is a very important service for those who need to use it to get to Dundee and for whom the long walk to the Road-end (for the Strathtay bus) is not an option. **Garry** will contact the Council Transport Manager to stress this and discuss other options.

f) TACTRAN

Linda reported on information given to her by Cllr. John Whyte:

- The Scottish Government is to stop funding TACTRAN but continues to value the work they (and other Transport bodies) carry out in developing Regional Transport Strategies. Funding must now come from the local authorities involved. However Angus Council have indicated they will not contribute to this.
- TACTRAN's strategy document has still not been finalised to the Scottish Government's liking.
- The Kingsway bypass (through Angus) to link the Forfar road to the Dundee- Perth road is still an option in their strategy for the future!

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243.2. Planning Applications

a). An application for an extension to "Four winds", Old Whisky Road has been lodged. There was no objection.

b). **CC Councillor's response to planning applications.** Usually we are given 2 weeks notice in which to respond to a planning application, which invariably means discussion at a council meeting can not be carried out before the response is submitted to Angus Development Control. It was agreed that the procedure to be followed in making a response would be:

- Linda will circulate (by email) application details of location/site/plans and her advise on approval or otherwise, when considering compliance with Local Development Plan and Structure Plan Housing Policy, for councillor's comments. Note Linda may consider a response to be unnecessary.
- Comments must be returned to Linda by her deadline, so that she can draft a letter to the Council. No return will mean no comment.
- Linda will email each councillor with the final letter.

243.3. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec's Dept:

- Request for a meeting from manager of Focus on Alcohol Angus. Lee Haxton will be contacted to arrange a meeting, - suggest next CC meeting on 19 May.
- Advising us that next Bi-annual meeting with CC's would be on 11 June.
- Requirements of Data Protection Act on CC's. It was agreed to ask for a briefing on the impact of DPA on councils.
- Handouts from Training sessions held in January.

b) OTHERS

Angus Access Panel

- Invitation to apply for The Rod McFarlane award.
- Notification of their AGM on 5 June.

ASCC

Invitation to join their Association. No thanks.

Postwatch and The Rights of Way and Access Society

Copies of their newsletters were received.

243.4. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £1,036.28. Rent reimbursement of £72 is awaited.

243.5. OTHER BUSINESS

None

243.6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 19 May 2008 at 7.30pm