

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING No 252

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 17 March 2009 at 7.30pm

Present:	Shiona Baird, Gavin Christie, Linda Cockram, Clive Sayers, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Joanne Elwin, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller, and Adam Watts; Bob Ness, Cllr John Whyte,
In Attendance:	PC Ian Thow
Chair:	Shiona Baird

252.1. Chairman's Comments.

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

252.2. Minutes of Meeting No 251

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

252.3. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters.

PC Thow gave his report: Householders are warned to be on their guard against bogus callers. All bona fide tradesmen should have I.D. If suspicious of any caller, do not let them in and call Tayside Police on 0300 11 2222.

Be cautious and think twice before accepting cold calls for alarm systems, - police only approve SSAIB and NSI accredited alarms. Advice is available from Trading Standards Service on 01241 435 600.

Report any poaching (a deer has been shot in Dronley Wood, where guns are forbidden) and hare coursing, which is illegal.

Beware of counterfeit money.

b). Car Park.

No progress has been made to find an acceptable site at the road end. Comments from the public and any good suggestions would be most welcome.

c). Traffic Matters

Another speed survey has been carried out and found similar speed patterns to the last survey (in 2006). It is unlikely that any speed restriction will be applied.

The result of the re-appraisal, by the Council, of possible improvements to the bus stop and also of the number of children catching buses here and crossing the road is not yet known. A reply from the Head of Roads is awaited.

Our MP and MSPs have given their support.

d). Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

The draft scheme from the Council is still awaited.

e). TACTRAN

No further development has been reported.

f) STPR (Strategic Transport Project Review)

Efforts to get the proposed Dundee Northern Relief Road removed from the STPR list of possible future projects continue. Cllr John Whyte plans to raise the topic at the Angus Council meeting on 26th March with a clear request for the Council to demand the removal of the project forthwith. It is hoped our other councillors will fully support him.

Linda has e-mailed all the MSPs and MP for this area to seek support for objecting to this

Shiona has had a letter, in which she condemns the Dundee Bypass project, published in the Courier, - no response received yet.

g) Balkello Woodland

A further update was given on developments.

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252.4. Planning Applications

An application has been made to erect a 55m wind turbine on Scots ton Hill. This would provide up to 850KW of power. There was no objection.

An appeal has been lodged against the Council's refusal to give consent to a new house at Old Balkello.

252.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec's Dept:
Nothing

Infrastructure Services, Planning & Transport

- Notifying us that the Angus Local Plan Review has been adopted.
- Forwarding a CD with copy of Review and notice of adoption. **Linda** would request a hard copy.

Infrastructure Services, Environmental & Consumer Protection Section

- With details of Keep Scotland Beautiful's National Spring Clean website, see www.springclean.keepsotlandbeautiful.org

Members Sevices, John Whyte

John emailed with a copy of a letter from C Hudson (Roads) re B954 speed survey, and also to inform us that he will propose a motion on 26 March that the Council should rule out the Dundee Bypass, see 252.3.f) above.

b) OTHERS

Alison McInnes MSP

Letter supporting our demand for B954 speed restriction.

Jim McGovern MP

Letters supporting our demand for B954 speed restriction.

ASCC

- Invitation to nominate a member to represent Angus on their association. There was no taker.
- Advertising an open meeting in Aberdeen on 16 May at 10 am.

252.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £ 1328.96.

252.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The road salt bins on the Brae are empty. **Garry** would again request refilling.
- b) The abandoned cockerel found at Rose Cottage has been found a new home in Abernyte.
- c) There is concern about the control of horses on Old Railway Track. **Garry** will raise this at the next Sidlaw Path Network meeting.

252.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 21 April 2009 at 7.30pm