

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 253

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 21 April 2009 at 7.30pm

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

253.1. Chairman's Comments.

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

She paid tribute to Angus Councillor Frank Ellis, who died on 7th April, after a long illness. Frank had been our councillor in the Sidlaw ward since reorganisation of local government in 1996 (and as a regional councillor before that). He was highly respected and worked tirelessly to represent our concerns to Council achieving many improvements.

253.2. Minutes of Meeting No 252

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

253.3. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters.

There was no report available

b). Car Park at the Road-end.

The lane running from near the wooden bus shelter towards the old railway line is private property on which parking is forbidden, - road signs to this effect have been erected.

c). Traffic Matters

The Head of Roads has written to give the results of the revised speed survey on the B954 at Burnhead. Over a 7 day period in February the survey showed: average speed was 37.4 mph; 85% of traffic travelled at less than 45.7 mph (and 95% less than 49.4 mph); speeds were slightly less between 8 am and 9 am. He concludes that a speed restriction to 40 mph is not justified.

He has considered the resiting of the bus stop, which is used by 19 secondary children travelling to Monifieth HS, Websters HS, Dundee HS and other Dundee schools but considers the benefits do not justify the projected cost of ≈ £32,000.

It was agreed that we should invite the Head of Roads to our June meeting. For this it is most important that there will be a very good turn out of the public especially from the Road-end area.

It was also noted that the Government have announced measures to allow Councils to introduce speed limits in rural areas more easily including a possible 50 mph limit on all rural B and C roads.

d). Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

The model scheme has been issued from the Government working party and is available at website www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CommunityCouncils. Angus Council has still to formally adopt this along with the model constitution, standing orders and code of conduct, but plan to do so in May.

e). TACTRAN

No further development has been reported.

f) STPR (Strategic Transport Project Review)

Angus Councillors were unanimous in backing Cllr John Whyte's motion to demand the removal of the bypass project from the STPR list of projects forthwith and to support the project of upgrading the roundabouts and associated junctions on the A90 Kingsway as the viable and preferred option.

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Linda has received letters in reply to her e-mails, to all the MSPs and MP for this area, from MSP's Welsh, McInnes and Glen. They have noted our concerns and given assurances that our comments will be considered by Transport Scotland and that we will have further opportunity to comment if the project survives to a full public consultation.

g) Balkello Woodland

A further update was given on developments.

253.4. Planning Applications

The appeal, against Angus Council's refusal to give consent to a new house at Old Balkello is in hand and a reporter visited the site today, 21st April. Unfortunately the appellant did not allow anyone from our council onto the site to attend the visit.

Applications for air source heat pumps at 5 and 7 Braeside have been submitted. There were no objections.

The owner of Lintrathen cottage explained his attempts to get permission to replace his house with a new house. The house can only be a 1½ storey building and must fit with the neighbouring houses. Angus planners have asked him to consider an innovative design which he believes would not be in keeping with adjacent houses. He wishes to build one in a traditional style. **Linda** agreed to contact the planner to clarify the matter.

253.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec's Dept:

- Bi-annual meeting with CC's on 10 June. Decision on attendance would be made next month.
- Forwarding Draft Single Outcome Agreement for Angus 2009-12. Comments on their SOA's can be submitted anytime and we will consider this next month
- Involving communities, - a public event in community? Angus Council support for a public event would be discussed with Rachel Green, eg. setting up a council stand on sports day?

Infrastructure Services, Roads

Reply from Head of Roads on B954 Speed Limit Demand, - see 253.3.c) above

Infrastructure Services, Transport Team

Updates of Bus Timetables etc. have been received. A file with all current bus timetables for Angus is in possession of the secretary, who will seek a home for it in the Hall.

Members Services, John Whyte

John emailed to give his apologies. He mentioned the Government paper on safer driving on our roads and the suggestion that a speed restriction of at least 50 mph in villages could be applied by Councils.

b) OTHERS

Alison McInnes MSP

Letter accepting Angus C. response to B954 Speed Limit Demand.

Angus Open AccessPanel

- Invitation to attend their AGM on 4 June in Forfar Academy at 7pm.
- Information on Rod McFarlane Award.

Angus Outreach Project

Introducing a new partnership to tackle sexual abuse. **Linda** will investigate further.

BMA Scotland

Forwarding consultation document on General Practice in Scotland. **Linda** agreed to study this.

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ASCC

Forwarding the Model Docs for Community Councils, viz. The Scheme; Constitution; Standing Orders and Code of Conduct, - see 253.3.d) above

253.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £ 1,209.06

Scotways (the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society) have written asking for membership renewal fee of £20. Further information on their work, and its relevance to us, would be obtained first.

253.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The construction of a tennis court on the playing field is due to start in the first week of May.
- b) The improvement of the track "Funnynook" by filling in deep rutting and making the gate more friendly would be taken up with the owner.

253.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 19 May 2009 at 7.30pm