

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 256

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 15 Sep 2009 at 7.30pm

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

256.1. Chairman's Comments.

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

256.2. Minutes of Meeting No 255

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

256.3. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters.

Shiona gave the report on behalf of Gwen Louden who was unable to be present:

Beware of a company operating as SAS Security. They use hard sell tactics to get their sales starting with calls to undertake a "Crime prevention survey". The system and installation is free, but the maintenance charges are very expensive and yearly maintenance charges and cancellation rights are not mentioned to the consumer. They claim to be credited by Police and have been known to quote crime statistics which are grossly inflated in an attempt to alarm householders. Scambusters have taken out a case against them. All complaints received against them should be passed on to Peter Lennon at Trading Standards lennonp@angus.gsx.gov.uk, so they can inform Scambusters accordingly.

Housebreaking and theft of farm machinery are on the increase. Security of all buildings and vehicles is vital.

For crime prevention advise please contact Gwen Louden PC 9245 at Muirhead Police Office on 0300 111 2222. Recommendations will be made to improve the safety and security of your home. Any items recommended such as door locks, door viewers, door chains and smoke detectors will be delivered and fitted free of charge by Angus Care & Repair Scheme to people who live in Angus and are either :-Over 60 years of age; Disabled; Victims of Crime or On a low Income.

This is the time to ensure your vehicle(s) is prepared for adverse weather conditions. Get help to check your car, if necessary.

b). Traffic Matters

Jeff Green, Head of Roads, has written to update us on the B954 junction progress. He has undertaken the clearing of vegetation on the approach to the junction and will, with our agreement, clear redundant metal poles and signs, including the warning sign for horses.

He is in consultation with Transport Scotland on proposals for this "pudo" (pick up and drop off points), which he will advise us on when a decision is made. Hopefully warning signs for children crossing may come from this.

Car parking on the on the main road in the village at the beginning and end of the school day is still unresolved. Tayside Police will be asked to study the problem, - again.

c). Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

Angus Council have received comments on the draft scheme from a number of CC's. Many are concerned by the change of boundaries and also by the requirements for giving advance warning of meetings (at least 6 + AGM); publishing Agenda and issuing draft Minutes and all within a timescale. Consequently their working party will reconvene to consider the points raised.

The election planned for this Oct is postponed to Oct 2010.

d). TACTRAN / STPR

No further development has been reported.

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e) Involving Communities

The community council had a stall in the marquee on Sports Day. Rachel Green from Angus Council prepared a suitable display and attended throughout the day. Pam Christie provided copies of her THINK! Speed campaign leaflet. The names of 3 residents who would like to join the council were noted.

f) TAYplan

A new Strategic Development Plan Authority (SDPA) for Angus, Perth & Kinross, Dundee and NE Fife has been set up to create a Strategic Development Plan for the area. This SDP will eventually replace the Structure Plan that exists for the area.

By logging in to their website; www.tayplan-spda.gov.uk individuals and organisations can register and have their suggestions and comments recorded on key strategic cross-boundary planning issues. TAYplan will report in Nov to SDPA Joint Ctte giving an overview of all comments. It was agreed that we would register and take part in the initial consultation. Garry will register comments.

g) Recycling centre

It was agreed that a request would be made to Angus Council for the facility to collect cardboard and also to resurface the car park (as promised) at the sports field.

256.4. Planning Applications

- a). Approval has been given for the opening of Scotston/Henderston quarry. A traffic management plan will be set up which will, *inter alia*, state requirements for the junction of Couston road with B954.
- b). There were applications to extend the following houses: 8 Braeside; Parkside Cottage and Old Mansion House.
- c) An application for the demolition of Lintrathen Cottage and the erection of a new dwelling house and garage has been lodged.
- d) Mrs Caroline Millar presented her plans for 2 Hideaway one-bedroom houses in Balkello and updated us on the application for a wind turbine (withdrawn earlier in the year)

256.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec's Dept:

- Draft revised scheme for community council. Comments were submitted last month, see 256.c. above.
- Computers for community councils. A decision to purchase a laptop will be made at our next meeting.

Infrastructure Services, Plan & Transport

Letter to raise awareness of TAYplan SDPA with accompanying letter from SDPA, see 256.f. above

Infrastructure Services, Roads

Email from Head of Roads updating on B954 progress, see 256.b. above.

Corporate Services, Finance

Copies of Budget Guide 2009/10.

b) OTHERS

Angus Licensing Board

Draft of 3 year Policy Statement for consultation. This would be circulated for comments.

Scottish Government

Letter announcing Model Scheme, etc, for Community Councils from John Swinney MSP.

Tayside Fire & Rescue

Consultation questionnaire. Garry will complete and return.

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Brechin Community Council

Commenting on Angus Scheme for CC's and requesting a meeting. Garry will reply to decline meeting invitation.

John Brush

Request for support from CC towards updating his weather website which serves the community. Granted.

256.6. FINANCE

Balance at 15 Sep was £1,057.84. Cheques outstanding £80.

256.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) John Brush will be asked to add our CC to page giving thanks on his Sidlaw Weather website. 3 monthly reports in ARGUS will be requested.

256.8. DATE OF AGM & NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 20 October 2009 at 7.30pm