

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 270

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 15 March 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:	Grant Anderson, Shiona Baird, Gavin Christie, John Forster, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Linda Cockram,
In Attendance:	3 members of the public, Cllr John Whyte
Chair:	Shiona Baird

270.1. **Chairman's Comments**

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

270.2. **Minutes of Meeting No 269**

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

270.3. **Matters Arising**

a). Police Matters.

There was no report.

Tayside Police has appointed Constable Sheena Melvin as community police officer for the area. We look forward to working with her on all police matters.

b). Traffic Matters

The school head teacher has been advised by the Council that users of the school ground for parking should apply for a let for the facility. This will cost £5 per hour. More detail on this including why it has become necessary will appear in the next ARGUS.

The area in front of the hall (now nearing completion as a parking area) is available for all hall and church users and can take about 12 cars, - with careful parking.

Grant passed on the comments of a near resident re cars containing dogs being parked for about an hour on the street and a lorry damaging the prop shed wall when turning in to the lane.

c) TACTRAN / STPR

John reported that the next meeting of TACTRAN would be 29th Mar. Improvements to the rail service north of Perth and to (and from) Dundee was on the Agenda, as well as a new station at Invergowrie.

d) TAYplan

The proposed plan and related documents have been approved by The TAYplan joint ctte (covering Dundee, Perth & Kinross; Angus and north part of Fife). Briefings on the plan have been arranged for community councils, - the Angus briefing will be held in Angus House, Forfar on 16 May from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. Our rep to attend this event will be appointed shortly.

The TAYplan website at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk gives access to these docs and their newsletter.

e). Angus Local Development Plan

Cllr John Whyte informed us that the Infrastructure Services Ctte was given an overview of the responses to the recent awareness raising and initial consultation exercise (in Nov/Dec 2010). There had been 41 responses to the Identification of Land Use Planning Issues and a total of 149 separate sites submitted for development. There was only one site submitted for Auchterhouse (submitted by our council for part of the field next to the school) but 4 in Birkhill/Muirhead (including a new village), 5 sites in Lundie area and 6 in Newtyle. The Auchterhouse site would be for 20 mixed units for sale as well as "affordable" to rent, - this could meet the long standing demand from the elderly and young who traditionally have had to leave the area. It would also bring in new families who may help to support local organisations and services and may help to get a local shop established. The development would incorporate a car park for use by visitors and parents stopping at the school.

The Angus LDP staff will consider all comments and submissions for development and publish a Main Issues report (expected in July) with the draft Proposed Plan following in July 2012 each followed by periods of consultation. Final adoption of the Plan is foreseen to be summer 2014 and it would last for 10 years.

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f) Enforcement Case.

There was no further information on the case re Braeside.

g). Hill Water

A meeting of all interested parties to resolve the problems of disruption and flooding (on Funnynuek track and at Parkside), associated with the burn which runs from the hill to Old Whisky Road is proposed for 29 Mar at 7.30 pm in the Hall. Posters will be displayed and flyers put out for this.

Scottish Water, Angus Council and SEPA (see 270.6.b) below) have declared no responsibility for maintaining the burn or for resolving the flooding.

270.4. Planning Applications

The retrospective application for a static caravan at Woodside Cottage, Kirkton of Auchterhouse, has been refused by the Council's Development Standards Ctte, who has given the applicant 6 months to remove it. The application was recommended for refusal by the planning officer on the grounds:

- *That the development is not for a temporary residence to allow a dwelling to be built or renovated or any similar circumstance and as such is contrary to criterion (a) of Policy SC12 of the Angus Local Plan Review 2009.*
- *That the development will have a detrimental and unacceptable impact on the privacy and amenity of the neighbouring property to the east (known as 'The Gables') due to its overlooking windows and the location of the access ramp to the main entrance door. As a result, the application is contrary to criterion (a) of Schedule 1 and consequently Policy S6 : Development Principles of the Angus Local Plan Review 2009.*

There are no new applications.

270.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec Dept.

Acknowledging Grant as a co-opted member.

b) Others

SEPA

SEPA have replied to our request to say that the old hill burn, see 270.4.g) above is a matter outwith their powers and duties.

SNH

Scottish Natural Heritage have written to inform us of notification documents for any operations affecting the SSSI which exists in the area from the top of Auchterhouse Hill northwards for about 2 km.

NHS

Angus Community Health Services forwarded copies of their Community Medicine & Rehabilitation Redesign (CMRR) Programme newsletter.

270.6. FINANCE

Balance at 15 Mar was £1,769.88 after payment of £24 for renewal of web site annual fee.

270.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr John and Garry will meet on 5th Apr to review the problems associated with no pathway at the road-end and parking in front of the school.
- b) Cllr John informed us that there is still finance available for NB's and litter bins. A replacement NB in the village and a bin at Dronley Wood car park would be considered.

270.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 19 Apr 2011 at 7.30pm