

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

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

Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Meeting No 270

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

Matters Arising

a). Police Matters.

Sheena Melvin was welcomed to the meeting and gave the report. All householders should be cautious of **Cold Callers**. Bogus callers use many tactics to sell goods and services such as one-off sign up deals. Consult the Angus Reputable Traders Scheme for a list of businesses that have been vetted by Trading Standards. Please ensure all gardening equipment is secured out of sight and beware of fuel theft. Check your oil tank regularly and report any suspicious activity to Tayside Police 0300 111 2222.

b). Traffic Matters

The bin at the bus stop has been moved back from the main road (B954) to improve line of sight of drivers, when approaching the junction.

Cllr John and Garry have looked at the options for creating a walkway for pedestrians between the road-end and the pavement just north of the old railway bridge, so that anyone can walk up towards the Avenue with greater safety than they have now. John has asked the Roads Dept to consider the possibility of a footpath along the north side of the road. Failing this the construction of steps up the embankment from the core path (leading from the road-end to the old railway line) would be followed up. Steps should preferably be on the north side after a pathway is constructed under the bridge, but could be on the south side (although this would leave pedestrians having to cross the road on the bridge).

John has also requested the Roads Dept to inspect the old trees beside

the road here as several have dead or broken branches overhanging the road, or might fall on the road.

c) TACTRAN / STPR

John reported that the next meeting of TACTRAN would be 21st June. The TACTRAN annual report has been issued. The Strategic Transport Projects Review still lists the Dundee North Bypass.

d) TAYplan

Briefings on the proposed 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 [HYPERLINK "http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk"](http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk) www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk gives access to these docs and their newsletter.

e) Angus Local Development Plan

Concern was expressed by members of the public that our council had submitted the site adjacent to the school for future development without full consultation with the community and that this development would change the area and cause a proliferation of developments in the future. Shiona explained that we were invited to comment on the 2 part questionnaire on land use issued by Angus C. just before our November meeting giving us insufficient time to make comments at that meeting. As our council does not meet in December a working party was appointed to study the consultation document in December and submit our response by the 23 December deadline – *see November minute 267.3.e*). This was done, in time, after circulating members by email with our proposed submissions including the proposed site. No other development has been proposed for our area and there are none outstanding on the current LDP, so this one site is likely to be the only site for development over the period of the next 10 year plan; - *see March minute 270.3.e*). There has been no information on the progress of the LDP.

f) Enforcement Case.

There was no further information on the case re Braeside.

g). Hill Water

The public meeting to discuss the problems related to the burn was held as planned on 29 Mar.

From this the remedial actions required to resolve these problems and

bring the water flow under manageable control were drawn up. Grant has done a lot of work to detail and quantify the work necessary. Angus Environmental Trust has been approached to determine if grants could be made available, - a reply is expected shortly.

Planning Applications

An application to make alterations to Bankfield, Balbeuchley has been submitted. There was no objection.

Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec Dept.

Announcing the next bi-annual meeting with community council to be held on 8th June in Angus House. It was agreed that as a topic for general discussion, "Documents and questionnaires given out by the Council with insufficient time for consultation by the public" should be submitted. In particular, consultation for the Angus LDP, - see 271.3.e) above, should be cited.

Finance

Forwarding the demand for renewal of insurance, (£88.81) together with schedule and certificate.

Members

From Cllr John Whyte re pathway at road-end, - see 271.3.b) above.

b) Others

Angus Local Access Panel

Inviting nominations for the annual Rod McFarlane award for public buildings modified to give better facilities and access for the disabled.

Public

Requesting the resiting of rubbish bin at road-end to prevent blocking line of sight of drivers joining B954, - see 271.3.b) above.

FINANCE

Balance at 19 Apr was £1,770.02.

OTHER BUSINESS

The FCS had been informed of a possible poisoning of a dog in Dronley Wood and advised that all dogs should be kept on the lead until cause of death has been determined.

Cllr Jean Lee raised the problem of parking at the front of school (at start and end of school day). She felt that use of the hall

grounds could be made now that a car park has been constructed there; - however the return to the hazardous situation where cars manoeuvre in the hall grounds while children are walking up the lane would be most unwelcome. She also considered the removal of the prop-shed and construction of a drive through lay-by as an option; - this would sacrifice the new car park and require another store to be erected for all the equipment now in the prop-shed!!

Shiona reported on the last meeting of the Sidlaw CC Chairs held in Tealing on 29 Mar. Among the topics discussed was the result of a survey carried out on "young people who live in the Sidlaws". The new Youth Work Team may carry forward the follow up work to this. Clive agreed to get involved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 17 May 2011 at 7.30pm

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING No 271