

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 274

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 20 Sep 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:	Shiona Baird, Gavin Christie, Helen Smith, Clive Sayers, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Grant Anderson, Linda Cockram, John Forster, Cllr John Whyte, Cllr Jean Lee
In Attendance:	2 members of the public, PC Sheena Melvin
Chair:	Shiona Baird

274.1. **Chairman's Comments**

Shiona chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

274.2. **Minutes of Meeting No 273**

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

274.3. **Matters Arising**

a). Police Matters. Sheena gave a full report: -

Members of the public are reminded to endeavour to make properties safe by taking simple security measures. Setting timers on internal lights and radios gives the impression that the house is occupied. Fitting or checking external security lights are in working order, and locking all doors, windows and sheds will improve the safety of the property. Anyone aware of suspicious activity should call Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222.

Due to high prices, thefts of both metal, particularly lead and copper, and fuel, both vehicle and household, continue throughout Angus. Properties targeted are often rural premises. Be vigilant.

Tayside Police is urging all road users to prepare for reduced daylight hours and potentially poorer weather throughout the coming months. This is the time to ensure that motorists don't get caught out and that they, and their vehicles, are suitably prepared for poor weather conditions. Ensure that brakes, tyres, lights, windscreens, batteries and wiper blades are in good condition, engine coolant levels are topped up and radiators contain anti-freeze.

The Police events vehicle equipped with information (on display boards and videos) is available. Making use of it in conjunction with a local event, e.g. Sports Day, will be considered.

b). Traffic Matters

SLOW warnings have been placed on the Dronley road going through Eastfield. Cllr Whyte has been in contact with Roads to get signs erected there and to get pot-holes on the Bonnyton road filled in.

It was agreed that we should demand action on remedying the state of the Dronley Road including the irregular surface at the crossroads (with the road coming into the village), before winter.

There was nothing to report on the school parking study being carried out.

c) TACTRAN / STPR.

Cllr Whyte wrote to report on the last TACTRAN meeting. The Kingsway bypass is still on the STPR list (as an option in project 29). He has stressed to TACTRAN that Angus C are opposed to this and consider the upgrade of the Kingsway as the only viable solution to improving traffic flow on the A90.

d) TAYplan

Our comments on the draft documents were sent to TAYplan in July.

e) Angus Local Development Plan

The draft (Main Issues report) is now expected in the new year.

f). Hill Water

Work to contain the water from the hill and allow sufficient flow to Braeside (and beyond) has been carried out. Also, the return of overflow water from Braeside and across the Funnynuek track has been improved by clearing out the ditch at the join with the Hodge burn.

It is important that outflow from the pond (filled by water from this burn) at Palm Springs, Parkside, is kept clear otherwise flooding can occur there.

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g) Constitution & Standing Orders

The model constitution prepared by Angus C was adopted and signed, Standing orders were approved.

h) Email List

Concern was expressed at how the list was being used. It was agreed that it should be left to Bob Bruce's good judgement to make use of it for all matters affecting residents or for the information of residents.

274.4. Planning Applications

- a) An application for alterations to Thalla, Old Whisky Road has been made. There was no objection.
- b) The enforcement notice for the removal of the caravan at Woodside cottage is now held in abeyance while an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law is heard.
- c) The application for a new house at Bonnyton farm has been withdrawn.

274.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Transport

Letter advising review of Bus Service 137,138 and 139 has been received. The importance of this to those without private transport, - especially the elderly, was conveyed to the Council, with a request to be informed of any changes being considered before a decision is made.

Economic Development Unit

The unit is planning to publish a Winter in Angus brochure which will incorporate a "Shop Local" campaign and list events planned in the area. Community groups are encouraged to use this to publicise activities.

Law & Administration

Seeking comments on arrangements for polling, i.e. a review of Polling Stations.

Local Community Planning

- Invitation to attend Housing Consultation Roadshow.
- Launch of local community plans, see www.angus.gov.uk
- Request for a rep to attend Local Team at next meet on 11 Oct in Birkhill Millennium Hall.

b) Others

Tayside Police

Inspector Alistair Robertson is appointed new community Section Inspector for our area.

Tayside Fire & Rescue

Forwarding copies of their annual report.

Reform Scotland

Requesting that councilors take part in a community council survey.

274.6. FINANCE

Balance at 19 Apr was £1,467.49.

274.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a). A community garden, involving children in the school, is planned for the ground behind the Hall (up to the cemetery). Volunteers to help with this are encouraged to come forward and give their names to Shiona (Tel 320435).

274.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 18 Oct 2011 at 7.30pm