

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 275

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 18 Oct 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:	Shiona Baird, Helen Smith, John Forster , Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Grant Anderson, Gavin Christie, Linda Cockram, , Cllr John Whyte,
In Attendance:	1 member of the public, PC Sheena Melvin
Chair:	Shiona Baird

275.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

275.2. Minutes of Meeting No 274

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

275.3. Matters Arising

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

The increasing hours of darkness provides opportunities for a potential thief. Members of the public are reminded to endeavour to make properties safe by taking simple security measures, such as setting timers on internal lights and radios gives the impression that the house is occupied.

Waste items dumped in communal areas provide a tempting opportunity for a fire-setter. By removing such items, the risk of fire is greatly reduced. Angus Council, Waste Management can arrange uplift of such items for a small fee. Tayside Police, along with Tayside Fire & Rescue and Angus Council, will be working to tackle the misuse of fireworks as November 5th approaches. Everybody needs to be aware of the legislation regarding the sale of fireworks, and we would encourage members of the public to report anyone who they believe to be using fireworks illegally or anyone who may be selling fireworks to persons under 18 to either Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Make sure your car is fit for winter: - tyres and brakes good, all lights clean and working, battery full and screenwash topped up.

b). Traffic Matters

Cllr Whyte has emailed to inform us that Douglas Hill, Roads, has arranged some permanent patching work on Bonnyton road. He will get back to us with the dates for this. Work to remedy the persistent flooding on the Dronley road (near N Dronley) has been carried out, as has work to stop the issue of water onto the Leoch road between Kirkton Bank and Kirkton House.

c) TACTRAN / STPR.

There was nothing to report

d) TAYplan

A schedule of all responses to the Main Issues, Action Plan and Human Rights docs is available on line, see: <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/TAYplan%20-%20Schedule%20of%20Responses%20Received%20to%20MIR.pdf>. TAYplan ctte meet on 25 Oct to consider this and any changes required to the above docs. If there are no modifications the plan could go to the Scottish ministers as early as Jan 2012, but if there are changes recommended the whole consultation process would have to be repeated.

e) Angus Local Development Plan

There was nothing further to report.

f). Hill Water

Although the flow of water from the hill has appeared to be under control, i.e. getting through to the tanks at Old Whisky Road without causing flooding, tampering with the overflows has been reported causing too little water to flow on through Braeside. Everyone is asked not to alter these overflows for whatever reason. Please contact Garry Stewart (320339), if you think the flow is too great or insufficient.

No work on improving the flow through Braeside has been carried out yet.

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275.4. Planning Applications

- a) An application to convert a log cabin at Balkello Woodland House to self catering accomodation has been submitted. There was no objection.
- b) The enforcement notice for the removal of the caravan at Woodside cottage is held in abeyance while an appeal to the Court of Session is heard. If successful the appeal to the Scottish Govt. will be held again.

275.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec

- Bi-annual meeting on 7 Dec. Invite to send rep and raise topics.
- Training session 18 Oct. (since postponed). Training on Asset Mgt., Community engagement and Dev Management would be held in 2012.
- Budget consultation on 2 Nov (Forfar) and 15 Nov (Arbroath).

Law & Admin

Proposals for new UK Parliament constituencies available on website: www.bcomm-scotland.gov.uk.
Comments can be made on line.

Local Community Planning

- Success for Sidlaw event in Birkhill Millennium Hall on 11 Oct. This was attended by 30 people including Shiona who found it encouraging with a lot of effort going into actions to raise community spirit and involvement.

b) Others

SEPA

They are working with Crimestoppers to target illegal waste businesses and prevent damage to the environment and harm to human health. Report any waste tipping to Crimestoppers 0800 555111. A poster re this is on the village NB.

275.6. FINANCE

Balance at 19 Apr was £1,435.09.

275.7. OTHER BUSINESS

Several houses are displaying unsightly rubbish and unkempt gardens. Could residents tidy up please and not give a "look of neglect" to the village.

275.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 15 Nov 2011 at 7.30pm