

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 277

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 17 Jan 2012 at 7.30pm

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

277.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

277.2. Minutes of Meeting No 276

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

277.3. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters. There was no report: -

b). Road/Traffic Matters

Shiona has spoken to Ged Gilmartin, Angus C Education Dept., about Parent parking for the school and the use of the school/church lane. He informed her that a report will be sent to us soon stating that the Council have studied the safety of children using the lane and have concluded that no action will be taken to remove the prop shed or alter the lane

Patching work on the bad areas of Bonnyton road has been carried out.

c). TACTRAN / STPR.

Linda and Garry have had a meeting with Graeme Dey MSP about the inclusion of a project to create a Dundee Northern Bypass on the STPR list of projects for the next 20 years. Graeme sees no prospect of this happening and acknowledges the strong objection in Angus to the proposal, - improvement to the Kingsway by constructing graded intersections being the preferred option, if improvements to the A90 are ever deemed necessary.

d) TAYplan

Along with other organisations, who made representation about the TAYplan Strategic Plan and have not had their comments actioned in the final draft, we have been informed that reporters have been appointed to examine the Plan. We may be asked to make further submissions to them in the course of their examination.

The Plan can be viewed at any library and at <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk>

e) Angus Local Development Plan

The draft Main Issues Report is not expected until summer 2012.

f). Mobile Library Service.

Garry reported that he had attended the launch of the new vans (2) which have been purchased by Angus Council for used in rural areas. Tayside Police and Tayside Fire & Rescue have contributed to this project and foresee valuable use being made of them as a venue for consultation with the public on a range of matters. Each van will have an area within them that can be partitioned off for confidential meetings. A van will visit Auchterhouse each Thursday probably alternating between morning and evening visits lasting about 45 mins. The morning visit will possibly be to the hall car park, so that school children can attend.

For van timetable see: - http://www.angus.gov.uk/services/view_service_detail.cfm?serviceid=1085

g). Hill Water

The banks of the burn in the stretch through Braeside have been improved to prevent loss of water. This has allowed a more consistent flow and reduction in the overflow of water, which has caused flooding on Funnynesk track. The removal of vegetation, including trees/bushes, from the burn will be tackled when Braeside residents confirm their approval.

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277.4. Planning Applications

- a) An application to instal a wind turbine at West Mains was considered. There was no objection.
- b) Appeal against the Enforcement Order to Remove Caravan at Woodside Cottage. The DPEA have received documents from the appellant's agent claiming our CC has breached its Code of Conduct and also misinterpreted the regulations on planning when objecting to the retrospective application for a residential caravan at Woodside Cottage. These allegations are false and Linda has replied to the DPEA on both issues. The DPEA agreed to put the letter alleging breaching the Code of Conduct on its website but not the one on the planning regulations. The procedures which govern the process for the handling of appeals do not appear to be transparent or democratic. The issue has been brought to the attention of our MSP, Graeme Dey and we will take it up with him and the DPEA in due course.

277.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec

Law & Admin Dept

Notice of proposed Traffic Regulation Order 201X – on penalty charges for overstaying parking.

Neighbourhood Services

Invitation to launch of new mobile library service, - see277.3.f) above.

b) Others

Local Community Planning

Success for Sidlaw event will be held on 19 Jan at 6.30pm in Birkhill Hall. Shiona and Helen will attend.

Graeme Dey MSP.

Letter confirming he has written to the DPEA (Directorate for Planning and Environment Appeals) re timescale for the planning issue at Woodside Cottage. He is available to assist further.

Savills

Letter asking for comments on anemometer at West Mains and replying to our request for community benefit from any future wind turbine. – see 277.4. a). above. If benefit becomes available it was agreed that regular payments (eg annual for 25 years) would be preferred and to be made available through the community council for community activities. The amount , based on generation capacity, could be £330 pa.

277.6. FINANCE

Balance at 17 Jan was £1,550.86.

277.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The plan for recycling waste has not been followed; - kerbside bins were originally scheduled for introduction by end of 2010. A plan update will be obtained.
- b) Retiming of CC Meetings. It was proposed to move the evening for council meetings to the 3rd Thursday of the month and start at 7.00pm. Those not present will be consulted.

277.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 16 Feb 2012 at 7.00pm