

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 279

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 15 Mar 2012 at 7.00pm

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

279.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

279.2. Minutes of Meeting No 278

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

279.3. Matters Arising

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

b). Road/Traffic Matters

Garry reported that he had attended a meeting in Murroes to discuss local bus services. An additional 139 Auchterhouse bus will be introduced in May to leave Dundee City Centre at about 4.30pm (Mon to Fri) and travel via Kellas and Tealing. A new operator of the 137, 138 and 139 services has been appointed.

The Dundee Northern Bypass was also discussed as this still appears as a strategic project on the Scottish Government's STPR list, although unlikely to start before 2030. Angus council voted unanimously to object to the project a few years ago in support of our local communities, who were opposed to a dual carriage way through our part of Angus (from Longforgan to Tealing). The alternative project of upgrading the A90 part of the Kingsway with graded junctions is preferred and could be started much earlier. It was agreed that we should join with neighbouring CC's in a concerted effort to get the project dropped from the STPR list and start by putting pressure on the Angus MSP to work on our behalf.

c). TACTRAN / STPR.

The next TACTRAN meeting will be held, with newly appointed councillors, after the May elections.

d) TAYplan

Nothing new to report

e) Angus Local Development Plan

The draft Main Issues Report is expected this summer.

f). Planning Appeals

A letter has been received from the DPEA answering the questions posed by us. In it the distinction between the "rules" on notification for planning appeals and enforcement notice appeals is highlighted. Angus planning dept. has not yet replied to a request for an explanation of how they apply these rules.

John agreed to contact Mr Chree and ask for a reply.

A detailed study of all the facts on the procedures for appeals will be carried out when the reply from Angus C is in hand. Then it is hoped we will understand the system and identify any weak areas.

279.4. Planning Applications

- a) The Enforcement Order to Remove the Caravan at Woodside Cottage requires removal by 6 Aug. A further appeal to the Court of Session, on a point of Law, can be made but by the 17th Mar.
- b) An application for an air-source heat pump at Treetops, Old Whisky Rd., has been made. There was no objection.

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279.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Local Community Planning

Notifying us that the Commission on Rural Education is holding a Public Meeting in Whitehills Primary school, Forfar, at 7.30pm on 26th Mar. The commission is tasked with examining how education in rural areas is working for local people and how this links to rural community life. Everyone is welcome and more info can be found at www.commissiononruraleducation.org.

b) Others

ASSC

Inviting us to their conference on "Learning from the Past – Preparing for the Future" in Dunblane Hydro from 10.30am – 3.30pm on 18th Apr.

DPEA

Email answering questions on the regulations with regards to notifying parties who make representation to them on planning applications (and enforcement orders) which go to appeal. See 279.3.f) above.

279.6. FINANCE

Balance at 15 Mar was £1,550.86.

279.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Shiona reported that the Hall Ctte will get a light installed at the steps by the street in front of the hall. This will be lit at the same time as the security light on the Hall south wall. A tree will be planted in the next few weeks, to replace the hawthorn.
- b) Residents in Kirkton are allowing their dogs to foul the pavement. In some cases dogs are left to freely roam through the village. Control must be exercised before incidents are reported to the Police.
- c) The community/school garden (on the land between the hall and church) is beginning to take shape with the area now cleared and rotavated. For this Ian & Shiona Baird and John Skea (senior & junior) are thanked for all their work.

279.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 19 Apr 2012 at 7.00pm