

# AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING No 281

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 17 May 2012 at 7.00pm

<b>Present:</b>	Grant Anderson, Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, John Forster, Clive Sayers, Garry Stewart
<b>Apologies:</b>	Gavin Christie, Helen Smith,
<b>In Attendance:</b>	PC Steve Wilson,
<b>Chair:</b>	Shiona Baird

### 281.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 281.2. Minutes of Meeting No 280

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

### 281.3. Matters Arising

#### a). Police Matters. Steve gave a full report: -

The mobile library (it comes to Auchterhouse each Thursday alternately morning and late afternoon) is available for consultation with Council officers and Tayside Police. Steve will join the van from time to time at Auchterhouse stop.

The theft of heating oil is still happening. Keep tanks locked.

Beware this is the peak season for the theft of garden equipment. A lawn mower has been stolen from a property in our area. Leave garden equipment out of sight preferably in a locked shed.

Road policing issues highlighted include: danger of motor cycling accidents as there are more of these cyclist on the roads especially in the summer; offences of speeding, drink driving, using phones while driving, being uninsured and not using seat belts

#### b). Road/Traffic Matters

There was nothing new to report

#### c). TACTRAN / STPR.

The next TACTRAN Board meeting will be on 12 June after new councillors have been appointed.

Graeme Dey MSP has written to say that his position on the listing of the Dundee Northern Relief road remains the same (that it will never happen) and there is no need to remove it from the STPR list, (as we have requested), but we are welcome to come and speak to him. Other CC's and councillors are putting pressure on him.

#### d) TAYplan

There is nothing further to report. The draft plan is with the Scottish Government.

#### e) Angus Local Development Plan

The draft Angus Local Plan is now expected to go before the Council in Sep/Oct this year.

#### f). Planning Appeals

Linda is preparing letters, to the DPEA and Angus Planning Dept, seeking clarification on grey areas in T & C Planning Regs

### 281.4. Planning Applications

- a) The application for the demolition of a cottage at Parkhead, Old Whisky Road, and the erection of a new house and separate garage has been approved subject to revised plans being lodged showing a garage with reduced height (by about 0.4m).
- b) The wind turbine planned for West Mains has been approved.
- c) An application to extend Stoneydyke, The Brae, has been lodged. There was no objection.

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### 281.5. Correspondence Received

#### a). Angus Council

Chief Exec Nil

#### Local Community Planning

The Success for Sidlaw Transport Group will meet on 19<sup>th</sup> Jun at 6.30pm in Strathmartine School.

#### b) Others

##### Graeme Dey MSP

Email reply to our letter re Dundee northern Relief Road, - see 281.3.c above.

##### Savills.

Informing us that the Wind turbine at West Mains has been approved and asking for details of our procedure for receiving financial benefit for the community (c £300 has been promised). An enquiry will be made of other CC's to determine what is best procedure to adopt.

##### Courier

Their News editor has invited our CC to submit articles on any issues of interest in our area to a new regular section to be included in the Courier and sourced from CC's. As most residents (who get the Courier) get the Dundee edition this would be the edition we would submit to. We agreed to be involved in this and will reply accordingly.

##### Duncan McCabe

Email re "Defend Dundee Services Campaign" opposing cuts in public services. See False Economy website at: <http://falseeconomy.org.uk/campaigns/item/defend-dundee-services-campaign>

Linda will make enquiries to find out more about this.

### 281.6. FINANCE

Balance at 17 May was £2,172.69 after receipt of Council annual grant of £715 and payment of insurance renewal of £93.17.

The annual report for the 18 months up 31 Mar has been prepared. This shows a surplus of £304.58 to give a balance of £1,550 86. John will invite a competent person in the community to carry out the required examination before submission to Angus C.

### 281.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) There is a need to keep community more informed on developments at the hall. Shiona has agreed to place an article in next ARGUS. Grant has agreed to be the CC's rep on the Hall ctte. Garry will contact Bob Bruce and Duncan Kennedy to update web pages and enhance website.
- b) There was discussion on finding a location for setting up a facility for bike (BMX/Mountain) jumps & humps circuit, eg. on playing field as opposed to land north of school (where some of this goes on now). Funding may be available but this pursuit needs further investigation especially on safety and liability issues. Clive agreed to speak to those who might be interested and determine what they are looking for.
- c) .

### 281.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY 21 June 2012 at 7.00pm**