

# AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING No 282

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 21 June 2012 at 7.00pm

<b>Present:</b>	Grant Anderson, Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, John Forster, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart
<b>Apologies:</b>	Gavin Christie, PC Steve Wilson,
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Cllr Sheila Hands, 4 members of the public
<b>Chair:</b>	Shiona Baird

### 282.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 282.2. Minutes of Meeting No 281

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

### 282.3. Matters Arising

#### a). Police Matters. Steve sent the report by email: -

Acts of racism have been highlighted during the current Euro 2012 tournament. The community is asked to make the police aware of any such activities locally.

Unscrupulous individuals are making bogus calls offering services such as: - gardening, tarmac, insulation work. Beware; the work is often of poor quality, unfinished and at high cost. The Angus Reputable Trader Scheme (operated by the Council with Police and Federation of Small Businesses) lists all reputable traders after vetting and encourage householders, who require work carried out, to call 01241 435600 for more information. Always ask to see ID of callers.

Vandalism is still an issue in Angus. If you see anything suspicious or have information on acts of vandalism, report it to the police on 0300 111 2222.

#### b). Road/Traffic Matters

The new bus services 138 & 139 operated by National Express between Dundee City Centre and Kirkton of Auchterhouse is a big improvement on the previous service to Downfield with 6 buses on weekdays and 4 on Saturdays. However serious concern is being expressed at the size of bus used and the inclusion of the full length of Braeside in the route. Residents of Braeside have not been consulted on the use of their private road, which has not been adopted (for maintenance) by the Council yet, and want it removed from the route. A smaller bus is required which would not need to run on pavements/verges when passing other vehicles, - Sheila mentioned that Strathmartine CC has received the same complaint in its area. Angus C Roads and Transport Managers will be contacted and a request made to join the Roads/Police liaison cte if they plan a site visit before their next monthly meeting (at which this topic is to be discussed).

#### c). TACTRAN / STPR.

There is nothing to report on TACTRAN.

After contact with Graeme Dey MSP and neighbouring cc's it was agreed to take Graeme's advice and let the issue of the Dundee Bypass go quiet for the present and monitor the situation.

#### d) TAYplan

The new Strategic Development Plan for our region has been approved by the Scottish Government and is now effective. The plan can be viewed at public libraries and at [www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/publications](http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/publications)

#### e). Planning Enforcement Appeals

Linda has received replies to her letters from the DPEA and Angus Planning Dept. There is still concern that procedures for informing all concerned in such an appeal are inadequate. Linda will write to both organisations again and point out the weaknesses of the current procedures that they are applying.

#### f). Community Benefit

Windberry Energy has emailed to confirm their commitment to pay our community £330 p.a. when the West Mains wind turbine starts generating. It was agreed that we should discuss the drawing up of a simple agreement for the payment arrangements with them.

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### **g). Website**

Our website, Auchterhouse.com. has been updated. Space exists for more pages of information/news on community activity.

### **h) Cycling Facility**

Clive has not reported yet on any discussion he has had with youngsters looking for a cycling facility. The head teacher has, however, been able to get the area north of the school cleared of all waste wood and now no longer has a problem.

### **282.4. 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 and now awaits a building warrant
- b) An application for a 2 storey extension to Blairhall House, Old Balkello has been made. There was no objection
- c) An application for a 225kw wind turbine (45.9 m to tip) at Leoch Farm has been lodged. There was no objection.

### **282.5. Correspondence Received**

#### **a). Angus Council**

##### **Law & Administration**

Inviting members of our council to apply to fill vacancies on the Angus Local Licensing Forum. Applications have to be submitted by 27 July.

##### **Planning & Transport**

- Reply to enquiry on Planning Enforcement Appeals, - see 282.3.e) above.
- Email re bus services 138 & 139.

##### **Local Community Planning**

A meeting to discuss opening up the old railway line from Pitnappie northwards, for walking & cycling, has been arranged for 6.30pm on Tue 26 June in the school.

#### **b) Others**

##### **DPEA**

Reply to enquiry on Planning Enforcement Appeals, - see 282.3.e) above.

##### **Windberry Energy.**

Email re community benefit, - see 282. 3. f) above.

### **282.6. FINANCE**

Balance at 21 June was £1,910.37.

### **282.7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) After the recent wet weather, flooding has occurred at several properties at Parkside due to the volume of water flowing in the hill burn. Hamish Tait would be glad to receive help in solving this problem, - contact him on 320346.
- b) Shiona displayed the excellent programme and souvenir map produced by Tealing C C. for their Olympic Gala Weekend. Can we produce something similar?

### **282.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

## **THURSDAY 20 September 2012 at 7.00pm**