

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 283

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 20 September 2012 at 7.00pm

Present:	Grant Anderson, Shiona Baird, Gavin Christie, Linda Cockram, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	John Forster, Clive Sayers, PC Steve Wilson,
In Attendance:	Cllr Sheila Hands, 5 members of the public
Chair:	Shiona Baird

283.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

283.2. Minutes of Meeting No 282

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

283.3. Matters Arising

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

Hare coursing was completely banned in 2002; however incidents of this nature continue to occur throughout Angus. Anyone who has any information about people who are involved in, or who they suspect to be involved in, hare coursing or poaching, can call Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 or provide details anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Tayside Police is once again warning residents to be on their guard against people phoning them to tell them that they are entitled to money. Some of the tactics used involve telling the person they have won money on an international lottery scheme; that they are entitled to a substantial sum as a result of an overpayment of PPI insurance, and the traditional time share scam. Angus residents have recently fallen foul of these scams, some suffering significant losses. Please remember, do not give personal or bank details to callers, and if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is! Suspicious incidents can be reported to Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222

Be a good neighbour, particularly if you have older or vulnerable neighbours. Anyone aware of suspicious activity should contact Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222. Or, if you see a crime in progress, call 999.

b). Road/Traffic Matters

A site visit was held by Angus Roads/Tayside Police to review the new bus services 138 & 139. The service will continue to be closely monitored with drivers told to drive cautiously, at no more than 20 mph, on the Brae and Braeside.

Bonnyton road, at the junction in the village and at various points along its length (including where the water main crossed the road), has the surface breaking up. The Roads department will be asked to carry out remedial action

Lights in the village and at the road end are either not working or need reprogramming. Sheila agreed to contact the appropriate dept to get all of them working again.

c). TACTRAN / STPR.

There is nothing to report on TACTRAN.

d) TAYplan & Angus Local Plan

A copy of the new Strategic Development Plan for our region has been received, on CD.

The draft Local Plan has been prepared and will go to Council early next month. We would hope to have it for our next meeting.

e). Planning Enforcement Appeals

There has not been any further progress on the discussion with Angus Council and the DPEA on the grey area in the procedures for handling appeals in enforcement cases.

f). Community Benefit

A written agreement has been drawn up with Windberry Energy for the arrangements for payment of community benefit for the planned West Mains wind turbine. This has been circulated and agreed.

g) Cycling Facility

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Clive has not reported yet on any discussion he has had with youngsters looking for a cycling facility. It was noted however that the construction of another new facility has been started in the area.

283.4. Planning Applications

- a) An application has been lodged for an extension to the kennels area at Juniper Kennels to form a timber clad reception area.
- b) A retrospective application for the change of use, to garden ground, of the plot of land to the north of West and Mid Whitehillfaulds has been made. There was no objection to this but there was concern about the legality of any structures on this land and especially close to the boundary with Mid Whitehillfaulds. Linda would consult with the planning officer on this.
- c) The caravan at Woodside Cottage has been removed from the site, but subsequently returned to roughly the same location. Angus Council considers this to be compliance with the DPEA decision on the appeal against enforcement for its removal. It was decided to take the matter up with our MSP (Graeme Dey) as the token repositioning appears to make a mockery of Planning Regs.

283.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec

- Email re Review of Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils. This has been circulated.
- Forwarding copies of Angus Life Magazine.

Finance

Forwarding copies of the Council Budget Guide 2012-13.

Planning

Email from Planning Officer re the application for garden ground at West Whitehillfaulds, - see283.4.b)

Roads

Letter re parking in front of driveways. The police should be informed with details (including photographic) of cars parked on the public road in such a way as to block driveways. The Council will not paint "No Parking" signs or lines on the road or pavement.

b) Others

Anderson Strathern LLP

Emails re Community Benefit for wind turbine at West Mains, see283.3.f) above.

TAYplan.

Letter enclosing CD copy of Action Plan plus other documents for the strategic development plan for the area.

Scottish Water

Forwarding a copy of their Performance Summary for 2011-12

283.6. FINANCE

Balance at 20 September was £1,910.37.

283.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Heather Turnbull, Angus Independent Advocacy Service, has offered to attend one of our meetings to talk about the service she provides. Shiona will invite her to our October meeting.
- b) Our Hall 200 club invites anyone who wants to become a member to contact John or Mary Skea on 320257 or at jam@skea.co.uk. Donations to the Club can be treated as Gift Aid and get split 50/50 into prizes and funds for the hall.

283.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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THURSDAY 18 October 2012 at 7.00pm