

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 286

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 17 January 2013 at 7.00pm

Present:	Grant Anderson, Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Gavin Christie, John Forster, Clive Sayers, Cllrs Craig Fotheringham, & Margaret Thomson;
In Attendance:	2 members of the public, Cllr Sheila Hands, PC Steve Wilson,
Chair:	Shiona Baird

286.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

286.2. Minutes of Meeting No 285

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

286.3. Matters Arising

a). **Police Matters.** Steve gave the report: -

Beware of offers with advance fee payments. 'Advance Fee Fraud' involves a payment for a promise of wealth, wills, gifts, prizes or employment; - contact can be made by mail, telephone or email. These types of scams can cost hundreds sometimes thousands of pounds to the victims who are often the most vulnerable within the community.

Never let a fraudster educate you on how a money transfer service works, only take advice from the money transfer company. Never ignore the warnings or make false statements on money transfer documents. The information is there to protect you. Do not pay for items bought on line using a money transfer service. Providers of money transfer services are not responsible for the satisfactory receipt of goods or services paid for by this means. Never share details of a money transfer with a third party to prove the availability of funds. Doing so may enable the money transfer to be paid to that third party. This is known as a 'Proof of Funds' fraud.

Remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is!

Over recent weeks, Tayside Police has received a number of calls reporting people poaching and / or hare or deer coursing. Poachers often have little regard for wildlife and the farmers whose lives they affect. It is rare that animals are killed merely for food; more often than not it is the case that such animals are taken for the pleasure of those involved. Poachers are often involved in other criminal activity. If you suspect people are poaching, please contact police immediately, - on 0300 111 2222. If possible, try to note a description of the people involved, and the registration mark of any vehicles. If you notice that the persons involved have firearms, please convey this information to the police when the incident is reported.

Theft of fuel, metal, quad bikes and other tools and equipment have all been reported. Secure your property as much as possible and report any suspicious activity to the Police

b). **Road/Traffic Matters**

The Roads department installed a speed indicator (VAS) at the foot of The Brae for 2 – 3 weeks in Dec after warning was given in ARGUS. Some drivers are still travelling too fast and may find themselves reported to the Police. Steve confirmed that he, or colleagues, intends to apply the use of a hand-held speed detector, which will result in a penalty and points to any driver caught exceeding the 30 mph limit.

Sheila will be addressing a meeting with the Roads dept tomorrow on road issues in our area.

c). **TACTRAN / STPR.**

A copy of TACTRAN's recent newssheet has been received from Cllr Fotheringham and forwarded to all members.

d) **TAYplan & Angus Local Plan**

A sub group (Shiona, Linda, Garry and Grant) studied the ALDP Main Issues Report and answered the questions relevant to our area. The results had been circulated and were approved. Linda will convey this response to the Local Plan team in the Council. A report on this round of consultation will go to Angus Councillors in due course. When the draft proposed plan is produced there will be a further opportunity for comment to be submitted.

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286.4. Planning Applications

- a) Linda has replied, after consulting members, to the Council on the application for an extension to West View to say that the planned box dormer windows along the north side of the roof are considered inappropriate and should be replaced by smaller individual dormers.
- b) The application for a new house in the garden of Yowtrummle, Burnhead had been considered last month by members. Linda has submitted comments to the Council on the very restricted access, asking for an improvement to the junction with main road as a condition of planning permission. It was noted that the Roads dept have submitted comment about the need for a pathway and sight splays of 60m at the junction, which would necessitate altering fencing and hedges at the roadside. The neighbours, who share the same access to the road, expressed their concerns.
- c) A retrospective application for a new fireplace and chimney at Treetops, Old Whisky Road has been submitted.

286.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec

A letter re feedback to the Public for update of Council website was received and replied to in Dec.

Planning & Transport

An email from Development Plan Manager re response to ALDP MIR was received requesting an early submission of comments to the MIR. This will be done in the next few days.

Local Community Planning

- Notice of a meeting with Graham Harris, Roads Dept on 18 Jan at 3pm
- Meeting at 1pm Tue 29th Jan in Kinloch Arms, Carnoustie to discuss "Dog Issues".
- Enclosing a copy of "Engage" the local community team newsletter.

Cllr Fotheringham

Email re road verge in front of school and attaching TACTRAN news. The Angus Area Traffic Co-ordination Group considers the parking of cars in front of the school poses no traffic issue.

b) Others

Tayside Fire & Rescue

Enclosing copies of their quarterly Activity Reports for Apr – Jun and Jul- Sep 2012.

Eneco

An email to ask if we wished to participate in Macritch Hill Wind Farm- Section 36 Scoping Process. As this 50MW windturbine development would be visible from some parts of our area, we would.

Strathmartine Resident

An email to inform us that Dundee Head of Planning has been reported (in the press) to have asked the Scottish Government for funding for the Dundee Northern Bypass. Information will be sought from DC Thomson and passed to our MSP.

FINANCE

Balance at 17 January was £1,691.45

286.6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) After laying a power line under a section of Funnyneuk track (at the east end near the quarry) SSE have left the track in a very muddy state. We will ask the company to improve the track for the benefit of walkers and cyclists by laying a hard core surface
- b) Dog mess in Balkello and Dronley woods. There is considerable risk of walking on mess especially away from paths. FC S will be asked at the next ACWAG meeting for their advice.

286.7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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THURSDAY 21 February 2013 at 7.00pm