

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 296

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 20 Feb 2014 at 7.00pm

Present:	Grant Anderson, Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	John Forster, Gavin Christie, Clive Sayers,
In Attendance:	Cllr Sheila Hands, PC Sean Scanlon, Rachel Green and 1 member of the public
Chair:	Shiona Baird

296.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

296.2. Community Engagement Officer

Rachel Green was invited to come to our meeting to explain how she saw CC's carry out their role in relation to community engagement and, in particular, the processes we should have in place to communicate with the public and record feedback from them. This she did, and discussed the difficulty in relation to planning applications (especially with the recent one for Auchterhouse Country Sports in mind) when there is limited time available before comments must be submitted to Angus C. In making comments any statements must be supported by evidence of how they were arrived at. She was satisfied that this was done and that statements made by us can be substantiated.

Support to CC's is available from the Council Community Engagement Officer, who would provide a community engagement audit trail document for CC use and was available to further help CC's in future.

296.3. Minute of Meeting No 295

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

296.4. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters.

Sean gave his report.

Fraudulent activities, wildlife crimes, alcohol abuse and dark evening crimes remain prevalent and must be reported to **Police Scotland** on **101** or to **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**.

Over recent weeks there have been a number of thefts, reported in our area of Angus. Make sure your property is secure, - out buildings and vehicles locked. Report anything suspicious to **Police** or **Crimestoppers**.

Motor bikes have been seen on the hill, where they not allowed. Report them, with details, to 101.

Police Scotland Multi Member Ward Plan (MMWP) for Monifieth & Sidlaw ward is under review. Sean asked for any comments including what we saw as priorities for the police in our area to be submitted to him ASAP. His email requesting this together with a link to the current plan would be forwarded to our comccouncil email list.

b). Road/Traffic Matters

Problems with the new road surface in Kirkton of Auchterhouse were raised again. Care is required by all users until the surface wears down a bit to become more non-slip and quicker to dry.

Angus Roads Dept, after consulting Tayside Forestry manager, have agreed to take steps to replace the road drain on the Avenue (from the houses to the old rail bridge) in order to overcome the problem caused by water (carrying silt and gravel) running down the Avenue from the Tayside Forestry field. The gullies on the Avenue downhill from this point would be cleaned out as and when required. The project would be added to their future plans. **Grant** will email Sheila with the details. Sheila found the matter had already been reported to the Roads Dept (after our January meeting) before she contacted them, resulting in her having to catch up on progress. She asked that she should, as arranged, be left to action tasks.

Potholes on Bonnyton road are opening up again and in some areas, eg at junction with Dronley road, a large area of road surface is breaking up. **Sheila** will pursue matter with Roads.

The light at the road end is out. **Shiona** will report it to Clarence.

The results of the Braeside speed survey have been supplied to John.

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 296

c). TACTRAN / STPR/NFF2.

Nothing further to report.

d) TAYplan

Their February newsletter has been received.

e). Angus Local Plan

Sheila informed us that a draft plan is expected in March.

f). Community Communication

It was agreed that at future meetings we will investigate the whole question of two-way communication with the public. The various methods available to us would be evaluated and a plan put in place.

Linda attended a digital workshop covering the use of social media systems, which she found very useful. These may help with communication.

296.5. Planning Applications

There are no new applications.

295.1. Correspondence Received

a) Angus Council.

Communities forwarding the minute and presentations for the bi-annual meeting on 4 Dec 13.

Technical & Property Services informing us that work on retaining wall at Dronley Mill will start w/c 3 Mar and will cause occasional road closure during 12 week period.

b) Others

NHS Scotland. enclosing copies of Angus Community Health Sces Newsletter 17

PC Sean Scanlon. asking for our views and thoughts on what police priorities should be for the Multi Member Ward Plans over the next 6 months/year, - see 296.4.a) above.

Energy Saving Trust promoting the Scottish Govt. community & renewable energy scheme on a new website at www.localenergyscotland.gov.

295.2. FINANCE

Balance at 31 Jan was £1,972.40.

295.3. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Recycling.** Shiona reported that Angus C would soon roll-out the next phase of recycling household waste. Recycling officer, Libby Reynolds, will attend our April meeting to brief us.
- b) **Dundee N Bypass.** Sheila informed us that comments favouring the Dundee Bypass attributed to the Nestrans chairman had been reported in the Evening Telegraph. It is noted that he has been heavily criticised for this by MEP Graeme Dey and Sheila, as the project to improve the A90 "through or around Dundee" was not a matter for Nestrans. Copies of emails to/from Eric Guthrie (chair of Tactran) were provided by Sheila.
- c) **Wallywynd path.** This path has been washed away for approx 20m and needs reinstating. SPN will investigate what needs to be done.

295.4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 20 Mar 2014 at 7.00pm