

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 297

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

Present:	Grant Anderson, Shiona Baird, John Forster, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Gavin Christie, Linda Cockram, Helen Smith, Clive Sayers, PC Sean Scanlon,
In Attendance:	Cllr Sheila Hands and 3 members of the public
Chair:	Shiona Baird

297.1. **Chairman's Comments**

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

297.2. **Minute of Meeting No 296**

With a correction in 296.8.b) to title Graeme Dey as MSP (not MEP) the minute of the last meeting, which had been circulated, was approved.

297.3. **Matters Arising**

- a). The light at the road end is still out due to a line fault which SSE have in hand (they have 5 weeks to repair it from date of reporting – about 21 Feb).
- b). Potholes along Bonnyton road were repaired on 26th Feb.
- c). A temporary repair of the Wally Wynd path has been carried out by Dr John Brush. Sidlaw Path Network is investigating the full repair of the path.
- d). The farmer of Greenford (and the hill) has reiterated his intention to replace the gate onto the hill at Funnynesk and add a pedestrian side gate. The current gate is lying in damage beyond repair.

297.4. **TOPICS**

a). Police Matters.

Sean emailed his report, which had been circulated to members

There have been several thefts, and attempted thefts, in the area reported to the police. Residents are reminded of the importance of keeping their property and vehicles secure at all times Report any such crimes or suspicious activity to **Police Scotland** on 999 or 101 or to **Crimestoppers** on 0800 555 111

Motor bikes have been taken onto the hill again. The riders have been told that they are not permitted on this private property. If they are seen again report them, with details, to **101**.

Straw burning on the Glebe field got out of control and placed the property of Dr & Mrs Brush, Elmira The Brae, at serious risk requiring the emergency attention of Fire & Rescue to extinguish it. The farmer, D Chassar, failed to bring in the straw last autumn and allowed the contractor, S Dunbar, to burn the straw before ploughing. This was done on 19th March despite a strong SW wind. Both the farmer and contractor have been reported. **Shiona** will write to the Kirk about this matter.

b). Road/Traffic Matters

Parking at the start and end of the school day has got out of hand again. **Shiona** will ask the head teacher, Mrs Burke, to remind parents to keep parked time to a minimum and use the straight stretch of road (by the 30's sign).

At the entrance to Braeside the street is breaking up and needs repair, including to manholes. The cobbled section (for traffic calming) is unnecessary and would make the road safer if removed and replaced by a tarred section. **Sheila** will take this up with Road maintenance.

c). TACTRAN / STPR/NFF2.

Nothing further to report.

d) TAYplan

Their revised Main Issues report (and associated documents) has been passed and will go out to consultation for 10.5 weeks from 14th April. A briefing event will take place on 15th April in Dundee which **Linda** will attend, and a drop-in event (for anyone) will follow from 3pm to 7pm on 15th May at Discovery, Dundee,.

e). Angus Local Plan

Sheila informed us that a draft plan is expected to be issued for consultation in September.

f). Community Communication

Mrs Aileen Baird has agreed to produce a replacement newsheet for the ARGUS and plans to make this a quarterly publication into which news from all local organisations will be included. She will make contact with organisations in order to draw together an account of what is happening and planned for the future. She will make use of email addresses (for those who have submitted them), all notice boards and several supply points eg. in the school/church/hall. Social media networks, like Facebook, will also be employed by her to communicate with the public.

New notice boards will be made for the prop shed wall and the old bus shelter at the road end. **Jim Foote** has agreed to employ his skills to this end.

g) Auchterhouse Weather Station

Necessary new equipment to handle data for the weather station is required by Dr Brush. It was agreed to make a payment (up to £350) available so that this valuable local facility could continue uninterrupted.

297.5. **Planning Applications**

There are no new applications.

297.6. **Correspondence Received**

a) **Angus Council.**

Clr Sheila Hands various emails re road maintenance.

b) **Others**

TAYplan. informing us of the consultation exercise for the revised Main Issues report, - see 297.4. d) above.

Dr John Brush email to outline the situation with his weather station computers, see 297.4.g) above.

297.7. **FINANCE**

Balance at 28 Feb was £1,972.40.

297.8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) **Shooting at Auchterhouse Country Sports.** There is a need for Sunday shooting days to be notified on notice boards, as well as on their website. **Shiona** will request the club to post this in future so that people have advanced warning.

297.9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY 17 Apr 2014 at 7.00pm