

<b>Present:</b>	Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, John Forster, Rory Forster, Connor Nichol, Helen Smith and Garry Stewart
<b>Apologies:</b>	Gavin Christie, Ian Clark, Liam Yule; Cllr Sheila Hands
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sgt Andy Carroll;
<b>Chair:</b>	Shiona Baird

304.1. **Chairman's Comments**

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In a tribute to the late Bob Bruce, who had been a Councillor from 1992 to 2006 when he served as secretary and then chair, Shiona praised him for his huge contribution over the years. Bob was instrumental in setting up the Auchterhouse.com website and the ARGUS newsheet. His service was much valued and he will be sadly missed. The Council passed its condolences to Bob's family.

304.2. **Minute of Meeting No 303**

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

304.3. **Matters Arising**

None

304.4. **TOPICS**

**a). Police Matters.**

Sean has been in touch to inform us that he is moving to a new post and will be replaced by PC Mark Norris. His report was not available. Sean will be thanked for his help in recent years and sent our best wishes for the future.

Sgt Andy Carroll gave us a briefing on structure and operational changes which have happened in the Angus Area, now commanded by Chief Inspector Gordon Milne. Sgt Alan Samson, who is responsible for our ward (Minified & Sidlaw), will make himself known to us in due course. In the ward the Police will be working to the priorities (set by the public): - Road Safety; Rural Theft; Youths Causing Annoyance and Acquisitive Crime.

**b). Road/Traffic Matters**

Shiona reported that another on-site meeting had been held to discuss parking on the road (in front of the school). The provision of a pupil collection service is to be investigated. Demand has already been assessed indicating that there is every likelihood this would be popular for children (primary and secondary) from houses served by The Brae, which is considered dangerous due to speed of traffic, no lighting or pavement. This may, also, have the effect of reducing traffic and the amount of parking happening at the start and end of school day. *The school playground wall, which became unsafe and was dismantled last month, will be reinstalled with the steel rail.*

The Roads Dept installed a speed indicator (VAS) on the road, at Elmira, The Brae, but due to high winds it has been temporarily removed, - to be replaced in calmer weather. A resident driving on The Brae has been reported for speeding and dangerous driving and given a warning by the Police.

**c). TACTRAN / STPR/NPF2.**

Nothing to report.

**d) TAYplan**

Nothing to report.

**e). Angus Local Plan**

Nothing to report.

**f). Community Communication**

Linda and Shiona presented their draft document "Policy and Procedures for Informing Consulting and Representing the Auchterhouse Community". Members were asked to study it so that it could be discussed fully at our February meeting.

### 304.5. **Planning Applications**

The application for a detached garage at the new house by Pond Cottage, East Mains, has been approved. The application to replace the roof over part of 3 East Mains Cottage is awaiting consideration

### 304.6. **FINANCE**

Balance at 31 December was £1,424.03

### 304.7. **Correspondence Received**

#### **Angus Council.**

- Forwarding Information Handbooks for Councillors, - to be discussed at Feb meeting
- Cllr Hands emailed info on VAS to be installed on The Brae in Jan 15, - see 304.4.b) above
- Kevin Ditcham emailed to announce a new Blog for all Angus CCs. This will carry all Agendas, Minutes and other publications from each CC
- Forwarding a consultation document from Angus Health and Social Care Integration inviting completion of survey with comments on each section of the draft scheme. This has been passed to members who may complete it individually. The consultation closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and can be found at: [www.angus.gov.uk/directory/25/consultations//category/48](http://www.angus.gov.uk/directory/25/consultations//category/48). Alternatively, there will be a presentation in The Millennium Hall from 12.30 to 13.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> January when comments can be submitted

#### **Others**

nil

### 304.8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) The next edition of the Newsletter is planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February. All articles must be with Aileen Baird by 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- b) Road snow clearing and gritting was lacking this week (13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>) causing chaos. The bus service could not cope with The Brae (and had to reverse out) and one bus which did get around Braeside skidded off the road to hit the wall of 26 Braeside. The Roads Dept will be contacted.
- c) The minutes of the Bi-annual meeting with Angus Council are not out yet, however, Rory will give a brief account of the presentations received at our February meeting.
- d) It was pointed out that an automatic (24hr) vegetable vending machine is now operating at Dronley Farm. This provides potatoes, mixed veg (carrots/turnip/onion etc) and eggs – all locally sourced.

### 304.9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY 19 February 2015 at 7.00pm**