

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 320

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 15 December 2016 at 7.00pm

Present:	Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, John Forster, Kieran Forster, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart, Liam Yule.
Apologies:	Ian Clark; Rory Forster,
In Attendance:	Cllr Sheila Hands, PC Steven Wilson and 2 members of the public
Chair:	Shiona Baird

320.1. Chairman's Comments

The meeting clashed with the school nativity play held in the church and attended by Shiona and Helen; Garry welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting until Shiona arrived.

320.2. Minute of Meeting No 319

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

320.3. Matters Arising

- Angus Council Parks Dept has completed the repair of the wall at the playing field. The manager has informed us that some of the play equipment there will be replaced and new items ordered in this financial year, i.e. turntable and multi activity unit.
- We have applied to adopt the phone box from BT and now wait being contacted by them.
- The 1st phase of installing a new road drain down the Avenue has been completed. This ran more than 3 weeks late as the drain had to be taken up the other side of the road from the path (where it was originally planned) as various cables lie under the path. The next phase will be late next year.

320.4. TOPICS

a). Police Matters.

PC Steven Wilson updated the council on criminal activity in our area. There have been several reported cases of thefts in recent months and of fly-tipping rubbish. Keep your property secure – all doors and windows locked, a light or radio left on when out.

*Be vigilant and report anything suspicious to **Police Scotland on 101** or **Crimestoppers** (anonymously) on **0800 555 111**.*

b). Road/Traffic Matters

Concern over anti social and fast driving in the area was raised, - especially on The Avenue. After lengthy discussion with Steve Wilson it was advised that people should not hesitate to report these drivers to the Police on **101** with details of time, car reg. and make etc. If the Police receive numerous complaints they will take action. They will also carry out speed checks on the Avenue and other roads in the area from time to time, **so be warned**.

It was agreed that action to get a 40mph limit on The Avenue should be investigated; Sheila would take this up with Angus Council.

Report any road problems to Angus Council Access line 03452 777 778.

c). TACTRAN / STPR / NPF2.

It was noted that in the Regional Transport Strategy (2015 – 36) Refresh a revised Delivery Plan 2016 – 21 shows under Strategic Connectivity section SC.6. a project which includes STPR Project 29 to improve the A90 through/around Dundee; this would start in next 5 years. Sheila pointed out that the erection of a new road bridge at Scone to take traffic to/from the North East on the A94 is being pursued by TACTRAN; this could take some HGV traffic off the A90 and impact on project 29. We will continue to closely monitor developments.

d). TAYplan

Nothing to report.

e). Angus Local Development Plan Scheme

Nothing to report

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f). Community Communication

The Newsletter was issued at the end of November. Many thanks to Aileen for all the work she puts in to producing this each quarter and for managing her Facebook page "Auchterhouse Village Newsletter".

320.5. Membership

Rory Forster is now no longer able to continue as a member, - currently teaching in China and will return to go on to university next year. To fill the vacancy created, it was agreed to co-op Kieran Forster – nominated by Shiona and seconded by Linda. Kieran was welcomed onto our Council.

320.6. Planning Applications

- a) No new applications.
- b) Updates:
 - Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse at Neuk Farm: 16/00593LBC – approved.
 - Demolition of Farm Buildings and Erection of 4 Dwellinghouses at the Neuk Farm 16/00468/FULL, - awaiting decision.

320.7. FINANCE

Balance at 31 Jul was £1,858.31.

The financing of local projects was discussed along with the need to spend (up to about £400) before the end of March 2017. Suggestions will be welcomed e.g. for future usage of the kiosk (phone box); poster campaign etc. and a decision made at our next (February) meeting,

320.8. Correspondence Received

- a). **From Angus Council:** - emails circulated to members.
 - From Environment & Development Plan Manager, re Consultation on Draft Supplementary Guidance & Environmental Report for renewable and low carbon energy development.
 - From Chief Exec Unit re Planning the Future. This included a link to an informative presentation on the financial situation.

c). Others

None

320.9. OTHER BUSINESS

- a). The collection of waste food bins each week from rural Angus, outwith development locations, has stopped; this is part of the cost cutting being carried out.
- b). It was agreed there is a need to discuss communication with Angus Council and look at all the avenues for passing complaints and suggestions to them and other authorities, as well as consulting the community. Time will be made available at our next meeting for this.

320.10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 16 February 2017 at 7.00pm