

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 322

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 11 May 2017 at 7.00pm

Present:	Shiona Baird, Ian Clark; Linda Cockram, John Forster, Kieran Forster, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart, Liam Yule.
Apologies:	PC Steven Wilson
In Attendance:	Cllr Sheila Hands, PC Gail Beattie, Aileen Baird and 5 members of the public
Chair:	Shiona Baird

1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed all councillors and members of the public to the meeting which was postponed from 20 April.

2. Minute of Meeting No 321

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

3. Matters Arising

- The Parks Dept. plan to replace some of the play equipment on the playing field has been delayed because of damaged parts received from Wickstead.
- It was suggested that the "No Dogs Allowed" notice in the area of the play park (at the Recycling centre) be changed to "No dogs within this area except on Leash." Garry will pursue this with Parks Dept.

4. TOPICS

a). Police Matters.

PC Gail Beattie updated the council on criminal activity in our area. There have been cases of vehicle theft from driveways and break-ins in neighbouring areas. One theft was reported in Auchterhouse. Make every effort to secure your home and garage even when at home. Report any suspicious activity with details of vehicle registration number and time.

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

b). Road/Traffic Matters

There are no reports of road matters. There will be a lot of traffic on Bonnyton Road on Sunday 21st May when the Mini Mudder event takes place at Scotston Farm.

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

c). TACTRAN / STPR / NPF2.

Nothing to report.

d). TAYplan and Angus Local Development Plan

A programme for preparing and reviewing the Angus LDP has been set out in a Plan Scheme 2017-18 document. The email regards this will be sent out to the email list.

e). BT Phone Box

BT have not yet emptied the box and finalised the adoption by our community; however to help get options for its future use, Aileen Baird will approach the school with a view to making it a project for the children.

A good clean and repaint would be the first requirement.

f). Twinning with Guiche

Laurence Puyoo has written from Guiche in south west France asking our community to consider twinning with them – partly because of historic ties going back to the 15th century. Kellie Smith and Aileen agreed to contact Laurence for more information and to discuss possibilities. Sheila will determine if Angus C still give grants for twinning.

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g). Management of Playing Field Toilet

Susanne Austin, Waste Strategy & Compliance Manager for Angus C. has been in contact with Shiona to determine if there is any potential for our community operating the toilets on behalf of the Council – mainly regular cleaning, restocking and general maintenance. Shiona will get more information on this: - responsibilities of community and Council, who would still own the property, and the timescale for taking over. John agreed to investigate the availability of cleaners in the community.

g). Community Communication

All material for the next edition of The Newsletter should be passed to Aileen by 23rd May with a view to issuing the next edition in the last week of this month..

Aileen agreed to help with regular communication between the CC and the community. She was duly co-opted on to the community council for this purpose.

5. Planning Applications

- a) Validated 23 Feb. 17/00142/EIASCRC erection of single poultry shed at Dronley Farm;
Validated 15 Mar. 17/00037/Full erection of a dwelling House at West Keith;
Validated 10 Apr. 17/00269/Full extension to potato shed at East Mains. All awaiting a decision.
- b) Updates: 17/00119/LBC porch extension Oakwood, Balbeuchley - withdrawn.

6. FINANCE

Balance at 31 Jan was £1,740.

It was agreed to donate £200 to The Parent Council towards its fund raising for school projects.

7. Correspondence Received

a). **From Angus Council:** - emails circulated to members.

- Email Waste Strategy & Compliance Manager re community running toilet on Playing Field
- Email re the Angus Development Plan Scheme 2017/18 and Participation Statement

c). **Others**

- Letter from Guiche, France, enquiring about possible twinning with Auchterhouse – circulated on 15 Mar and 23 Apr.
- Emails Sharon McInally and G Dey, MSP, re broadband in Eastfield area

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) It was noted that the school nursery would close at the end of this term due to lack of numbers.
- b) Shiona gave an outline of progress, so far, with the Dronley Wood Buy-Out: -
 - New organisation, Dronley Community Woodland, formed, trustees appointed and constitution written.
 - Application to OSCR for charitable status applied for.
 - Instruction for an independent valuation of the wood given.
 - Initial contact with the Scottish Land Fund, (who would be the main funder), made and an advisor appointed by them.
 - The advisor will attend a meeting with trustees on 18th May to consider all possible community activities that could be carried out in the wood.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 15 Jun 2017 at 7.00pm