

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 323

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 15 Jun 2017 at 7.00pm

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

1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minute of Meeting No 322

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

3. Matters Arising

- The Parks Dept. is still waiting for replacement parts from Wickstead for the play equipment.
- A temporary "No dogs within this area except on Leash" notice in the area of the play park (at the Recycling centre) has been displayed. This will be replaced with a permanent notice by the Parks Dept.

4. TOPICS

a). Police Matters.

PC Gail Beattie updated the council on criminal activity. There have been no incidents in this area. The main message from Police Scotland concerns protecting yourself against cybercrime. With ransomware cyber-attacks being big news at the moment, a leaflet they are putting out explains how we can keep ourselves protected from cyber-crime – this will be circulated by email list.

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.

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

Nothing to report.

e). BT Phone Box

Aileen has approached the school about making "new uses for the phone box" a project for the children.

This they will do and try to complete by October. The hand-over from BT is still awaited.

f). Twinning with Guiche

A working party, Kellie Smith with Aileen and Liam, have been determining the interest in the community for this twinning. From A Survey Monkey questionnaire 38 people have expressed an interest and the community would be able to host up to 20 families. Contact with Laurence Puyoo has been made and a visit by Guiche folk provisionally planned for August of 2018 (to coincide with our annual Sports Day). Angus Council would be able to match fund (up to £1,250) any "Crowd Funding" we do.

Through the Church of Scotland there could be funding available for a link between churches.

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g). Management of Playing Field Toilet

Shiona will make contact with Kirriemuir (Craig agreed to provide the contact details) to find out how they manage their toilet facilities (since taking them over from Angus Council) and with Susanne Austin, Waste Strategy & Compliance Manager for Angus C. to discuss the split in responsibilities.

g). Community Communication

A very good newsletter was distributed at the end of May containing a wide range of content.

Aileen will get a copy of the community council email address book (the email list) in order to help with regular communication between the CC and the community.

It was decided that we should employ a minute taker for our meetings (6 per year) with remuneration of £20 per meeting. This will be advertised by email list, Facebook and notice board.

h). Dronley Wood

- a) Shiona gave an update on the Dronley Wood Buy-Out: -
- A very good consultation was held in the hall on 8th June (run concurrently with voting) which gave us many ideas for improving and making use of the wood
 - A valuation has been given for the acquisition which we don't agree with and will challenge.
 - We are now working with an advisor from the Scottish Land Fund, (who would be the main funder), and undertaking the many requirements needed for a successful application to the fund.
 - An application for Charitable Status has been made to OSCR.

i). School Nursery

Angus Council have decided to close the school nursery because of low numbers attending and to transfer the teacher to Tealing. This is a major blow to our area, and future children, and needs to be challenged. At the same time advertising the nursery now in order to get more children signed up was considered most important. Liam will write to Pauline Stevens, Angus Council, to determine the reason for this move and the Council plan for the future. Both Craig and Sheila also agreed to investigate the reasons behind the closure

5. Planning Applications

- a) Validated 11 May. 17/00329/Full for a single storey extension, for a sun lounge, at Fettercairn, Piper's Way is awaiting a decision
- b) Updates: 17/00269/Full for extension to a potato shed at East Mains farm has been approved.

6. FINANCE

Balance at 31 May was £2,425.93 after the receipt of the Angus Council annual grant.

7. Correspondence Received

a). From Angus Council: -

Email re SW Angus Rural Charrette in Birkhill Bowling Club on Thu 22nd June at 6.00pm to which we are invited

c). Others

Email from G Dey, MSP, re broadband in Eastfield area
Email from PC G Beattie re contact at Kirriemuir for management of their toilets

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Sports Day will be held on Sat 26th Aug
- b) A request has been received from Seafarers UK to encourage all communities to raise the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd Sep (the day the 2nd World War broke out); to be discussed at next meeting.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 17 Aug 2017 at 7.00pm