

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 324

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 17 Aug 2017 at 7.00pm

Present:	Aileen Baird, Shiona Baird, John Forster, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart,
Apologies:	Ian Clark; Linda Cockram, Kieran Forster, Liam Yule, PC Steven Wilson, Cllr Sheila Hands,
In Attendance:	1 member of the public
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 school nursery needs 5 children to re-open, and currently has the names of 4 (including those who could start later this year). The Parent Council is monitoring the situation.
- Raising the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day, 3rd Sep, was discussed but it was decided not to take it any further.
- Mhairi Yule has agreed to become our Minute Taker and will start in October.

4. TOPICS

a). Police Matters.

There has not been a recent report.

If anyone spots any suspicious activity, report it with details of vehicle registration number and time to **Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers (anonymously) on 0800 555 111.**

b). Road/Traffic Matters

The Brae has been marked up for surface repairs. *These will be carried out in the next few months and will not involve closing the road.*

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

There will be a public meeting to discuss the twinning on 5th Sep in the hall at 7.30pm.

Contact with Guiche is well established, including using Skype, with a visit by them next August being planned.

g). Management of Playing Field Toilet

It was agreed to take on the cleaning and internal maintenance of the toilets. An effort will be made to give them a thorough clean and Angus Council asked to remedy one leaking toilet (plumbing problem), to replace two cistern lids (cracked) and reinstate the auto door locking / unlocking mechanism.

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h). Community Communication

The next newsletter is planned for distribution at the end of Aug – articles required by Mon 21st. 300 people are now using the Newsletter Facebook page.

i). Dronley Wood.

Progress has been made with the asset transfer. Dronley Community Woodland (DCW) has an approved constitution and charitable status. A new website www.dronleywood.org has been set up and a bank account opened. Invitations to tender for a feasibility study and the production of a 5 year business plan have been sent to a number of consultants – *all replies expected by 20th Aug*. The application to FES for the asset transfer will hopefully be made by early December - with the aid of the successful consultant.

5. Planning Applications

- a) Validated 14 Jul. 17/00579/Full a two storey extension, at Thalia, Old Whisky Road is approved
- b) Updates: 17/00329/Full for extension at Fettercairn, Piper's Way has been approved.

6. FINANCE

Balance at 31 May was £1,935.37. It was agreed to pay for the hosting and domain fee for DCW website.

7. Correspondence Received

a). From Angus Council: -.

- Email re play equipment on the Playing Field. New multi unit will be available for Sports Day – the old unit will remain for the time being.
- Email with draft Carnoustie, Monifieth & Sidlaw Locality Plan 2017 – circulated to members

c). Others

- Letter from NHS Tayside re consultation on 'Shaping Surgical Services' – circulated to e-list

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) 'Highways England,' the owners of old railway bridges, have asked the Sidlaw Path Network to apply for permission to construct a path under the road bridge at Burnhead and Davidston and to confirm that there is insurance cover for the public use of steps there. There is no cover, but Garry will discuss, with Angus C Insurance dept., the possibility of inclusion of this on the CC policy – part of a Angus Council wide policy. Cover for toilets on the play field will also be discussed.
- b) Misuse of the car park by the old Dronley railway station was discussed and will be referred to Steve Wilson.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING & AGM

THURSDAY 19 Oct 2017 at 7.00pm