

# AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF AGM & MEETING No 325

HELD IN THE HALL ON THURSDAY 19 October 2017at 7.00pm

<b>Present:</b>	Garry Stewart, Helen Smith, Ian Clark, Liam Yule, Aileen Baird, Linda Cockram, Mhairi Yule
<b>Apologies:</b>	Shiona Baird, John Forster, Cllr Sheila Hands
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Cllr Beth Whiteside, PC Gail Beattie
<b>Chair:</b>	Garry Stewart

### 325.1. Chairman's Comments

Garry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 325.2. Minute of AGM 20 October 2016

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

### 325.3. Annual reports

These were circulated.

#### Chair report

There were no comments or changes.

#### Secretary report

Linda had a comment on the coverage of planning applications as the community council responded to 2 of these. Garry advised that he responds to these already.

3 planning applications were withdrawn, 4 are awaiting a decision and 4 were approved

#### Finance report

This runs until the end of March. John circulated a report in April 2017, however, was not present this evening.

### 325.4. Appointments

We are currently in a 3 year term as this fell out of line due to the referendum. Previously it was 4 year terms. . Re election of office members is required.

#### **Chair**

Helen nominated Shiona and this was seconded by Linda

#### **Secretary**

Linda nominated Garry and this was seconded by Liam

#### **Treasurer**

Garry nominated John and this was seconded by Linda

### 325.5. Minutes of last meeting held on 17 August 2017

The minute of the last meeting was circulated and approved.

### 325.6. Matters arising

- The school nursery now has 4 children on the waiting list. Dawn Archibald (Angus Council) was present at the last PTA meeting and is meeting with them again in 2-3 weeks to discuss promoting the nursery. They are aiming to have full days to make it a more attractive option to working parents and would like to be reopened by Easter.
- Shiona has contacted MP Chris Law to involve him in the issues regarding the railway bridge crossing the old railway line maintained by the Sidlaw Path Network. Highways England owns this and have queried insurance for the steps which have been built for access to the path.
- Previous issues regarding misuse of the car park at the old dronley railway station were discussed
- Shiona has exchanged emails with PC Steve Wilson and have agreed the police will monitor, particularly at night.

### 325.7. TOPICS

#### a). Police Matters.

Gail Beattie provided an update. Gail will now attend at least every second meeting.

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- There have been 2 break ins at Scotston Farm, one in August 2017 and one in September 2017.
- Rural crime in Angus is low currently but everybody needs to be observant and vigilant and make a note of any suspicious activity.
- Myerton of Claverhouse farm have had their honesty box broken into twice.

### **b). Road/Traffic Matters**

Repair work is planned for The Brae, however no date has yet been set. Cllr Beth Whiteside will request an update.

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

Nothing to report.

### **d) TAYplan and Angus LDP**

Nothing to report

### **e). BT Phone Box**

- Garry has signed a contract with BT and the phone box has now been officially signed over to the community.
- The primary 6/7 children at Auchterhouse Primary School have sketched out ideas and Aileen will send these round by email.
- It was agreed the priority is to clean the phone box, paint it and repair the loose panes of glass. It was agreed community council funds could be used for this. It was agreed to arrange an estimate for cleaning and painting this to protect it for winter.
- If a defibrillator is agreed upon, a grant of £2500 can be applied for.
- It was agreed to gather ideas prior to the next meeting and make a final decision at that time. Aileen will email and use Facebook to gather further ideas from the wider community.

### **f). Twinning with Guiche**

Aileen and Liam provided an update.

- The Auchterhouse Twinning Association held their AGM on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 with 14 members of the public attending and positions being agreed.
- Guiche will come to Auchterhouse in August 2018 for sports day to keep costs to a minimum, individuals will pay for their own flights and entertainment will be provided.
- Twinning of the churches was also discussed, Kellie Smith has contacted the minister who is interested in this. Aileen plans to contact Mrs Small at Auchterhouse Primary School to arrange involvement with the school.
- Community council members would support funding hall rent for the Twinning meetings as this is in the interests of the community. Agreed to fund the previous 2 meetings and future meetings at £8 each time.

### **g). Management of Playing Field Toilet**

At the last meeting it was agreed that the community would take over the running of this subject to maintenance being carried out to an acceptable standard. Shiona emailed Susan Austen, Waste Compliance Officer at Angus Council to discuss the issues that require to be addressed prior to the community taking this on.

### **h). Community Communication**

- Aileen reported the next edition of the village newsletter would be distributed at the end of November 2017.
- There are now 340 members on the Auchterhouse Facebook page and this is being used well.
- 300 Auchterhouse Primary School calendars have been ordered and will be available to buy through the church, Pear Tree restaurant, Grewars farm shop, Newtyle PO, SWRI meetings. These will cost £6 and funds will go towards the school.
- Aileen plans to attend local Xmas fayres to sell these and it was agreed some could be sent to Guiche through the Auchterhouse Twinning Committee.

### **i). Dronley Wood**

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The project is progressing well, they have been awarded a grant to cover preliminary work. A consultant is due to conduct a feasibility study to find out what development could be done on the wood. A constitution has been drawn up and an application to OSCR for charitable status. There was an event for the community during election day to generate ideas and 160 ideas were generated by the community. There is no clear deadline for the application and transfer however once the contract is signed for stage 1 funding then the stage 2 requires completion within 6 months. The public can comment on the application in the same way as planning applications.

### 325.8. Planning Applications

- a) **17/00771/FULL:** Retrospective application for raised decking and raised section of existing boundary fence has been put forward. Although a building warrant was granted prior to this, they were reportedly advised a planning application was not required. A complaint led to an enforcement order and Angus Council have deemed it now requires planning permission. There have been objections put forward by members of the community and Garry has requested clarity on the accuracy of the drawings related to the works carried out.
- 17/00828/FULL:** Demolition of existing buildings and erection of new dwelling house. The owner of the agricultural buildings wants to demolish these and has applied to build a house on the site. No objections to be put forward by the community council.
- 17/00845/FULL:** Formation of a garage extension at North Balkello Cottage has been updated. This addresses objections which were raised by the community council regarding overhanging the boundary. No objections to be raised by the community council as the changes are deemed acceptable.
- b) Updates
- 17/000702FULL:** Formation of a garage extension at North Balkello Cottage: This has been withdrawn and a new application submitted.

### 325.9. FINANCE

The treasurer was not present. Garry to request this figure from John.

### 325.10. CORRESPONDENCE

#### Angus Council

- Confirmation has been received from the Senior Risk Officer at Angus Council that the Community Council insurance as part of the Angus Council policy will cover the insurance for the toilet block on the playing field.

#### Other

- There has been an agreement from BT regarding the phone box. A contact has been signed.

### 325.11. AOCB

- There was a discussion regarding changing the next community council date to the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 rather than the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 due to the close proximity to Christmas. This was agreed.
- The meeting today will be Ian's last community council meeting as he is stepping down. The members present thanked Ian for his input to the community council.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00pm**

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### Chair's Report October 2017

The second year of this present term for the Community Council has been busier than ever. The reduced number of meetings has not reduced the issues coming to us. Though members of the public rarely attend the meetings, their engagement over the year with the various issues has been gratifying.

The approach by the Forestry Commission offering us an opportunity to purchase Dronley Wood came out of the blue, early in the year, but the community rose to the challenge and the Community Council was able to hand over responsibility to the newly formed Dronley Community Woodland group. The three main office bearers, being also the main office bearers of the Community Council, all agreed to take on the initial role to get the project started. It has successfully progressed through many hurdles to achieving Stage 1 funding from the Scottish Land Fund to appoint and pay for a consultant to then take us to the next stage of a Community Asset Transfer and Stage 2 funding from the Scottish Land Fund.

The plans to purchase the village phone box from BT is now nearing completion. Requests will be made to the primary school and the community for ideas of what to do with it. Ideas such as a book exchange, art gallery and/or information point have come forward.

Also out of the blue came a request from the small village of Guiche in SW France to consider twinning with them. Several members of the community were interested and have taken on the request and are currently seeking positive responses from families in Auchterhouse to commit to hosting a family next year. It is really encouraging to see such engagement with such an interesting community proposal. We wish them every success.

Community management could be the hallmark for this year as, in addition to these other exciting projects; we are in the process of taking on the management of our park toilets from Angus Council. This proposal from the Council is also nearing completion with just some outstanding repair issues to be resolved before signing an agreement. Again it is hoped members of the community will come forward to assist with maintaining clean and accessible toilets for park users.

The Community Council has been in existence since 1976 and to my knowledge we have never before had this number of community projects come our way. It emphasises the value of have a CC able to accept and re-direct such varied proposals.

My thanks go to the members of the CC for their attendance and work over the past year. We are sad to say farewell to Ian Clark who has tendered his resignation. We thank him for his contributions and wish him well in the future. We welcome Aileen Baird who having edited the Auchterhouse Newsletter for a couple of years, has now joined us, bringing with her, considerable communications experience. Special thanks go to Garry Stewart for his stalwart efforts in preparing the minutes and communicating planning issues to us. Thanks to John Forster for keeping the accounts in order. Thanks also to our two Councillors, welcomed back after the May election, who regularly attend our meetings. Thanks to our Community Police Officers, Steve Wilson and Gail Beattie who have been able to attend several of our meetings. We appreciate very much the support from these officials from the Council and Police.

A busy year indeed! Shiona Baird (Chair of the CC)

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT for the year October 2016 to September 2017.

There were 6 meetings during the year held in October, December, February, May, June and August. Meetings are now only held on even numbered months.

#### **Attendance at meetings was: -**

Members	Attended	%	Members	Attended	%
Shiona Baird	6	100	Kieran Forster	3 of 5	60
Ian Clark	3	50	Helen Smith	6	100
Linda Cockram	4	67	Garry Stewart	6	100
John Forster	5	83	Liam Yule	5	83

On 4 occasions a meeting was attended by an Angus Councillor, who was able to take requests from us direct to a Council dept. Also, during the year they have responded to requests sent by email.

#### **Topics of Discussion and Action through the year: -**

**Police Report.** Reports were provided during the year. There have been several incidents of housebreaking (or attempted housebreaking) in the area. We are asked to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to **Police Scotland** on 101 or **Crimestoppers** on 0800 555 111

**Road & Traffic Matters.** There has been concern over anti social and fast driving, which the Police have advised us to report on 101 with details of time, car reg and make etc. The speed of traffic on The Avenue and other roads continues to be monitored.

**Consultations** The email list with over 180 addresses, of people wishing to be kept informed, has been used on a few occasions to keep people aware of consultations taking place.

**Newsletter** We are very grateful to Aileen Baird for producing a quarterly newsletter for Auchterhouse throughout the year. These have been circulated to the community by email and Facebook and placed on the website..

**Web site** Duncan Kennedy has maintained the auchterhouse.com website most conscientiously. A library of past minutes and newsletters is available on the site.

**TACTRAN/STPR/NPF2** There is nothing to report.

**TAYplan** There is nothing to report

**Angus Local Dvelopment Plan.** The plan can be downloaded at: - [www.angus.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan/](http://www.angus.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan/).

**Dronley Wood** The sale of this wood was announced by FES in February but offered to the community who have a right of first refusal. A new organisation, Dronley Community Woodland or DCW, has been formed to pursue the Asset Transfer for the community. Regular updates on progress have been given at our meetings.

**Twinning with Guiche** Contact has been established and meetings to take forward the formal twinning held. The first visit may be planned for next August.

**Management of the Playing Field Toilets** Our Council has agreed with Angus Council to take on the management of these toilets after the building has been brought up to a good state of good repair.

**Weather Station** Dr John Brush has provide regular weather reports for the Newsletter. Sincere thanks are due to John for running the weather station, which is a valuable asset to the community.

**Planning Applications** There were 11 application for planning consent made during the year, - see list attached. Three applications were withdrawn, four are awaiting a decision and four have been approved. The application for the Neuk Steading and farmhouse, awaiting a decision 12 months ago was approved with conditions.

G H Stewart, Secretary

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### Planning Applications in the year Sep 2016 to 12 October 2017

1. [Formation of a Garage Extension on the West Gable Wall of the Property](#)

North Balkello Cottage North Balkello Kirkton of Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0QY Ref. No: 17/00845/FULL | Received: Thu 12 Oct 2017 | Validated: Fri 13 Oct 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

2. [Demolition of Existing Buildings and Erection of New Dwellinghouse](#)

Agricultural Buildings Kirkton of Auchterhouse Ref. No: 17/00826/FULL | Received: Tue 03 Oct 2017 | Validated: Tue 03 Oct 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

3. [Retrospective Raised Decking and Raise Section of Existing Boundary Fence](#)

Fern Cottage Kirkton Of Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0QS Ref. No: 17/00771/FULL | Received: Mon 11 Sep 2017 | Validated: Mon 11 Sep 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

4. [Extension to Form a Garage with Store Room Above](#)

North Balkello Cottage North Balkello Kirkton of Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0QY Ref. No: 17/00702/FULL | Received: Tue 22 Aug 2017 | Validated: Tue 22 Aug 2017 | Status: Withdrawn

5. [Extension and Alterations to Dwellinghouse](#)

Thalla Old Whisky Road Kirkton of Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0RD Ref. No: 17/00579/FULL | Received: Thu 13 Jul 2017 | Validated: Fri 14 Jul 2017 | Status: Approved

6. [Single Storey Rear Extension to form Sun Lounge](#)

Fettercairn Pipers Way Dundee DD3 0RG Ref. No: 17/00329/FULL | Received: Fri 28 Apr 2017 | Validated: Thu 11 May 2017 | Status: Approved

7. [Proposed Extension to Existing Potato Shed](#)

East Mains Farm East Mains Auchterhouse Ref. No: 17/00269/FULL | Received: Mon 10 Apr 2017 | Validated: Mon 10 Apr 2017 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions

8. [Erection of a Single Poultry Shed](#)

Field 160M South East Of Dronley House Dronley Birkhill Ref. No: 17/00142/EIASCR | Received: Thu 23 Feb 2017 | Validated: Thu 23 Feb 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

9. [Porch Extension to Cottage \(Retrospective\)](#)

Oakwood Cottage Balbeuchley Kirkton of Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0QX Ref. No: 17/00119/LBC | Received: Thu 16 Feb 2017 | Validated: Mon 20 Feb 2017 | Status: Withdrawn

10. [Erection of a Dwellinghouse](#)

West Keith Steading Lundie Muirhead Ref. No: 17/00037/FULL | Received: Wed 18 Jan 2017 | Validated: Wed 15 Mar 2017 | Status: Withdrawn

11. [Alteration and Extension of Dwellinghouse and Alteration and Extension of Associated Bothy](#)

Sunnyhall Cottage Lundie Muirhead DD2 5NZ Ref. No: 16/01007/FULL | Received: Thu 15 Dec 2016 | Validated: Fri 23 Dec 2016 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions