

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AGM & MEETING No 327

HELD IN THE HALL ON THURSDAY 15th February 2018 at 7.00pm

Present:	Garry Stewart, Shiona Baird, Helen Smith, Linda Cockram, Mhairi Yule, John Forster, Keiran Forster, Aileen Baird
Apologies:	Liam Yule
In Attendance:	PC Gail Beattie, Cllr Craig Fotheringham, Cllr Beth Whiteside
Chair:	Shiona Baird

326.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

326.2. Minutes of last meeting held on 14th December 2017

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

326.3. Matters arising

John Forster reported that the village grit bins have now been refilled.

326.4. TOPICS

a). Police Matters.

- PC Beattie reported that since December 2017 the nearest incident has been Hillside of Prieston where a gate post was broken.
- Sheds at Baldragon farm at Strathmartine were also broken into.
- John Forster raised the issue that motorbikes have again been seen up the hill. PC Beattie advised telephoning 101 during such incidents. If vans are spotted taking motorcycles to the hill, PC Beattie advised noting registration and again reporting to 101.

b). Road/Traffic Matters

- The surface of the Brae has been repaired but John Forster noted the entrance to Braeside has not been repaired. John also reported an area on the Brae that had not appeared to have been repaired correctly has now broken and become a pothole. Cllr Whiteside informed those present that this should be reported and work will be completed as a priority.
- Garry Stewart reported a section of Bonnyton Road has now been resurfaced.

c). TACTRAN / STPR/NPF2.

- Linda Cockram reported that the Dundee Bypass is ow number 21 rather than 29 on the list, this will be kept under review. This is one of two options with the other option being upgrading the Kingsway.
- John Forster reported that current issues regarding air monitoring will lead to action requiring being taken to reduce pollution near the Kingsway which could impact upon any decision. As the population of Dundee is predicted to increase by 30,000 and houses will be required this may also impact on any bypass location.
- Cllr Fotheringham reported Angus Council have been unanimously against the bypass.
- There is a presumption against development on good quality agricultural land.

d) TAYplan and Angus LDP

Nothing to report

e). BT Phone Box

- Decision has been made that the phone box is to be painted and a defibrillator will be installed. Garry Stewart reported a grant can be requested for this for approximately £2500. The

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defibrillator should cost around £1500. This will require lottery application. Garry to send out information regarding this and all to review and agree on individual to complete the application.

- Garry Stewart has sourced quotes for repair work from Alan Sheriff, Newtyle decorator and Eddie Sullivan, Strath Painters.
- Cllr Whiteside advised that Shelly Hague from Angus Council is available to assist with application completions.

f). Twinning with Guiche

Aileen confirmed that residents from Guiche will visit Auchterhouse for the village sports day in August 2018. They plan to arrive a few days prior to this and stay in Edinburgh initially. This will require one fundraising event to fund food and entertainment.

g). Management of Playing Field Toilet

There is no further update

h). Community Communication

Aileen reported that the next version of the Auchterhouse village newsletter will be distributed in the last week of February. The deadline for submissions is 22nd February and articles should be submitted to Aileen Baird.

i). Dronley Wood

An update will be provided for the newsletter. The business plan has been finalised and a CATS application is being put together by Garry Stewart and Linda Cockram. This is to be submitted at the end of February 2018 in order for it to be presented at the April meeting so as not to delay by another quarter. It could be up to 6 months to find out if this is accepted and then can move to stage 2 funding from the Scottish Land Fund.

326.5. Planning Applications

- a) New: None
- b) Updates

17/00961/FULL Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse. Erection of new garage at Elandene, The Avenue, Auchterhouse – **APPROVED**

17/00950/FULL Erection of Dwellinghouse and alterations to existing building/structures – reapplication at West Keith Steading, Lundie – **AWAITING A DECISION**

17/00826/FULL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of new dwellinghouse at agricultural buildings, Balkello – **APPROVED**

17/00771/FULL Retrospective request for raised decking and raise section of existing boundary fence at Fern Cottage, Kirkton of Auchterhouse – **REFUSED** – There is a three month period where this can be appealed or an amended planning application can be submitted, otherwise, they will have to remove the decking

326.6. FINANCE

Balance at 31 Jan was £1,520.37. John Forster provided an update. £935 has been spent this year. This is most of the grant, however, the year was started carrying forward a balance of £1740.

326.7. CORRESPONDENCE

Angus Council

- Shiona Baird has emailed correspondence from the communities officer regarding 'Success for Sidlaw' subgroup meeting due to take place on 5th March 2018 to discuss widening the remit of the group. They are looking for a volunteer from the community council to attend this meeting at Birkhill Primary School. Helen Smith previously attended these meetings, however, there was

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little pertinent to Auchterhouse. Helen Smith volunteered to attend (as it covers 4 community councils – Tealing, Strathmartine, Muirhead and Auchterhouse) and find out if it is likely to be applicable to Auchterhouse and worth attending on a more regular basis.

Other

- Garry Stewart sent round an email with a link to the TAYplan website to look at action plan.

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326.8. AOCB

- John Forster raised that trees that had been felled at Funnyneuk should be replanted within a specific timescale. It was noted that this has begun.
- Aileen Baird provided an update on the nursery. Unfortunately the eco dome is no longer happening in Angus and the current nursery is not fit for purpose due to lack of nappy changing area or toilets therefore it is unable to open according to previous timescale. The Care Inspectorate is due to visit by May 2018 to identify what can be done regarding making the nursery fit for purpose and able to reopen. Work will require to be completed over the Summer holidays prior to potentially opening in August 2019. The council are reportedly looking at investing in the school for a more permanent solution. Cllr Beth Whiteside reported she can raise this at the Children & Learning meeting next week.
- The issue of housing near the school was raised to increase the village population. This has previously been discussed, however, it was likely 20 houses would not be viable with a developer. Cllr Whiteside advised emailing the planning department regarding this and John Forster agreed to explore this further. Linda Cockram will discuss this with Angus Council.
- Helen Smith reported Flower tots run by Pauline Turns has had 2 sessions so far and has been successful. This involves crafts and gardening activities and involves an area wider to Auchterhouse.
- Shiona Baird raised the issue of the proliferation of 'For Sale' signs at the bus shelter on the Newtyle road and queried the legality of this and the issue of litter due to them having been left on the verge for a long period following the sale of these properties. Cllr Fotheringham advised that Angus Council does not have a policy regarding this, however, will discuss with roads department as it may compromise road safety.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th April 2018 at 7.00pm