

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 329

HELD IN THE HALL ON THURSDAY 21st June 2018 at 7.00pm

Present:	Garry Stewart, Shiona Baird, Helen Smith, Linda Cockram, John Forster, Aileen Baird
Apologies:	Liam Yule, Kieran Forster, Mhairi Yule
In Attendance:	PC Darren Burnett, Cllr Beth Whiteside
Chair:	Shiona Baird

329.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

329.2. Matters arising

Ideas for increasing the school roll.

To address the balance of demographics in the village and to welcome more young families to our area, the Community Council will explore options for the possibility of new housing that compliments the aesthetics of Auchterhouse. During this year the Council will gather together ideas and develop a proposal of the options available to us. This will be done while collaborating with Angus Council, the people of Auchterhouse and other villages who have embarked on similar projects. This will help to protect the future of our community, school and nursery,

329.3. TOPICS

a). Police Matters.

PC Darren Burnett talked through the police report and shared information on:

- All reports of fraud and any other financial crime should be reported to Police via 101 without delay. Reporting incidents assists Police Scotland in tackling fraud and enables us to identify areas of concern and patterns of behaviour. The information you provide is valuable and could lead to the prosecution of offenders and to ensuring the safety of the public. We will record all information you provide and appropriate action will be taken. Victims of phone/email scams should contact trading standards and the police. In some cases trading standards will come and fit call blocking devices to the phones of vulnerable members of the public.
- Dirt bikes: There are still issues with groups of people riding dirt bikes on Auchterhouse Hill. If you see these bikes please note as much detail as possible; descriptions, registration plates, riders clothing etc. The more information that is passed to the police the greater chance of identifying those responsible. Please report any information you have to 101. There is a shared website containing information/imagery/video of dirt bike riders in this area for Angus & Dundee police forces to try and identify the culprits.

b). Road/Traffic Matters

- Bonnyton Road has been resurfaced and looks in good condition.

c). TACTRAN / STPR/NPF2.

- No update at this time

d) TAYplanand Angus LDP

- No update at this time

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e). BT Phone Box

The application for a grant from Awards for All (The Big Lottery) to clean and refurbish the phone box and install the defibrillator has been submitted and a decision is expected by mid August. A quote has been received from the decorators to clean/strip and repaint the box.

f). Twinning with Guiche

There will be 10 people coming from Guiche to visit us from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th August for our first Twinning. We expected there to be many more than 10 but due to various reasons they just couldn't manage to get more people to make the trip. They arrive in Edinburgh on Monday 20th August and will spend time doing all the tourist attractions there before coming to us on Friday. On the Friday night we plan to host all the Guiche visitors in the village hall for a meal and it's a chance for us to get to know each other. Then on Saturday its Sports Day and The ceilidh. Our French friends will then depart on Sunday back to Edinburgh then will fly home on Monday.

g). Management of Playing Field Toilet

There is no further update other than an external lockable power socket will be installed to the outside of the toilet building.

h). Community Communication

Aileen reported that the next version of the Auchterhouse village newsletter will be distributed in the middle of August. The deadline for submissions is Friday 10th August and articles should be submitted to Aileen Baird.

A multi community council newsletter called Success for Sidlaw has been launched and emailed to the village distribution list and can also be viewed in the mobile library and village hall notice board.

i). Dronley Wood

The CATS application has been submitted. The Forestry Commission has decided they will sell the wood to the community. We now have 6 months to find the funds to buy the wood. The application for funding to the Scottish Land Fund has been submitted and we await a decision. A forest school is one of the many benefits we will experience when the wood becomes owned by the community. We are looking to the community to help us raise funds for the purchase of the wood. There is a new Dronley Wood website with all the information about the project.

329.4. Planning Applications

- a) New: None
- b) Updates
 - Appeal against Refusal
 - 18/00005/REFUSE Retrospective raised decking and boundary fence at Fern Cottage – *The appeal to Angus Council was dismissed. The applicant has 6 weeks from 14 June to appeal to the Court of Session.*

329.5. FINANCE

John Forster provided an update. At the end of May the balance was £1,632.37. In June we received our annual grant from Angus Council of £715.

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3269.6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Nothing to report

329.7. AOCB

- The prospect of a rural Community Campus was not included in Angus school estate consultation but this proposal has been added back into the consultation which will be published very soon.
- The Auchterhouse community website will be updated in the coming months - www.auchterhouse.com

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16th August 2018 at 7.00pm