

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 319 and AGM

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 20 October 2016 at 7.00pm

Present:	Shiona Baird, Ian Clark, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart, Liam Yule
Apologies:	Linda Cockram, John Forster, Rory Forster, Cllr Sheila Hands, Cllr Craig Fotheringham and PC Steve Wilson
In Attendance:	
Chair:	Shiona Baird

319.1. Chairman's Comments

Shiona welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting.

319.2. Minute of AGM of 15 October 2015

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

319.3. Annual Reports

The written annual reports from the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were received and approved – these are attached.

319.4. Appointments

Each office bearer agreed to stand for a further year and was reappointed:

Chair	Shiona Baird
Secretary	Garry Stewart, who continue to act as planning contact with Angus Council,
Treasurer	John Forster

319.5. Minute of Last Meeting No 318

The minute of the last meeting held on 18 August, which had been circulated, was approved.

319.6. Matters Arising

- Angus Council Parks Dept has repaired and replaced the picnic table on the sports field. They have agreed to upgrade the play equipment there this year if their budget allows, or make some improvements until they are not able to upgrade this year.

319.7. TOPICS

a). Police Matters.

PC Steve Wilson was unable to attend but emailed his report which was circulated to members.

From the end of December it will be illegal to keep an air weapon without a licence. There was a theft by house-breaking in Auchterhouse in September. Keep your property secure – all doors and windows locked, a light or radio left on when out.

Get ready for winter: motorists check your car lights, tyres and washer fluid.

*Be vigilant and report anything suspicious to **Police Scotland on 101** or **Crimestoppers** (anonymously) on **0800 555 111**.*

b). Road/Traffic Matters

The Roads Dept has started work on installing a new road drain at the bottom of the Avenue. Resurfacing of the Dronley road at the junctions with the main road into the village and with Bonnyton road has been carried out.

Report any road problems to Angus Council Access line 03452 777 778.

c). TACTRAN / STPR/NPF2.

Nothing to report.

d). TAYplan

Nothing to report.

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e). Angus Local Development Plan Scheme

Angus Council adopted their proposed plan on 23 September.

f). Community Communication

Articles for the next Auchterhouse Newsletter should be submitted to Aileen Baird by 18 November

319.8. Planning Applications

- a) There were no new applications
- b) Updates:
 - Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse at Neuk Farm: 16/00592/FULL – approved and 16/00593LBC – awaiting a decision.
 - Demolition of Farm Buildings and Erection of 4 Dwellinghouses at the Neuk Farm 16/00468/FULL, - awaiting decision.

319.9. FINANCE

Balance at 30 September was £1,858.31.

319.10. Correspondence Received

a). From Angus Council: -

- From Community Engagement Officer, re Use of BT Payphones. It was agreed to apply to BT (through Angus Council) to adopt the box for our use. How it would be used would be decided later.
- From Planning, re Adoption of Angus LDP. It was adopted on 23 Sep.

c). Others

Nil

319.11. OTHER BUSINESS

Shiona gave special thanks to the Sports Committee for the all the hard work they had put into running another very successful sports and ceilidh on 27th August

319.12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 15 December 2016 at 7.00pm

DATE OF NEXT AGM THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2017 at 7.00pm

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Chair's Annual Report October 2015-2016

A new session of Auchterhouse Community Council began in October 2015. It is gratifying to note that yet again we have a full complement of Councillors, albeit without the need for an election. Auchterhouse has had a Community Council since the inception of this local tier of governance in 1976. In fact Garry Stewart our hard working Secretary was on the initial Steering Group and has been a member ever since. Our very warmest congratulations are extended to him! We have 8 members allotted to our Council. In addition we have the power to co-opt 3 resident members as Youth members, who are over the age of 14 years. These positions are vacant so a call is sent out to all the young folk in the Auchterhouse area.

In addition to his secretarial duties, Garry agreed last October to take on the role of Planning Officer, reviewing all planning applications in our area, bringing them to our attention. I had initially indicated that I would share this role but my work with a local charity has become more demanding, leaving me no time to take on more responsibilities. It is vital that other members of the Community Council do step forward to take on the mantle of this and other posts. Sharing out these roles gives strength to the Council and ensures it continues long after the current officers retire!! A new aluminium notice board has been erected to replace the rotting wooden one so this one at least will hopefully outlast most of us!

After many years of an uninspiring war memorial horse trough, the decision was taken following a request by one of our Community Councillors, Linda Cockram, to approach Angus Council for help. Holes were drilled in the base of the trough enabling flowers to be planted, which greatly enhanced the war memorial. Auchterhouse Church also agreed to remove the poppy wreath after three months of Remembrance Day. This is in line with the War Memorials Trust who advise communities to have a removal policy in place.

Following a period of absence of a police presence at our monthly meetings, we were pleased to have PC Gemma Smith attend. We have now been allocated a permanent contact in PC Steve Wilson, who joins us again whenever he can. He also keeps us informed of any issues in our area on a regular basis. We do thank him for this work.

With the Community Council agreeing in the summer of 2016 to reduce the number of meetings to every second month, (6 meetings in place of 9), it is hoped attendance at meetings will remain high and the interest in local affairs retained.

Special mention must be made and thanks offered to the Sports Day Committee, who yet again did the village and community proud in presenting another wonderfully packed afternoon of events. The ceilidh at night was also a great success. The committee puts so much work behind the scenes to ensure such success and we do thank them most sincerely.

Thanks to all who contribute to the Auchterhouse Newsletter, especially Aileen Baird who edits it. This is a great addition to our community life. Thanks to John Brush who records and compiles a valuable daily diary of weather reports, which is viewed all over the world.

Finally, thanks to all the Community Councillors for their support over the year. Special thanks too go to our two Angus Council Councillors, Sheila Hands and Craig Fotheringham, who regularly attend our meetings. They willingly take forward to Angus Council any issues or concerns raised at meetings. Such good co-operation is essential in maintaining good local engagement and participation.

So another successful year has been completed in the life of Auchterhouse Community Council.

Shiona Baird Oct 2016

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SECRETARY'S REPORT for the year October 2015 to September 2016.

There were 8 meetings during the year held in October, November, January, February, March, April, May, and August. Meetings are now only held on even numbered months.

Attendance at meetings was: -

Members	Attended	%	Members	Attended	%
Shiona Baird	6	75	Rory Forster	2	25
Ian Clark	5	63	Helen Smith	9	88
Linda Cockram	7	88	Garry Stewart	9	100
John Forster	3	38	Liam Yule	3	38

On 7 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. Police attendance resumed in August after a break of 11 months. Reports were provided during the year. We look forward to Steve Wilson's presence now. 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. The first phase of the installation of a new road drain from The Avenue to the old railway bridge has started. Concerns over the the pot holes on all roads have all been addressed with major patching at the Dronley road junctions with village road and Bonnyton road. The speed of traffic on The Brae and at Eastfield continues to be monitored.

Consultations The email list with over 140 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 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 Little has happened in this area.

TAYplan Their draft revised Proposed Strategic Development Plan was submitted to the Scottish Government. The option of a Dundee northern bypass still features as an alternative to an A90 upgrade

Angus Local Dvelopment Plan. The proposed plan was formally adopted in September, see: - www.angus.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan/.

Recycling Recycling of garden waste continues to be fortnightly (except in Dec and Jan) but incurs a fee £25 per annum for 1 bin.

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 13 application for planning consent made during the year, - see list aattached. One application was refused, two are awaiting a decision and the rest have been approved. The application to demolish Lundie farm steading and build 4 new houses and the application under "listed building consent" to erect a sunlounge at Lundie Farmhouse (an extension of an earlier application) are still under discussion with Angus Council.

G H Stewart, Secretary

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SECRETARY'S REPORT continued

1. **Application Under Section 42 to Develop Land Without Complying with the Conditions of Planning Permission, Namely Condition 1 (10/00670/FULL) To Extend Permission (13/00579/FULL) for a Further 3 Years**
The Neuk Lundie Muirhead Dundee DD2 5PA
Ref. No: 16/00592/FULL | Received: Wed 27 Jul 2016 | Validated: Wed 03 Aug 2016 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions
2. **Variation Of Condition 1 (10/00670/FULL) To Extend Existing Approval (13/00579/FULL) for a further 3 years**
The Neuk Lundie Muirhead Dundee DD2 5PA
Ref. No: 16/00593/LBC | Received: Wed 27 Jul 2016 | Validated: Wed 03 Aug 2016 | Status: Awaiting decision
3. **Erection of Timber Decking Connected to Existing Decking and Steps, etc**
Half Way Up 2 Braeside Kirkton Of Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0RE
Ref. No: 16/00481/FULL | Received: Mon 13 Jun 2016 | Validated: Mon 13 Jun 2016 | Status: Approved
4. **Demolition of Farm Buildings and the Erection of Four Dwellinghouses and Associated Works**
The Neuk Farm Steading Lundie Muirhead
Ref. No: 16/00468/FULL | Received: Wed 08 Jun 2016 | Validated: Tue 14 Jun 2016 | Status: Awaiting decision
5. **Extension of Existing House by Constructing a Master Bedroom etc over Existing Garage and Bedroom Wing**
New House Auchterhouse Dundee DD2 5PB
Ref. No: 16/00409/FULL | Received: Fri 20 May 2016 | Validated: Fri 27 May 2016 | Status: Application Refused
6. **Erection of Covered Silage Pit**
Silage Pit West Mains Farm West Mains Auchterhouse
Ref. No: 16/00340/FULL | Received: Tue 26 Apr 2016 | Validated: Tue 03 May 2016 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions
7. **Proposed Replacement of PVC Windows with Timber Sash and Case Windows**
Kirkton House Kirkton Of Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0QS
Ref. No: 16/00302/LBC | Received: Tue 19 Apr 2016 | Validated: Tue 19 Apr 2016 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions
8. **Change of Use, Conversion and Extension to Existing Barn to Form Dwellinghouse**
Barn Sunnyhall Farm Lundie Muirhead
Ref. No: 16/00188/FULL | Received: Mon 14 Mar 2016 | Validated: Wed 16 Mar 2016 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions
9. **Erection of an Essential Workers Dwellinghouse**
Field East Of Avenue Cottage The Avenue Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0TS
Ref. No: 16/00086/FULL | Received: Fri 05 Feb 2016 | Validated: Mon 08 Feb 2016 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions
10. **Erection of Two Holiday Accommodation Units and Formation of Access Track**
Field 300M North West Of Balkello Farm Balkello Kirkton Of Auchterhouse
Ref. No: 16/00085/FULL | Received: Fri 05 Feb 2016 | Validated: Mon 15 Feb 2016 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions
11. **Bunding to Provide Noise Screening for Shooting Positions Along the Forne Railway Line**
Auchterhouse Country Sports Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0QN
Ref. No: 15/01096/FULL | Received: Tue 08 Dec 2015 | Validated: Wed 09 Dec 2015 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions
12. **Demolition of Existing Garage & Shed and Erection of New House Extension in its place**
Cairview The Avenue Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0TS
Ref. No: 15/01048/FULL | Received: Tue 24 Nov 2015 | Validated: Mon 07 Dec 2015 | Status: Approved
13. **Erection of Conservatory and Alterations to Dwellinghouse** Pinehill The Brae, Auchterhouse Dundee DD3 0RE
Ref. No: 15/01038/FULL | Received: Thu 19 Nov 2015 | Validated: Mon 23 Nov 2015 | Status: Approved

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Accounts for year ending 31st March 2016

Opening Balance	at 1st April 2015		1,424.03
 Receipts			
Angus C grants		715.00	
Rent rebate		72.00	
Bank Interest		0.00	
			£ 787.00
 Payments			
Sec'y & Plan/co-ord grant		0.00	
Auchterhouse Sports Day		0.00	
Hall Rent		72.00	
Insurance premium		0.00	
Website Host		126.00	
Members expenses		0.00	
Purchase Equipment		611.73	
Tax on Bank interest		0.00	
			£ 809.73
Surplus		-£ 22.73	
 Closing Balance at 31st March			
	2016		1,401.30

COMMENT

Received 12 mths Admin/Communication Grant 2015/16 from Angus Council £715

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Paid Printer Cartridge £43.08

Paid Internet Hosting £126.00

Paid Printer Cartridge £27.64

Paid Hall Rent £72.00

Received Hall Rent Rebate £72.00

Paid (March purchase, paid in May) New Notice Board £258.00

Paid (March purchase, paid in May) Community Council Laptop Battery £14.43

Paid (March purchase, paid in May) War Memorial Troughs & Granite Chips £28.58

Paid (20015-16 Grant, paid in August 2016) G Stewart Electronic Commnications Grant -

12 Mths Secretary & 6 Mths Planning £180.00

Paid (20015-16 Grant, paid in August 2016) L Cockram Electronic Commnications Grant -

6 Mths Planning £60.00