

Auchterhouse Community Council Minutes

Held in the Hall on June 15th 2023

Present: Helen Smith, Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, Mark Pearce, Alasdair McLeod, Euan Baird.

In attendance: Counsellor Heather Doran plus 4 Members of the public.

Apologies: John Forster Mike Cowdery Darren Law

Minutes: These were read and approved

Matters Arising:

Period Product leaflets have been received. The nearest dispensing point in the Birkhill Millennium Hall and Muirhead Church. Cllr Doran will request that we have a dispensing facility in the female toilet at the Park.

TOPICS

a) Police matters
No crimes

b) Roads/Traffic

The verges on The Brae have not been looked at. 20 mph is still not being observed on The Brae and in the village by many motorists, Shiona has emailed Angus Council again reminding them that the Slow Sign has still not been painted on the road beside Dronley bridge.

c) Tactran

2nd process of engagement for transport corridors
STPR - This looks at strategic transport development.
NPF4 - Looking at How and Where development happens.

d) Local Development Plan

The new plan for Angus is being worked on now

e) Community communication

Village Newsletter. We are looking for someone to take over the editorship of the Newsletter.

f) Notice Boards

Linda has the key to the one going in the park. This is being renovated first

g) Sidlaw Path Network

The map will go on as a link the SPN website

h) Policy and Procedure

The advice for accessing AC plan on website is being revised. The Auchterhouse Community Council document is to be updated and made available.

i) Withdrawal of bus service.

The Community Council were dismayed to hear that Angus Council is severely reducing the bus

service to the village. Escalating costs and poor use of the service was the reason given by Iain Leith the Transport Officer. However the service is used by some residents who regard it as essential. A meeting will be arranged next week with Iain Leith. Angus Communities Team will conduct a door to door survey on June 20th and 21st. A very short survey is available on the Angus Council website. All this information will be emailed round the village email list along with the new draft timetable.

j) Website

We are still looking for someone to take this over.

k) Defib.

Ian Wilson checks this monthly. Mark will purchase replacement batteries, pads and children's pads as the defibrillator is now 5 years old.

l) Telephone box

Painter to be appointed to paint it post box red.

Shiona to arrange for a joiner to put in a wooden floating floor. People have been leaving books on the floor and they just get wet and mouldy rendering them unusable. Another shelf will be put in but PLEASE do not leave anything on the floor.

m) CPR training. Alasdair to circulate an email to gauge interest in another training session

PLANNING

Approved planning applications with any conditions attached can be viewed on the Angus Council Planning website.

We are concerned at the lack of enforcement when considerably more trees were felled at a house site than permitted. A letter is to be written seeking an explanation from Forestry and Land Scotland and Angus Council.

Proposed battery storage at Birkhill - pre planning application. This is of interest but is just outside our Community boundary.

FINANCE

Balance in bank £8525.94

CORRESPONDENCE

A list of all emails received since the last meeting was presented to the meeting. While we want to ensure we do not miss relevant ones, the list of 52 contained a number of irrelevant ones. A sift through will be needed before coming to the meeting. However it does highlight how much our Secretary has to do.

AOCB

The car parking charges at Balkello are deferred until July/August. Upgrading of the entrance road is proposed. CC wrote objecting to the charges for our small woodland as it is mainly used by locals whom we feel are being unfairly penalised at a time when we want to encourage outdoor exercise.

Next meeting in the village hall at 7pm on August 17th, 2023