

## AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 21st December 2023 at 19.00 in the Village Hall

### Minutes of Meeting No 357

**Present:-** Shiona Baird (SB), Mike Cowdery (MC), Helen Smith (HS), Euan Baird (EB), Alasdair McLeod (AM), Sargeant Grieve, Constable Brennan, Councillors Doran and Whiteside

**Apologies:-** Darren Law (DL), Mark Pearce (MP), John Forster (JF), Linda Cockram (LC), Liz Blackburn (LB), Councillor Doran.

### Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

SB opened the meeting and asked if the previous minutes were correct, one issue required amendment, the date on the minute, once changed it will be issued, the rest of the minutes were approved.

SB

### Matters Arising

There is no sign of parking charges or maintenance work on the access track etc at Balkello Wood.

The 'SLOW' sign at Dronley has not yet been painted on the road. SB will follow this up.

### Topics

#### a) Police Matters

Sergeant Grieve was introduced and the Local Community Policing Area Report (Appendix A) was discussed, leaflets were left for distribution at the Hall etc covering a number of topics such as security and safety.

#### b) Road and Traffic Matters Planning Report

There were no reported issues.

#### c) TACTRAN/STPR/NPF4

Consultation has now been completed and the Regional Transport Plan and any impact on rural areas will be discussed by Angus Councillors.

#### d) TAYplan Angus Local Development Plan

The Plan has been passed, the next scheduled Local Development Plan is set for 2029, the Community Council will be more involved this time and the Council will provide support from its Officers where required. The siting of Solar Farms were discussed, this will be monitored by the Community Council.

#### e) Community Communications, Website and Newsletter

The Newsletter was issued in December, however, no volunteer has come forward to take on this task.

#### f) Notice Board Update

The notice board has now been delivered and is slightly larger than expected, it will be erected shortly.

g) Sidlaw Path Network Update

A copy of the details will be passed to Aileen for inclusion in the newsletter.

h) Replacement of Bus Service 137/138

The current service is proving successful, the ticket issue is resolved but the number of service users is presently unknown. A report on the trial will be submitted to Angus Councillors once completed.

It was suggested that we contact Angus Council for more leaflets about the service and the provision of a notice for the new notice board.

i) Community Councils Website and Facebook

It was agreed to amalgamate this topic under Item 'e' for future meetings.

j) Defibrillator (Telephone Box, CPR Training)

Ads will be issued in the New Year regarding training events. Auchterhouse Park Resident's Association has contacted us seeking advice about a possible second defibrillator at the top of the Brae. Not sure we can advise usefully but LC has contacted Helen Brady to ask if she has any advice for them.

AMcL

k) Park Gates

SB will continue to investigate. We will also look to providing improved play equipment for younger children and will contact the Council with regards to funding.

SB

## **2. Planning Applications**

a) Planning Update

New Planning Applications since last meeting

There are no new planning applications since the last meeting.

Updates - Approved

There are no updates since the last meeting.

Updates - Still awaiting Decision

None.

Old Whisky Road residents have reported that a digger has been at work on the land south of The Whins a hole was dug and re-filled, it may be a sign that work is now starting.

Muirhead Development, consultation meeting/exhibition on 9<sup>th</sup> November. This is the required public consultation due to the increase in the number of homes proposed from 90 to around 250. Several helpful maps were on display and MBLCC were handing out a brief questionnaire for local residents. For us, the proposal to re-route the Coupar Angus Road so that it meets the Newtyle Road further west at a new major junction is of note as it will significantly alter the traffic flow. The current hairpin junction may be closed off. This was not included in the previous consultation. LC will contact Muir homes to see if our previous comments to them about additional traffic will be carried forward to this consultation.

## **Finance**

MP advised that the current account balance is £6,228.00, the Defibrillator parts cost £200.

Recent expenditure, excluding regular toilet maintenance and Wi-Fi regular costs  
£500 for Dronley woods, (£250 each via Euan and Helen)  
£524.81 for park bench (£1,024.81 with £500 paid as donation from SB)  
£457.65 for the new notice board.

## **Correspondence**

The list of correspondence was included in the Meeting Agenda and reviewed.

## **AOCB**

It has been suggested that the old bus shelter near the main road could be converted into a bike shed, however its ownership is unknown, the Councils Estate Team may be able to provide details, SB will email them to request information on this.

SB

The Christmas Tree lighting ceremony was well attended, it was decided that this will now be an annual event.

The Community Council wish to convey their thanks to the Primary School for their help in laying the four wreaths and reading poems at the Remembrance Day parade.

It was also noted that Julia Donalson, the author of the Gruffalo would be visiting the School on the 10<sup>th</sup> January to acknowledge the help provided by the children 25 years ago in drawing how they thought the Gruffalo would look. Julia had been impressed with the pupils at that time when she read them the story before it was published, hence the dedication to Auchterhouse Primary School in every copy of The Gruffalo.

Resilience planning will now be included on the agenda to allow further discussion on issues such as impassable roads, localised flooding, blocked drains etc. It was also noted the increase of dangerous potholes in the area, these should be reported immediately to Angus Council via their web site using the 'Report It' facility.

**Date of Next Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



## Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	
<b>Local Community Policing Area</b>	Auchterhouse <a href="mailto:taysidemonifiethsidlawcpt@Scotland.police.uk">taysidemonifiethsidlawcpt@Scotland.police.uk</a>
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<b>Local Community Policing Team</b>	Sergeant Christopher Grieve - <a href="mailto:christopher.grieve@scotland.police.uk">christopher.grieve@scotland.police.uk</a> Constable Martyn Brennan - <a href="mailto:martyn.brennan@scotland.police.uk">martyn.brennan@scotland.police.uk</a> Constable Ronnie Irvine - <a href="mailto:ronnie.irvine@scotland.police.uk">ronnie.irvine@scotland.police.uk</a>

To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses a few days before the meeting documenting the previous month's activity.

**Auchterhouse Community Council <comcouncil@auchterhouse.com>**

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**Assessment period – 26/10/23 – 21/12/23**

There were 7 **calls** received in respect of Auchterhouse and surrounding area in this assessment period.

There were 3 **crimes** recorded in respect of your area over this assessment period –

Group 1 – Crimes of violence/threats – 0

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature – 0

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty. **1 recorded crime.**

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – 0

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/other crimes including threatening & abusive behaviour and offences against emergency workers – **2 recorded crimes.**

Group 7 – Road traffic crimes – 0

**Other topics of note or messages:**

Sergeant Stewart Ramsay retired from Police Scotland on 30/11/2023.

We are pleased to report that he his post has been filled by Sergeant Christopher Grieve, who started on Monday 04/12/2023.

We would also like to remind all residents about the importance of vehicle security, ensuring the vehicle is locked, no valuables are left within, car keys removed and stored securely in the house.

The following link directs to the 'Secured by Design' website which provides some excellent advice for vehicle security (Ctrl & click to open) –

[Secured by Design - Car Security](#)

**PART B**

**Feedback from Community Council**  
(Issues raised worthy of police interest for feedback)

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Raised by</b>
<b>1</b>		
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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM – to Local Community Policing Team if no officer present at meeting.



