

**MURROES & WELLBANK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Virtual Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** S. Anderson(Chair/Planning); A. Martin(Vice Chair); G. Cowper(Secy); Cllr S. Hands; B. Jack (Stop the Crem); I. Robertson(Stop the Crem); D. Miller(Wellbank Amenities Assoc); K. Gerrard (Wellbank Amenities Assoc); J. Bell; A. Fraser; P. Allison (SSE); Steve Smart; D. McNeil(Communities Officer); S. Reid (SSE) Josh Hill (SSE); C. Mullen (SSE);

**Apologies:** D Murdoch; G Anderson: Cllr Whiteside: Cllr Lawrie; G Reid

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone for joining the meeting and stated the meeting is to be recorded and asked if anyone had any objections. No objections were raised. All in attendance were asked to introduce themselves.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

These were read and approved with below amendment.

AF stated comment on page 3 regarding, " a serious incident had taken place at Gagie. A driver had been charged and prosecuted", was not correct. AF stated a serious incident on the farm road at Gagie involving a tractor and a group of horses and riders, at the response of which the driver had been reported to Police and it was AF understanding that the driver has been charged and that a report has been submitted for prosecution.

DM stated on page 2, it was not Lovell Road, but Lovehall Road.

**SSE Presentation cable update (Attached)**

PA, CM and SR gave a presentation regarding the update on the Wind farm project from Carnoustie to Tealing substation. SA asked if the cable installation works will have any impact of noise for neighbours when pulled through the ducts. SR stated there would be less noise for this operation compared to present works. IR asked if the land access points would be reinstated. SR informed they would be reinstated unless the landowner requested access roads etc remain. SA thanked SSE for a very informative and interesting presentation.

**Matters arising**

**Proposed Crematorium at Duntrune.**

The Community Council had asked the Architect involved in the application to attend tonight's meeting, but was not happy to take questions from attendees, as the application was not requiring a public consultation. The Architect had offered a separate meeting out with the public meeting. It is possible the Architect may attend at a future meeting.

IR gave a presentation on behalf of 'STOP THE CREMATORIUM' Campaign Group.

He gave an update on how the group had progressed with their objections to the planning application. **(Attached).**

After the presentation, no questions were raised. IR thanked the CC. BJ did state he was disappointed in the Roads Department consultation document. Nothing apart from any increase in road traffic of 5-10% would require investigation. They should be considering the road that comes into Burnside as well. SA asked Cllr Hands if the Roads Department document would be reviewed or is it set in stone.

Cllr Hands stated that COVID had restricted the movement of staff to investigate applications. Cllr Hands had contacted Alan Hunter, Angus Council after receiving an email from IR. SEPA information still awaited and therefore still data gathering according to Alan

Hunter. IR felt still a lot of unknown and would like to know if Roads Dept is going to look into the updates. Cllr Hands advised IR to contact Alan Hunter, Angus Council to provide details of any developments with reviewing the information. IR raised a point of local objections and asked what help is available from the local Cllrs. Cllr Hands confirmed there was limited support due to the Cllr code of conduct, can enable and facility, but cannot influence. Cllr Whiteside had responded to the points IR had raised regarding vehicle increase and as it was a complex application, Angus Council did not want to rush into a decision.

IR thanked Cllr Hands for her input and asked if he could ask Angus Council about the roads information, who he would write to. Cllr Hands said to contact the Planning Department, and to include Alan Hunter into the email. Alan Hunter is Head of Development Standards and is aware of the application.

IR felt that Cllrs can aid constituents, Cllr Hands confirmed her attendance in the past, but felt it would be more affective if local residents presented their case, as Cllrs cannot influence or sway other Cllrs. Cllr Hands stated there was not any requirement for a crematorium in the Local Plan.

SA asked, with the number of objections received to the application, probably the highest Angus Council had received, would this have an influence on any outcome. Cllr Hands said that is taken into consideration, but that has to link with the argument, for or against. Cllr Hands advised looking at the Local Development Plan to evidence any conflict with policies in the plan. It might be helpful to look at committee reports to review previous applications. IR asked if Cllr Hands would ask colleagues if any other similar applications had been submitted previously. Cllr Hands would make enquiries.

BJ stated with so many objections coming from local residents and Farmers, he was impressed by the honesty in their objections.

### **Matters Arising**

**Scottish Water** – Cllr Whiteside was to contact the Fire Service regarding checks on fire hydrants. Cllr Whiteside had emailed SA to confirm the Fire Service had carried out an audit of fire hydrants in the area, but were looking to do further checks. SA stated the email was positive and reassuring the Fire Service had put in place measures to ensure ample water will be available for any similar situation. Cllr Whiteside to provide update.

### **Wellbank Speeding**

Correspondence had been submitted regarding speeding at Quarry Cottages and the CC are awaiting a response. KG stated that 20mph signs had been installed in the village at the shop area.

**Dog Fouling** – Cllr Whiteside was to investigate.

**Play Park Wellbank** – DM stated they initially did not know who owned the park, as no deeds have been found. Wellbank Amenities Association (WAA) contacted Angus Council regarding ownership and found that WAA are the owners. WAA are responsible for the equipment, but Angus Council maintains the equipment and the park. This means WAA are responsible for any upgrades. SA stated the CC had been in contact with Angus Council regarding funding opportunities, which was hoped, could support the purchase of play equipment and how Angus Council could help. However there are a number of hurdles to be overcome before decisions are made. DM stated after talks with Angus Council, they are to

come and run Youth Clubs for children in the area. DMcN confirmed a meeting is planned for the beginning of March with Angus Council to discuss youth work in the area.

### **Roads**

Cllr Lawrie was to look into roads issues. As yet there is no feedback. SA stated there are concerns over the potholes created by the snow and asked Cllr Hands if the government will be giving Local Authorities extra money to deal with pothole repairs. Cllr Hands stated there is an emergency fund, but it has to be a significant issue before funding will be granted. A regular inspection of the roads should highlight issues. SA stated during the time of significant snowfall, there were Council vehicles trying their best to keep the roads around the area clear which was good to see.

Another issue was Omachie Place, Wellbank. A resident had emailed the CC and stated roads in that area were flooding. Cllr Whiteside was previously looking into the matter. Apparently, the flooding was preventing children from playing near their house. SA suggested both Housing and Roads departments may be involved in this. Cllr Hands asked the email be sent to her and she would look into the matter.

### **Police Report – Attached.**

SA stated the first point in the report is a survey asking residents to provide their views and opinions on Police Scotland during the Covid pandemic.

The other main topic in the report is fraud. People will be able to use the links in the report if they have any concerns.

26No Calls reported in Kellas, Murroes & Wellbank area, but as had been stated at the previous meeting, incidents in Gagie, Murroes areas may be logged under the Tealing area. SA had contacted Police Scotland and it was hoped statistics would be logged in the correct areas. SA asked if there were any comments anyone wished to make. BJ stated recently when he had work carried out on his house, he had almost been taken in by Invoice fraud. BJ stated he was amazed how quickly it had happened after agreeing with the builder on cost of the work and when the emailed Invoice arrived 2 or 3 hours later, it had been intercepted and altered. BJ didn't realise until he tried to pay online when the bank details didn't match. Apparently Banks have recently started cross checking the name of the person to be paid and the bank details, therefore the fraud was prevented, but a warning for people to be aware of this scam. BJ said it was worrying and SA said it was apparently quite prevalent and important for people to know of these situations, especially for elderly residents who are trusting of people.

Police Scotland are concerned about the number of calls relating to people breaking the lockdown rules and SA asked we all abide by the rules and follow the safety measure to keep us all safe.

### **Secretary's Report**

GC had reported potholes in the area, but apparently it all depends on the size and width of the pothole before repairs will be carried. GC stated we are not alone in regards to pothole issues and Angus Council were trying their best, with some potholes on C6 having been repaired.

### **Treasurers Report**

Bank balance still the same as last period. £1,012.

We have received SSE funding for Covid equipment e.g. sanitising and hall cleaning, which is being distributed to Wellbank and Murroes Hall. DM stated they had sufficient funds as they had acquired funding from the Government of £10,000. WAA are hoping to open Wellbank Hall as soon as permitted and have had a consultation with a Health and Safety Expert regarding risk assessments etc and were hopeful of the Hall opening soon.

### **Planning**

SA stated there were a number of planning applications.

New signage at McDonalds Restaurant, Ethiebeaton – no concerns.

Crematorium – significant objections on that application.

Garage conversion – Quarry Cottages, Wellbank

New house – Kellas. Some objections from local residents.

Blawearie House, Kingennie – conversion of garage and personal training facility.

### **AOCB**

#### **Wellbank Hall Update.**

DM stated WAA are in the process of applying for a bar licence. One board member is going through training and needs to pass an exam before a licence is issued.

DM also stated flooding is bad in Wellbank, SA stated this will be raised again with Roads Dept.

AF said the Wellbank Community Group on Facebook, it's an excellent and informative page. AF's company undertake the snow clearing and gritting for Angus Council and there had been comments on the Facebook page which they had been able to answer the issues residents were having difficulty with. Someone had a concern with the snow plough not coming down their road, but AF had been able to explain the snow plough is too wide to the person. AF said it was an excellent page and highly recommended it to residents in the area. SA agreed and said it helped residents know what was going on in the area.

#### **Planters and baskets**

SA stated the CC are trying to provide Christmas lights and hanging baskets etc for the area and hoping local residents will help along with local businesses and would like to involve the local schools. SA said it would all depend on funding from Angus Council and maybe local businesses, but would try and move this forward. SA asked Cllr Hands if she thought funding was possible from Angus Council. Cllr Hands was not sure where this would come from other than external funding. DM stated he had run a community garden at his work and he would let us know of possible funding sources. DM stated they had received funding from Dobbies, so the CC could try that source. Cllr Hands suggested Monifieth Ecoforce for plants. Angus Council would be approached to find out the safety aspects of hanging baskets on lamp posts, planters and if permission would be granted. DMcN stated he works with Carnoustie Mens Shed and he would contact them for advice and help. Mens Sheds are closed at the moment, but DMcN would contact them when they resume. He stated if Wellbank Hall require any support etc when they reopen, to get in touch with him.

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**NEXT MEETING TEAMS THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM**