

# AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting number</b>	342
<b>Location</b>	Virtual
<b>Date</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April at 19:00
<b>Present</b>	Shiona Baird (Chair), Euan Baird, Aileen Baird (Secretary), Alastair Macleod, Helen Smith, Ronnie Hamilton, Darren Law, Mark Pearce (Treasurer)
<b>Apologies</b>	John Forster, Gail Beattie, Linda Cockram, Caroline Millar, John Brush
<b>In attendance</b>	Maggie McMahon, Sheila Wallace, Councillor Beth Whiteside, Mark Gaffney, Caroline Dunn. Laura Cowper, Alison Hogg, Norman Sutherland

<b>342.1</b>	<b>Chairman's Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shiona Baird welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>342.2</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were circulated, approved and signed by Shiona.</li> </ul>	
<b>341.3</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On previous minutes change Martyn Kemp to Martin Smith</li> <li>In the previous meeting Jo Williamson raised the lack of dog waste bins in the village. Shiona has spoken to Waste Management at Angus Council and the officer will investigate putting bins at the top of the Brae and the lower parking place on the Brae. The bin men could empty them. This will be followed up.</li> </ul>	AB SB
<b>341.4</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>		
<b>A</b>	<b>Police Matters</b>	<p>Report from Gail Beattie – Community Police Officer</p> <p><b>Police Scotland introduce what3words as additional location finding tool</b> Members of the public calling 999/101 can now use a mobile phone app to identify their location when they are in an unknown or remote area. On 9th March, Police Scotland introduced what3words as an additional location sharing tool. What3words grids the Earth into 3x3 metre squares by encoding GPS coordinates to give each square a unique set of three words. This means that when someone contacts Police Scotland, they have the option to use</p>	

		<p>what3words if they are in an unfamiliar area, rural location or one that is difficult to describe. However, Police Scotland service advisors will always ask for a postal address as default when someone calls 999/101 – this will not change.</p> <p>The app is already in use by the majority of emergency services across the UK, including Scottish Fire and Rescue and Scottish Ambulance Service. What3words will also help to support local policing incidents and pre-planned operations and events.</p> <p><b>Assessment period 01/01/2021 to 14/04/2021</b></p> <p>Police dealt with 17 calls within the Auchterhouse Community Council area during this period.</p> <p>These covered are a variety of different types of incident as follows:-</p> <p>1 Road Traffic matter        8 Anti-social behaviour including motor bikes        3 Theft/Theft Housebreaking        1 Concern for person call        2 suspicious Incidents        1 Fraud</p> <p>Crimes noted:        3 Fraud        2 Theft        1 Housebreaking        1 housebreaking with intent</p> <p>Since the last community council meeting we have a new sergeant in place dedicated to this ward. As you'll see in the first page he is called Sergeant Stewart Ramsay. I know he is keen to make his way out into the rural areas and not be restricting himself to Carnoustie and Monifieth.</p> <p>The report will be shared with the community.</p>	
<b>B</b>	<b>Road/Traffic Matters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potholes have been filled in around the village area and surround roads.</li> </ul>	
<b>C</b>	<b>TACTRAN / STPR / NPF4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	
<b>D</b>	<b>TAYplan &amp; Angus LDP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>E</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Balkello Woods</b></p>	<p>Over the lockdown periods in 2020 &amp; 2021 Balkello Woodland has experienced unprecedented number of visitors creating parking, congestion and waste problems. Some members of the community raised their concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Gaffney: Over the winter months the parking was awful. Up to 100 cars were parked on the verges. Cars had to be pulled out and rescued. The dyke wall in his drive is damaged and he would like to see double yellow lines put in place.</li> <li>• Alison Hogg: people still park on the road even after the cones were placed there to mark out the parking restriction order. Also, the proposed food van will make parking worse as visitors are encouraged to stay longer and cause further disruption. It will attract more people. 16<sup>th</sup> April is the last day the public can submit objections to Angus Council for the food van. Angus Council says that the cones are a temporary solution to a temporary problem. It's a permanent problem and we need a permanent solution.</li> </ul> <p>The Community Council Members and the public discussed the situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shiona has been in contact with Robin from Land &amp; Forestry Scotland (LFS) to discuss the issues raised over the winter. Grit bins have been installed by LFS for the coming winter to help with access to the car park.</li> <li>• The local authority put in a temporary parking restriction. We have 300 meters of no stopping cones on both side of the road. The cones narrow the road. The cones will be in place for the duration of the notice which is up to 18 months. The cones have stopped parking on the verges but it has narrowed the road. Some community members would prefer the cones not to be there as this is not the right solution. The passing place is not covered by the cones so is being used for parking.</li> <li>• Speed of the traffic on the road past Balkello is also an issue. Speed restrictions would be good and signs in those passing places to say no parking. Cones are problematic as they have been driven over and damaged already.</li> <li>• LFS have opened up an extra car park in a field beside the original card park and it is being used.</li> <li>• The food van has been initiated without any local consultation by Angus Council to ask how locals feel about it. Food and drink without toilet facilities doesn't make sense.</li> </ul>	
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<b>F</b>	<b>Community Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next newsletter will be published in the last week of June.</li> <li>• If anyone in the community has any content they would like to add to the newsletter or website please email <a href="mailto:comcouncil@auchterhouse.com">comcouncil@auchterhouse.com</a></li> </ul>	<p>AB</p>

<p><b>G</b></p>	<p><b>Public Toilets</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The painted floor has started to peel and is wearing off. We could put a polymer coating on it instead for durability. The toilets are well used so it needs to be fixed.</li> <li>• Darren to look at floor and consider options</li> </ul>	<p>DL</p>
<p><b>H</b></p>	<p><b>Notice Boards</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The notice boards at Hosie Park and the bus stop on the Newtyle Road are in disrepair. The CC proposes that we remove them. The notice board located at the hall grounds will be installed in the park.</li> <li>• Martyn Kemp &amp; Martin Smith have been asked to make new notice boards.</li> <li>• Ronnie suggested that a notice board go in the park too.</li> </ul>	<p>AB  EB</p>
<p><b>I</b></p>	<p><b>Bus Shelter/ Recycling Centre Repairs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to Martin Smith who repaired the old wooden bus shelter on the Newtyle Road. It looks so much better.</li> <li>• The roof needs tiles or felt on it</li> <li>• The recycling centre enclosure has been rebuilt by Sunny Milne and Iain Baird. The previous enclosure was falling down so a brand new strong wooden structure has been installed to replace it around the recycling bins. Our thanks to them too for doing an excellent job</li> <li>• The wood that was used for the enclosure was from the Knapp sawmill. The amount of wood ordered fell short of the amount required so the job was 6 lengths of wood short. The Knapp sawmill provided the additional 6 length free of charge because it was for a community project</li> </ul>	
<p><b>J</b></p>	<p><b>Sidlaw Path Network local leaflet</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alasdair and John Brush have been looking at routes and will ask for permission from the land owners then will draw up the paths and make them widely available.</li> <li>• The Courier published news of a funding award to the Sidlaw Path Network for an access study. The Roads Dept are handling it. It detailed access between Dundee and Newtyle and getting access to the hills.</li> <li>• Alasdair has sent the document to the CC and we will review the path network.</li> <li>• Caroline Millar has agreed to speak to the Eassie land owners to get agreement about their land being included in the path network document.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 341.5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Applications</li> </ul>	<p>New</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20/00823/FULL - application to build a new house in ground at Yowtrummle. Detail of needed widening of the access and maintenance of a clear visibility splay was referred to in the planning application for change of use of the existing house at Yowtrummle (approved last year) but was to be part of this application. Unfortunately, the full details were not included in this application so we requested that they should be, for clarity's sake. The Roads Department have now specified the details which they would like make a condition of approval.</li> <li>• 20/00805/FULL - application to build a timber summer house on the bank of the Round Loch at Thriepley House, Lundie. The Round Loch is an SSSI mainly because of its rare wetland plants and any development has to be approved by NatureScot (Scottish Natural Heritage) There was no mention in the application of such a consultation so we requested that this be clarified before the application is considered. There is now a lengthy (and interesting) response from NatureScot objecting to the application unless the applicant sets out how any damage to the wetland habitat will be mitigated or, preferably, avoided. The report also notes that a boathouse and jetty have been constructed on the other side of the loch without planning permission.</li> <li>• 20/00738/FULL - converting an unused stable to ancillary accommodation on the same footprint. No need to respond to this one.</li> </ul> <p>Approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20/00630/FULL - extension to house at Greenford Farm and change of use of farm land to garden ground</li> <li>• 20/00647/FULL - re-building the house burned down at Sidlaw Hospital south Lodge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>341.6</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update at this time</li> </ul>	
<p><b>341.8</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ronnie Hamilton is concerned that the new 20mph speed limit in the village is not being adhered to. There are also cars parked on the pavement on Main Street that block the pavement. People, including children from the school nursery, have to walk on the road with fast cars driving through. This is unacceptable. Legislation was passed last year at Holyrood though it has still to be enacted. Beth will ask our MSP, Graeme Dey when legislation comes</li> </ul>	<p>SB/BW</p>

		<p>into force against parking on pavements. Meantime we do urge all residents to be more considerate to pedestrians when parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flashing speed signs could be put in place at various points within the village to discourage speeding. Beth suggests – before the school, bottom of Brae and just after bend before school leaving the village. Beth will look into getting Auchterhouse put on the list of locations that are part of the rolling flashing speeding signage.</li> </ul>	<p>BW</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>			