

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th of February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Attendance: Alison French, Stuart Phillips, Colin Hunter, Ken Johnston, Allan Todd, Cllr Hands, Cllr Whiteside and 7 members of the public

Apologies: PC Beattie

Minutes of Previous Meeting (3/12/20)

Proposed – Stuart Phillips

Seconded – Allan Todd

Police Report – No further details re Jan report; February Report - National campaign re Covid 19 powers; Survey link – Your Police 2020-2021. Also reported: 1 assault; 5 thefts; 1 communications offence.

Actions from Previous Meeting/Matters Arising:

- ICO number – no progress
- Stone Caterpillars – no progress

Ongoing Issues:

- Speed limit changes in Liff – Incorrect sign at Liff primary school to be removed. Resident from Liff reported two near misses with cyclists and vehicles. Discussion took place re safety concerns of pedestrians, cyclists, school children due to excess speeding by motorists in the village combined with a lack of pavements.
 - Cllr Whiteside to follow up if VAS can be used to check driver compliance to new 20mph speed limits or if alternate monitoring is being done during 18 month trial period. She suggested that ‘near misses’ should be reported to Angus Council and the Police. Cllr Hands will inform Craig Hudson, Roads Division, Angus Council of the residents’ concerns.
 - It was agreed that a post to encourage reporting of accidents and near misses would be put on the CC Facebook page. This post would include PC Beattie phone number/email but **AF** to check with PC Beattie first.
 - Discuss with PC Beattie whether to revisit the Speed Watch volunteering scheme for Liff residents.
- Henderson Park goal posts – there was a request from local residents to put up goal posts in Henderson park. There are a set of unused posts stored at Liff Primary School. Contact will be made with Liff Parent Council to see if these can be used. Also to check if insurance is necessary for the park and if so, to consider crowd funding or contact Angus Council for possible funding streams.
- Icy paths in Liff – complaints re the conditions of the pavements during the recent cold spell. Some residents are using the grit bins for treating their own driveways. There is no system to coordinate volunteer residents to treat local areas. Cllrs suggested that the Success for Sidlaw group to pursue this as there is a winter maintenance review soon with possible cuts to the budget for rural areas. Request for local volunteers is to go on CC Facebook and web page throughout the CC area with the possibility that grit and spreaders may be provided by the Council.
- Resilience Plan – Discussion took place re lack of a resilience plan for the local area especially in light of the above discussion. Angus Council has a copy of a draft plan which had been drawn up by the Community Assistants while in post. A copy of this plan is to be sent to RL, who will take it up with Jackie Semple, Resilience Manager, at Angus Council. The issue of insurance for volunteers is also to be clarified. The plan could also include installing a defibrillator in Liff village.
- Biomass Shed Access – no update since last meeting.
- Felling permission at Lundie Farm – issue resolved.
- Co-op noticeboard – ES has keys and will keep posters up to date.
- Picnic tables – some scratches to be repaired and change to gate delayed due to winter weather.
- Funding for SVRA path – £8,400 has been awarded towards path upgrade.
- Recycling at Riverside Recycling centre – no update.
- Liff Primary School Citizenship award – to be reviewed at next meeting.
- Dykes of Gray roundabout – no update.

Correspondence: circulated electronically plus

- Information re Community Council Training
- Virtual Wellbeing Café – promote on Facebook and Noticeboards. VAA will give digital support to get online.
- **AF** to contact VAA re request for volunteer to become secretary for the CC

Planning applications:

- 20/00786/full (25/11/2020) - Extension to dwelling house at The Bungalow 18 Piperdam Drive Piperdam
- A screening application for a solar panel installation at Berryhill Farm. Number 21/00047/eiascr.
- 20/00797/full (19/01/2021) - Alterations & extension to house at Edward Place Muirhead
- 21/00020/full (20/01/2021) - Proposed removal of existing garage and erection of new extension and internal alterations at 5 Hillpark Drive Birkhill

Finance:

The installation costs of the Co-op noticeboard will be payed from the CC grant. The Community Café and Community Cinema money is still being held in CC account. Deadline for spending has moved to end of March.

Social media:

- **Website** – **AF** to check that website is accessible
- **Facebook** – 932 Likes. Assistance with social media is needed. **AF** to contact Monifieth High School to inquire if pupil would be able to undertake this and could become a junior CC member.

AOCB: None

Date of Next Meeting **1st April at 7pm** – restrictions permitting.