

MURROES & WELLBANK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Hybrid Meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2022 in Wellbank Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: S. Anderson (Chair/Planning), A. Martin (Vice Chair), A. Fraser; J. Bell, J. Crozier G. Cowper(Secy), I. Robertson, K Smith, M Went, G. Millar
Cllr B. Whiteside, Cllr H. Doran

Apologies:

Cllr L Melville, G. Reid, D. McNeil, G. Anderson, D. Murdoch, K. Gerrard, S. Smith
The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2022 were agreed.

Matters Arising

Proposed Crematorium

IR gave a detailed update which is included as appendix one.
Cllr Doran advised of now sitting on the Development Standards Committee and will not make comment, Cllr Doran will provide support where possible.

Play Park

Wellbank Hall team have been moving at pace in regard to the proposed play park. Meeting held advising of proposal for design and quotes received. Funding proposal presented to Scottish Southern Energy (Seagreen)) along with Murroes & Wellbank Community Council who were impressed with the work to bring the Play Park forward. The Wellbank Hall team now looking for a contractor with relevant experience who can take on the procuring of equipment and the building of the park. The Murroes and Wellbank Community Council are happy to support/approve the £120K funding from Seagreen. All at the meeting agreed. The Wellbank Hall team will work hard to ensure this project is developed as planned. The award from Seagreen will give the Wellbank Hall more scope to apply for more / different funds.

Queens Jubilee Event

The event was held on Saturday 4th June and was well attended. The hall was decorated and there were some royal memorabilia on show. SA thanked those who volunteered and those who attended.
Wellbank Hall will host an event later this month.

Community Resilience

SA & JC attended a recent resilience meeting held by Angus Council (AC), it was interesting to hear about other community resilience plans, with significant sums of investments made across the area. It would be great to emulate some of that work, but it requires volunteers. There were a variety of different community groups in attendance, each with their own different problems and focuses.

A community survey/ questionnaire will be published on social media to receive feedback on the idea of updating Murroes Hall to become an emergency hub, using some of the funds from Seagreen. We would also hope to provide Murroes Primary School with some funds to expand their play area.

Alan Davie Haulage company advised there is now a defibrillator available 24/7 within their premises. GC to add this info to the CC Facebook page.

Many areas share news through the church and primary schools flyers etc, which is something the CC will look to explore.

We can build on our social media presence and potentially develop a community council website, if anyone knows of individuals who would be willing to help with developing these social media ideas, please get in touch with SA.

Solar Farm, Gagie

Application submitted to Angus Council for phase one & two. Objections logged. AC has submitted a response to Scottish Government raising a few issues. This plan will have a significant impact on local residents. An alternative site has been flagged in Tealing, this site being closer to the sub-station.

Brighty Wood

Update – Clarity on accessing the wood that had been publish on Facebook – this was incorrect.

AF & JB attended the last meeting of Bright Wood Group and were disappointed and dis-hearten by with the way the meeting was run, they felt the meeting did not follow good basic governance in the way the committee was selected etc.

Committee details are published as were the minutes on Facebook for anyone to view. The minutes clearly state that offers of help would be welcome to assist with the wood and to keep an eye on the Facebook page for any news/events.

It was suggested that AF/JB could write to the Woodland Trust highlighting their concerns regarding the wood group meeting.

Fly-tipping

GC responded to an email regarding fly-tipping and is currently waiting on feedback.

It was observed there is more of a police presence in the area, this may be due to the vehicle thefts in the area, but may be helping reduce the fly-tipping.

IR noted that AC online reporting tool and response is very good and issues being dealt within 24 hours.

Police Report

SA shared the police report – the majority of this report detailed hate crime, this report will be shared with the minutes.

23 calls logged in the area; these calls included

- Alarm activation
- 999 calls
- Road traffic incidents
- Concerns for persons
- Domestic incidents
- Neighbour disputes
- Anti-Social behavior
- Concerns regarding controlled burning
- And the report of fraud

Speeding is a significant issue in the area. We need to have police presence along with a traffic management system. It was noted that the police are not attending in regular traffic issues and only attend if there are injured people.

Secretary's' report

Correspondence

- Email coming in on funding and trying to work through these, identifying what criteria we meet to apply to the fund.
- Repairs to the hall will go ahead as soon as the contractor can access the required materials.
- School parking is still an issue Cllr Fotheringham taking this forward.
- Murroes & Wellbank Community Council are now banking on-line.

Funding Options

SA attended the Community Benefit Gateway meeting.

The Community Benefit Gateway works as an online portal that connects Third Sector organisations, community groups and social enterprises with NHS Scotland suppliers in order to meet community needs. Using the power of procurement to add value to the work of Third Sector and community activity, the portal serves as a facilitation platform to enable procurement spend to go further in improving lives, and creating healthier, safer communities. The CC will add smaller project to the portal in the first instance.

The Courier advised of recently funding approvals in Angus and the proposed path between Kellas and Murroes Primary School, has been highlighted as a project for 22/23, which is great news. The CC have been pushing for many years to connect all the villages together. AC will invest £220k.

Treasurer's report.

No update available on the night – this will be shared with the minutes. The balance in the bank is £3573.83. Hall Rental and expenses have still to be deducted.

Planning

Application Number: 21/01001/FULL

Installation of Water Sourced Heat Pumps for Existing Chalets with Connecting Pipework to Associated Chambers and Mats in Fish Ponds
Kingennie Fishings Forbes of Kingennie Drive, Kingennie Dundee DD5 3RD

Application Number: - 22/00286/FULL

Installation of 1 No. prefabricated Shepherd Hut on vacant development plot
Kingennie Fishings Forbes of Kingennie Drive Kingennie Dundee DD5 3RD

Application Number: - 22/00322/EIASC

Installation of a solar energy park exceeding 100MW in installed capacity and associated infrastructure on Land Around Gagie, Kellas.

Application Number: 22/00222/PPPL

Erection of 2no. Dwelling Houses with associated infrastructure
Field 50M West of Wellbank Farm Steading, Wellbank.

Application Number: 22/00332/FUL

Change of use of building to dwelling house

Application Number: 22/00364

Proposed Solar Array Field 196M North West of Wellbank Farm Wellbank

Application Number: 22/00235/S36

Installation of an 80MW battery energy storage facility and associated infrastructure
Land 800M North East of Gagie Farm Kellas

AOCB

Wellbank Hall Committee – Village Fair on 25th&26th June 2022 – Flyers have been distributed. Stall holders and entertainment on offer.

New Groups at the hall

- Coffee Morning
- Toddler Group

Hong Zhang has offered to demonstrate Chinese cooking as a workshop group. Ideas and format of future bi-annual meeting requested by Cllr Whiteside.

No Update on the Forbes of Kingennie Hotel. However, update provided after the meeting and it is hoped works will commence at the end of 2022.

Ballumbie Castle Residents Association

The Residents Association are looking to have a Defibrillator on the estate SA waiting on response from AC if they would grant permission to mount one on the street furniture. Update provided after the meeting, that there could be no defibrillator fixed to the street furniture.

SSE still waiting on their response re mounting a defibrillator at the onsite sub-stations. Update after the meeting from SSE was, they could not allow any equipment to be fixed to the local sub-stations. SSE has agreed to meet the cost to purchase a defibrillator for Ballumbie Castle Estate. They would support further application for these items in the community.

It's important the whole community know where to access the defibrillators and how to use them. Training course would be very helpful. A defibrillator needs to be monitored and updated regularly. There are various organisations who provide training both free and at a cost. The Ambulance Service have a list and advise callers of where the local defibrillator is located.

It was asked if a defibrillator could be installed in schools, Cllr Whiteside to raise with Education Department.

Cllr Dornon shared a link to where defibrillator can be found locally

<https://flo.uri.sh/visualisation/6829103/embed>

Local map with position of defibrillator is helpful to be issued, some residents' committees/CC have information packs that are given to new households giving them all kinds of local information. This is much easier for small CC areas.

Date of Next Meeting

18/08/2022 in Wellbank Hall at 7.30pm this will be a hybrid meeting.

Appendix One

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 16/6/22

Headlines:

On 19th May 2022 the appellant lodged a response to the appeal responses previously lodged by interested parties, but unfortunately due to an administrative error by Angus Council a further complication and delay has now been introduced into the review process. Stage 2 responses have finally been received from Angus Council to the 2 process related complaints I lodged, but regrettably neither have been upheld.

Detail:

1) Appellant's latest response again contains no new material content and just seeks to personalise the opposition campaign as my name is quoted 27 times within its 10 pages. It also contains content illegitimately obtained from the campaign group's private facebook group, a point which last week I formally raised with Angus Council and I am currently awaiting a response from their legal team on this.

2) Appeals process status – there has been at least one appeal response processing error by Angus Council. This error was that 80 valid appeal stage responses from the interested parties (32% of the total submitted) were not passed by Angus Council onto the appellant as they should have been during Step 2 of the 4 step appeal process. I understand that after my intervention pointing out this error, Angus Council has now sent a further 18 previously omitted responses onto the appellant for comment, leaving a balance of 62 still to be accounted for by Angus Council which I have today asked them to do, to ensure that every valid local voice is heard by the local review body. This means that the appellant, solely due to Angus Council's error, is being given a second opportunity to comment at this response stage and the interested parties are not, which does not seem fair to me. The latest information I have is that the review is, subject to committee member availability and one assumes no further responses being found and sent on by Angus Council to the appellant, likely to be heard by the Development Management Review Committee (DMRC) during the first two weeks of July.

3) Re Angus Council's responses to the 2 Stage 2 complaints I previously lodged:

a) Complaint 1 about the Road's Service processing of this application which I was asked by Cllr Hands and the Murroes & Wellbank Community Council's Chair Steve Anderson to lodge – after much chasing and a processing error by Angus Council, I have finally received a Stage 2 response. As a reminder, our chief concern was the taking on trust of key data supplied by an applicant (visibility splay data in this case) and the apparent lack of any validation of this by the Roads Service prior to them issuing their first response on 19th January 2021 to the planning application. During the course of this planning application being processed, and only due to the concerted effort of and hiring of specialist consultants by local residents, the Roads Service issued a total of 4 different responses, and only after the local resident's transportation consultant pointed out errors within the applicant's visibility splay data did the Roads Service then themselves physically measure the visibility splays in question at the start of June 2021 which then led to the subsequent revisions of their position. Disappointingly in the Stage 2 response to my complaint, Angus Council claim that the Roads Service had conducted their own study of these junctions, but carefully omitted to mention that this study was undertaken after the first Roads Service response had been submitted to the planning officer and was only undertaken because the transportation consultant employed by local residents had pointed out the errors in the visibility splay data provided by the applicant. It therefore appears that Angus Council is relying on local residents, rather than their own departmental processes, to highlight errors within planning application data

and this quite frankly cannot be right. However, Angus Council regrettably continue to deny their part in this sorry chain of events nor to take any apparent learning from it.

b) Complaint 2 about the Planning Department's processing of this application – as a reminder, this included acceptance of an objection lodged in the name of the planning officer responsible for assessing the actual planning application, lack of communication

to the interested parties at key stages of the planning and appeals processes and lack of publicly available information on the detail of the appeals process. Again, regrettably, Angus Council's response is that 'there is nothing to see here' and hence the opportunity to improve council processes and the experience of local residents going forward has been summarily dismissed.

4) Next steps regarding the planning appeal are:

a) to await responses from Angus Council to the 4 currently open questions:

i. admissibility or otherwise of the illegitimately obtained campaign group content;

ii. location and submission by Angus Council to the appellant of the missing 62 appeal response submissions from local objectors;

iii. supply to myself of copies of the 28 supportive appeal responses received by Angus Council;

iv. supply to myself of any final submission made by the appellant.

b) publicise and attend the DMRC meeting at which this appeal is heard.

Requested Actions:

1) Re the 4 currently open appeal's process questions – if I have not received a response from Angus Council to these by 24th June 2022 then I would then like support from our councillors in obtaining a response please.

2) Are any of the Monifieth and Sidlaw ward councillors prepared to advocate for local residents and take the process improvement opportunities I have identified above back to Angus Council for full and proper consideration?



Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Leanne Blacklaw

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 20th April 2022 to 13th June 2022	
Local Community Policing Area	Murroes, Kellas, Wellbank TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk
Local Area Inspector	Inspector Mahboob Ahmad mahboob.ahmad@scotland.police.uk
Local Community Policing Team	Sergeant Stewart Ramsay stewart.ramsay@scotland.police.uk

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

Murroes CC – Steve Anderson sanderson0@talk21.com

Beth Whiteside cldrwhiteside@angus.gov.uk
 Heather Doran cldrDoran@angus.gov.uk
 Craig Fotheringham cldrFotheringham@angus.gov.uk
 Lloyd Melville cldrMelville@angus.gov.uk

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<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

Hate Crime

HELP MAKE SCOTLAND A BETTER PLACE



Hate happens every day. But we don't need to accept it.

We encourage everyone to report incidents of hate that they experience or witness.

If you have been targeted because of your disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity, we want you to report it. If you are aware of someone else being targeted, we also want you to report it.

If you wish to read this page in an easy read format, visit our [Hate crime easy read document](#).

What is hate crime?

Being targeted for your disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity could be considered a hate crime. You can also be targeted for more than one characteristic or perceived characteristic.

Hate crimes can include but are not limited to:

- assault
- verbal abuse
- damage to property
- threatening behaviour
- robbery

- harassment
- online abuse.

Police Scotland and hate crime

Police Scotland takes hate crime very seriously. We will take appropriate action and do everything we can to bring those responsible to justice.

Everyone in Scotland has rights that protect them from hate crime. Whether you live in Scotland, are here to work, or are visiting Scotland, you are protected by law from hate crime. This includes if you are currently seeking asylum or refugee status.

If English is not your first language, we will seek the assistance of an interpreter/BSL interpreter for you. This is to help you give us your report in your first language.

We want you to feel safe and comfortable when speaking to us. Where possible we will arrange to speak with you at a place you feel comfortable. You can also have a support person present.

Reporting a hate crime

We will listen to you, provide support and take appropriate action. Here is a summary of what will happen when you report a hate crime:

1. We will listen to you, your report will be investigated and we will offer you victim support
2. You will be contacted by an officer either by phone, in person or by your preferred method of contact
3. Police Scotland will take appropriate action and you will be kept informed
4. If Police Scotland has enough evidence, the person responsible will be charged with the offence and reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
5. If there is not enough evidence we will still record your report as a hate incident and offer you support*
6. Once your case is with the Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal service you will be kept updated on the progress of your case.

*It is important to still report non-criminal hate incidents. This helps us get a clearer picture of what is happening in Scotland and where to focus our attention.

You can contact us and report hate crime in the following ways:

- By phoning 999 (emergency) 101 (non-emergency)
- In person at any police station
- By completing a [hate crime reporting form](#)

- At a Third Party Reporting Centre
- Text 999 (registered users only)
- Contact Scotland-BSL
- Keep Safe Scotland App

Getting support when reporting hate crime

In some cases victims and witnesses of hate crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to the police. They may feel more comfortable reporting it to someone they are familiar with or they may want support when they report.

To ensure everyone is able to report hate crime, Police Scotland works closely with a wide variety of partners who perform the role of Third Party Reporting Centres.

These partners have been trained to assist people in submitting a report to the police and can make reports on your behalf.

Recent crimes/issues in the area:

Assessment period 20/04/2022 to 13/06/2022

There have been 23 calls to the Police for incidents in your area during this assessment period. These calls include alarm activations, silent 999 calls, general calls from the public for assistance, road traffic incidents, concern for person, domestic incident, neighbour dispute, report of antisocial behaviour, concern regarding controlled burning, and a report of a fraud.

There has been 5 crime reports recorded in your area. 4 relate to a 1 vehicle road traffic accident that occurred on the B978 between Wellbank and Kirkside of Kirkbuddo on 14th May 2022, where the driver was reported for failing to stop, no licence, no insurance and no MOT. The 5th report relates to a 2 vehicle road traffic accident on the same road between Wellbank and Forfar on 9th June 2022, where efforts are continuing to identify the offending driver who failed to stop.

Local Initiatives/ forthcoming events:

Further information.

Your Community Police Officer, PC Dawn McGaughay, retired from the service on 1st June 2022.

Her counterpart in Carnoustie, PC Nikki Harrison, retires formally with effect 1st July 2022 but is no longer available through annual leave due before her retirement date.

Applications for their successors have been received and interviews are set to take place

10th and 18th June 2022.

<u>PART B</u>		
Feedback from Community Council (Issues raised worthy of police interest for feedback)		
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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM – to Local Community Policing Team if no officer present at meeting.