

MURROES AND WELLBANK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Hybrid Meeting held on Thursday 18th August 2022 at 7.30pm in Wellbank Community Hall.

Present:

G. Reid (Treas); D. Murdoch; S. Anderson (Chair/Planning); G. Cowper (Secy);
K. Gerrard; A. Fraser; J. Bell; S. Smith; K. Smith; I. Robertson; A. Martin; A. Harvey

Apologies:

D. McNeil (Angus Council Communities Officer); Cllr Whiteside; Cllr Doran;
Cllr Lloyd; Cllr Fotheringham, G. Anderson; G. Millar.

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes were read and approved with the below amendments.

Cllr Doran, name incorrectly spelt on page 4, the previous minutes to be corrected.

IR stated there was an omission of the complaint regarding the Roads Service handling of the Crematorium application and Cllr Whiteside request a summary from IR of the complaint. IR had no response to date from Cllr Whiteside.

Matters Arising:

Proposed Crematorium

IR gave an update(attached). IR stated he was awaiting feedback from Cllr Whiteside regarding the formal complaint, but had heard nothing to date and asked for an update by the next meeting. SA thanked IR for his contribution and for all the work he has put into this campaign for residents. SA hoped Angus Council would give their decision soon and that it would be the right decision for the community.

Wellbank Play Park

KG stated four quotes had been received for the work. The Wellbank hall Committee had received questions from Angus Council to help review the quotes. Three quotes were now being considered and more grant applications are being completed along with a Crowd Funding page opened to help with further funding. An email had been sent to parents in Wellbank asking for contributions to help with the upgrade. The Wellbank Hall Committee were also looking for additional funding to install fencing and external lighting. This would enable children to use the facilities until 9pm instead of 4pm in winter. Graeme Dey had suggested organisations where the Committee could apply for funding.

Community Resilience

SA informed the group a meeting is to be held in Eassie & Nevay Hall where the community group have a robust resilience plan and have great emergency hub facilities. It is hoped we can pick up some ideas for the Murroes and Wellbank area.

AH, Chair of Ballumbie Castle Residents Association (BCRA) joined the meeting and SA asked if there was anyone from the BCRA who would be interested in becoming involved in the Community Resilience Planning to consider issues of snow clearing or anything else

which particularly impacts the estate residents. AH did suggest that a resident was interested to be involved in community resilience and he would feedback in due course. A questionnaire is to be sent to Murroes Primary School to ask parents for feedback on funding spend in the area. Also feedback regarding upgrading Murroes Hall as an emergency hub. The questionnaire will be posted on MWCC Facebook page.

Solar Farm

There were no further updates regarding the Gagie application. AF stated, it was pleasing to see the Scottish Government Energy Consent Unit had reviewed the Environmental Impact Assessment and raised the same concerns as Angus Council with the scale of this project and the impact on the loss of prime agricultural land.

A further two solar farm applications have been submitted for this area and there are concerns over the applications. AF suggested monitoring of these applications and making Angus Council aware of residents' feelings.

KG & AF raised the solar farm application for Wellbank would have access issues for construction of the proposal and any use of others land would require permission. SA stated there are lots of issues concerning these applications.

Police Report

There was no police report at present, but SA hoped it would arrive in time for the distribution with the Minutes. JB raised concerns about people looking in vehicles with torches, Police Scotland were made aware. Some issues over vandalism around the Wellbank Hall. AH raised concerns about groups of kids in the wooded areas and car break-ins at Ballumbie.

Speeding was an issue on Drumsturdy Road, particularly trucks using the asphalt plant for collections and dumping of waste.

Westhall Tce speeding has not improved and blind bends are being cut by drivers with a number of near misses having occurred. Traffic management solutions required.

Secretary Report:

Funding

SA stated the NHS had a funding portal as part of their procurement process to help provide community benefits for groups in the community. SA to issue link for the portal to Murroes and Wellbank Halls. SSE funding options previously discussed. SA to issue KG links to other funding links to aid the play park fund.

Parking

School parking is a serious issue, where parents allowing children to exit cars onto the main road, causing safety concerns. Cllr Fotheringham informed and will take this issue forward. Parent parking needs to be address at Murroes P. S as a matter of urgency. SS suggested making a larger parking area at the bottom of playing field to help resolve the problem with school buses and car parking.

CC Elections

SA hoped as many people would apply to join the Community Council by 31st Aug 2022. Posters to be displayed in areas. Ballumbie Castle Residents Association would include this in the newsletter. The CC would be delighted to see young people putting forward

nominations to join. Posting on the various Facebook pages would be helpful. Minute takers is a challenge for all CC and payments may be required to attract support.

Treasurers Report:

We received our annual grant of £400. Our bank balance is standing at £3973.83. Hall Rental, Expenses and various accounts have still to be paid.

Planning Report:

16 Oak Loan, Baldovie- Application for Pergola over a swimming spa.
North West Of Wellbank Farm- Pre-Application for a Solar Farm (PAN).

The solar farm application at the bottom of the Latch has been submitted. It was suggested this is good arable land, alternative areas could be more suitable for these types of developments.

Greentech have asked to speak with CC and we will invite them to attend a future meeting.

AOCB:

Wellbank Hall Update

KG stated Wellbank Amenities Association had lost their Chairperson and Secretary. There is now only six members on the Committee, if they lose another person, they are unable to continue. There is to be a leaflet/pamphlet drop in the area, but again are short of people to distribute, anyone willing to help would be welcomed. There is a quiz night on 17th September, and it is hoped to have a Halloween Night. There are eight weeks to raise £30,000 on crowd funding. SA has emailed Mike Forbes to ask for help with the hall/park. KG informed the group there is to be a Coffee Morning every two weeks in Wellbank Hall. The Committee would like to see exercise classes in the future, once the Playpark funding had been confirmed. All events are posted on the hall website for further details.

Ballumbie Castle Residents Update

The BCRA are suffering lack of volunteers too. If issues are raised there is a reaction, but no one willing to take ownership and be involved. They have only four Committee members. Land maintenance – Greenbelt were invited to attend the BCRA, AGM and failed to turn up. BCRA looking to invoke residents to say they are not happy with the service from Greenbelt, this may help. They are apparently the worst performing land factor in the country. Challenging them on their poor service and their responsibility for the play park are high on the BCRA list of complaints. Apparently, Greenbelt have been challenged throughout the UK on the service and there may be changes afoot. A Newsletter will be circulated to residents to raise issues of concern. As it is a private development, it was suggested the local MP and MSP be contacted. GC will forward their surgery dates and times.

Defibrillators – Virgin installed new equipment in the estate and it is hoped they will allow access to their equipment to support the defibrillators along with BT. SSE are happy to provide funding, but maintenance of any defibrillators wouldn't be an issue for the group. A defibrillator in Kellas and Burnside of Duntrune would be very welcome, perhaps in the vacant old phone boxes. Cllr Whiteside was asked about having one installed at Murroes School, but no update received.

Concern with the lack of buses servicing the estate is still an issue for BCRA.

Christmas Lights

SA hoped to have Christmas lights at Murroes and Wellbank again this year. BCRA have a competition to see which resident could have the best lit up garden and also the same at Halloween. If anyone willing to help look at the Christmas lights this year it would be welcomed. Perhaps further expansion of lights/trees this year at both halls.

Paths

AF said legislation is not being adhered to by landowners and land users.

SA suggested the Success for Sidlaw Group of which SA and GC are involved, have raised the subject of core paths. KG asked, if possible, to find out which rights of way have been closed and core path routes. SA will raise with Angus Council. It was raised paths for children walking and cycling should be available in the area, away from heavy traffic. There should also be paths to link villages in the areas. It was raised that the path from Kellas to Murroes P.S should commence this financial year and we hope this connectivity will continue from Ballumbie Castle Estate to Kellas in following years.

Brighty Wood

A right of way around the wood is a possibility to prevent the need to use paths through the wood. It is hoped to invite the Chairperson of the Wood Committee to the next meeting. Residents should be informed when the annual meeting will be held, Facebook /Notices. The post at the east side of the wood has still not been moved.

Murroes Hall

Architects have been invited to give proposals on how the Hall could be improved to accommodate an emergency hub for the area. Proposals are still awaited. There are concerns over storms and lightning strikes in the area which also impacted on water supply and phone operations. Having a good facility would be helpful for the community in such stormy conditions affecting people.

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 7PM WHICH IS THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOLLOWED AT 7.30PM BY THE ORDINARY MEETING.

Appendices 1 & 2

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 18/8/22

Headlines:

- Further administrative errors made by Angus Council when processing the interested parties' responses at the appeal stage have now led to more delays in the local review process and the appeal has yet to be actually heard by the Development Management Review Committee (DMRC).

- No response received as yet from Cllr Whiteside re the requested and subsequently provided summary of the process failing/improvement opportunity for Angus Council's Roads Service.

Detail:

- 1) Appeal process status – there have been further errors made by Angus Council when processing and presenting the interested parties' further responses to the DMRC at the appeal stage as follows:
 - a) 101 valid further responses of objection from local residents (i.e. from previous objectors and submitted within the 14 day consultation period) have been incorrectly excluded from the process;
 - b) 3 interested parties are shown as being both supporters and objectors;
 - c) 3 interested parties are incorrectly included as they did not lodge comments at the original application stage.
- 2) When these errors are corrected the tally of responses submitted at the appeal stage will be 361 further objections from local residents and just 28 further comments of support. As before, the vast majority of the comments of support are from non-local friends or business associates of the landowner and the overwhelming local opinion remains one of opposition.
- 3) Because of these errors, when the DMRC met on 10th August to consider, as their only substantive agenda item, the crematorium appeal, this agenda item had to be publicly withdrawn by Angus Council and the meeting then immediately closed after just 5 minutes.
- 4) It was very disappointing and frustrating that the DMRC have not been able to start determining this appeal as Angus Council has had over 4.5 months to prepare the materials for this meeting. These feelings of disappointment and frustration were further compounded by the fact that I had made repeated interventions over a number of months pointing out to the council officer responsible for presenting the meeting materials to the DMRC that there was a substantial shortfall in the number of valid further responses of objection being presented, but sadly these interventions were ignored by Angus Council. I was therefore forced twice, with only 48 hours and then 24 hours to go before the DMRC meeting was due to start, to escalate the matter to Angus Council's Chief Exec, Head of Service for Planning & Sustainable Growth, the DMRC members and our 4 local Monifieth & Sidlaw ward councillors to ensure that the council did not err in law by determining this appeal based on an incorrect and incomplete data set.
- 5) This turn of events has now been reported in the local media and is now the subject of a new complaint which Angus Council have, to their credit, lodged themselves within their complaints system. However, I have now just received a Stage 1 response to this but as it only addresses one out of the four issues I raised I have now had to put this back to Angus Council for consideration of the other three issues.
- 6) At the moment, the date on which this appeal will next be heard by the DMRC Angus is unknown and, whilst acknowledging that some of the delays in this process have been down to the hiatus from the recent council elections, 6 months have now passed since the appeal was lodged and the 2 year anniversary of the landowner's plans being made public is nearly upon us. I and many other local residents can only hope that Angus Council now give this matter their urgent attention, that the next data set presented to the DMRC stands up to scrutiny and that the DMRC are able to determine this appeal in the very near future.

Requested Actions:

Update tonight from Cllr Whiteside regarding the status of the Roads Service process failings/improvement opportunity previously submitted to her.



Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Leanne Blacklaw

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 14th June 2022 to 15th August 2022	
Local Community Policing Area	Murroes, Kellas, Wellbank TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk
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To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses a few days before the meeting documenting the previous month's activity.

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ONLINE SURVEY ON POLICING – APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023.

Police Scotland has continued to meet the needs of our communities during a demanding and difficult period for the people of Scotland. Understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities is fundamental to how Police Scotland responds to the needs of the public. Our public engagement activities help us improve how we deliver our policing services in local communities, ensuring they are accessible for everyone.

What happens with what you tell us

It is vital that we listen, understand, and take action using your views and experiences. Outcome 3 of our [Joint Strategy for Policing \(2020\)](#) creates the space within policing to inform our services using this rich insight.

Our [Annual Police Plan 2022/23](#) sets out what we will do to keep our communities safe and this has been developed using your responses to last year's survey, along with focus groups, workshops and other ways we listen to communities.

We report the feedback from this survey in ways which are practical for policing and inform service delivery. A report is prepared each quarter for the Scottish Police Authority's '[Policing Performance Committee](#)'. This is just one of the ways that policing is scrutinised, which is important as it helps us ensure we are policing with the consent of the people of Scotland.

Complete the survey in a different way

A British Sign Language version of this survey is [available here](#). You may find this version easier if you use BSL to communicate.

This survey is available in Easy Read. If you need this, you can download it from the bottom of this page.

Please let us know if you want to complete the survey in a different way (for example, over the phone): InsightEngagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Reporting a crime or providing information about an incident

Please note that this platform is not for reporting crime, providing information about an incident, or asking us for help. To find out ways to contact the police, please [visit our website](#). If you or someone else needs urgent police assistance, please dial 999 immediately.

Your personal information

Your response is anonymous and you will not be identified through the information you provide unless you choose to identify yourself in your responses.

At the end of the survey, we ask for personal details to ensure we receive a comprehensive range of responses. Please note that you do not have to answer these questions.

By completing this survey, you agree to Police Scotland using your anonymised data for analysis and reporting that will improve the service we provide.

Police Scotland is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. We have robust procedures in place to ensure that any data that you provide is processed and stored securely. We will never pass your data on to any third parties without your express consent. We also meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 (General Data Protection Regulation or 'GDPR').

Young Scot Membership

If you are a young person aged 12-25, there is more information about how to claim your 150 Rewards points shown after you submit your response. Not a Member yet? Go to young.scot to sign up.

The survey can be accessed via the link

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2022-2023/>

or by the QR code below.



Recent crimes/issues in the area:

Assessment period 14/06/2022 to 15/08/2022

There have been 36 calls to the Police for incidents in your area during this assessment period.

There has been 12 crime reports recorded in your area as follows:-

Group 1 – Crimes of violence – 0 crimes recorded

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature – 1 crime recorded currently undetected and remains under enquiry

Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty. 3 crimes recorded, currently undetected and remain under enquiry

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including – 1 crimes recorded, undetected and filed with no further lines of enquiry available.

Group 7 – Motoring offences – 7 crimes recorded, 2 currently undetected and remain under enquiry, 5 detected and reported to Procurator Fiscal.

Local Initiatives/ forthcoming events:

Further information.

Following the retirement of Dawn McGaughay and Nikki Harrison from Police Scotland, Constable Martyn Brennan has taken up a post with Carnoustie, Monifieth & The Sidlaws Community Policing Team. We await the arrival of Constable Ronnie Irvine. All going to plan, he should join the team within the next few weeks.