



**Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council
Approved Minutes of meeting
Held on 02nd March 2023**

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Attendance:

Chair: Stuart Grubb
Secretary: Avril Kidd
Treasurer: Keith Kirkhope
Community Councillors: Liz Cargill; Grant Kidd;
Angus Council Officers:
Elected members:
Members of the public: 1
Possible Co-op members :

Apologies:

Planning: Rose Jenkins
Community Councillors: Margaret Dunning;
Angus Council Officers: Hong Zhang (ZhangH@angus.gov.uk)
Elected members: Cllr Doran ; Cllr Whiteside; Cllr Melville
Police: PC Brennan

Minutes of previous meetings

- Approved.
- NOTE - Agenda and draft minutes of a community council meeting must be produced with 21 days from the date of that meeting, to enable their circulation to the council, and relevant elected members of the council, council officers and other interested parties. Send to Lynne (HallyL@angus.gov.uk).
- Minutes will be ratified remotely moving forward and added to notice boards (summary) if there is space (should the minutes be put on Facebook as well?)

Police Report

- LPP Draft Consultation ANGUS (Local Police Plan) **ACTION 12/1/23** – Plan was shared on Facebook.
- **ACTION 2/3/23 – Avril** to ask PC Brennan to discuss the woods on his school visit.

Recent crimes/issues in the area: Assessment period 12/01/2023 – 02/03/2023

There were 40 calls to the Muirhead, Birkhill, Fowlis and Liff area during this assessment period.

11 crimes were recorded. A break down as follows:-

Group 1 – Crimes of violence. 0 crimes recorded.

Group 2 – Sexual crime. 0 crimes recorded.

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud). 6 crimes recorded.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage. 1 crime recorded.

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behaviour, offences

against emergency workers and retail workers. 2 crimes recorded.

Group 7 – Motoring offences. 2 crimes recorded.

Speed checks have been carried out in Liff at the request of local residents in February, a number of drivers have been stopped and warned.

A visit to Birkhill Primary School is planned for March where Community Officers will be speaking with the P5-P7's about Online Safety.

We will also be arranging another 'Coffee with a Cop' event in the next 2 months to give local residents a chance to speak with us face to face and raise local issues with us directly. The last event was a success and a number of residents (and non-residents) attended.

Matters arising

Outstanding Matters from previous meetings: -

- All closed or incorporated into ongoing issues

Ongoing issues

- Parking at Liff Schools
 - Exclusion zone been setup at Liff. 6 month trial coming to an end. Likely to be extended for another 12 months. Not being well respected. Looking at other options – modify 31 bus schedule being discussed.
 - Exploring crossing patrols for the 3 crossings into school
 - Is there funding for studies? ACTION 12/1/23 – Rose. See the application process.
 - Roads team/Active travel are to visit Liff
 - Stakeholder meeting should be held within the next few weeks.
- Parking at Birkhill School – no update. ACTION 2/3/23 – Liz to get a contact for the Parent and Carer Council (PCC)
- Traffic and speeding including in Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff and Fowlis
 - Need to see if we can have the speed detectors moved and recalibrated and get the data ACTION 2/3/23 – Stuart
 - Traffic calming measures put in place in December 22. How will Angus Council measure success? ACTION 12/1/23 – Stuart to contact Angus roads. We need the old data and when will we get updated data? Needs better illuminated coming IN to the village.
 - ACTION 2/3/23 – Stuart – will they be asking us for feedback on the trial?
 - ACTION 2/3/23 – Stuart to invite Graeme Dailly Director of infrastructure and environment to the next meeting.
 - Can we reduce the speed to 40 from Muirhead to Liff?
 - All roads are being reviewed at the moment by roads teams and will be complete by end March 23 – ACTION 12/1/23 - Review at next meeting
 - Path from Woods to Liff School is needed. Could we use part of the field as is done between Liff and Fowlis? ACTION 2/3/23 – Keith to speak to the farmer.
 - ACTION 2/3/23 – Stuart to order a Pop up Police officer
- Community Resilience planning
 - Avril attended the online Angus Community Resilience Forum and also had a meeting with Jen from Angus council
 - Minutes from their November meeting included a lot of good information – Secretary has shared it (20221123 note)
 - Do we want to host a resilience public event with various parties such as Scottish Power? Explains to households what they might want to put into place themselves (Household resilience); give out resilience bags. Possibly do DeFib awareness talk (Neil). Could make this into a community event to try to get people's general input for Community Council?

- Resusci Anne as well? ACTION 2/3/23 – Ken to find out if they are in the loft of the bowling club?
 - Fire safety – see Ken
 - ACTION 2/3/23 – Avril to contact Jen to see what the next steps are to setup an event.
- Can we put a resilience plan in place for electricity etc. going down/emergency plans. Is there funding for generators etc. for community halls?
 - ACTION 12/1/23 – Rose to share some examples from the university.
 - Hong shared Sidlaw plans after last meeting
 - Eassie has put a good plan in place, Hong shared details after last meeting :- <https://www.eassieandnevay.org/resilience-centre/>
- ACTION 12/1/23 – who? Survey to be shared on social media to see if anyone would be interested in being part of a task force - Action cancelled
- Free Period Angus (Fiona Ross) – no update in March
 - In the Millennium Hall there is a sign to say get them from the kitchen which goes against the Free Period initiative – ACTION 12/1/23 – Stuart to request it is removed
 - ACTION 12/1/23 – Avril to ask Donna if she needs any in the Church hall?
- Public Engagement
 - Possible Charity event to try to bring people together – e.g. a Winter Coat appeal
 - What events are going on that Council members could attend to get feedback? Christmas fayres/Lunches at the church? ROLL INTO THE OTHER MEETING
 - Youth Engagement officer to come speak to the Council – ACTION 12/1/23 Hong to pass on information
 - ACTION 12/1/23 Stuart to look into SCYD options. This is not going to work – they would not encourage areas where youths can have controlled fires. CLOSED

Correspondence:

- Whatsnew List
- Voluntary action angus
- NHS Scotland Initiative ACTION 12/1/23 – Stuart SHARE*
- **Funding opportunities:**
 - Love Your Neighbourhood grant (From Sustrans). This is a temporary limited term grant until end of March 2023. The grant provides free equipment and training for community organisations or groups who want to enhance or improve their local area for walking, wheeling, and cycling. The grant is for training and equipment which will support community groups to carry out activity to encourage walking, wheeling, or cycling. E.g., Bird ID/Foraging walks, litter picking equipment, or roadside repair tools for community centres and hubs, cycle training and more. Priority will be given to community groups working in areas of deprivation, or with marginalised communities. For more information please contact us at: communities.team@sustrans.org.uk<mailto:communities.team@sustrans.org>. – Was discussed by the local cycle group – it is not suitable - CLOSE
 - Tayside Contracts Community Fund 2023 – open for applications 9th January 2023. Good to have a wish list for future funding opportunities
 - Communities Team <https://shapingangus.co.uk/>
 - Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain – Missed opportunity for funding (yesterday) – but if it comes back next year are we interested in putting in a drinking water fountain? The purpose of the fund is to reduce the impact of single-use plastic water bottles on coastal habitats by funding communities to purchase water drinking fountains and install them for use by the public in busy or environmentally important areas.
 - YES we might be interested next year.
 - Community Ownership Fund – Whether it's the pub on the high street that's facing closure, a village shop or a local sports team that might lose its ground, the Fund offers a great opportunity for local groups to take them over and to run them as businesses – by the community, for the community <<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus/community-ownership-fund-prospectus--2>>. Nothing needed at the moment. – NOT Applicable
 - Ashden UK Awards - For over 20 years, the Ashden Awards have been uncovering and spotlighting the world's next climate champions. Through grant prizes of up to £25,000, as well as ongoing development support, our

awards accelerate climate innovation – helping businesses, charities, governments, and others power up their impact in the UK and low-income countries. We back organisations that advance social justice while lowering emissions, with a particular focus on the power of climate action to improve jobs, skills and livelihoods. Winners and finalists enjoy grants, publicity and priceless new connections- as well as endorsement from globally-recognised climate experts <<https://ashden.org/awards-apply/>> **Not Applicable**

- The Robertson Trust Wee Grants We offer funding to charitable organisations that support people and communities in Scotland who are living with poverty or trauma. <<https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/>> **Not Applicable**

Finance/Treasurer:

- **ACTION 12/1/23** – Keith and Stuart to be added as signatories – complete

Planning:

- SolarFarm at Pyotdykes Farm, DD2 5QQ are planning a consultation – added to facebook
 - Access point to be on Gourdie Brae – feasibility study has not been done. Glint and Glare hasn't been done. Plans show it coming right up to the Roundie. Planning cannot go in until after 6th April.
 - **ACTION 2/3/23** – Stuart to put on Facebook again as they are looking for feedback
- Proposed Amendment to Core Path 7 Liff Village Spur – Mains of Gray/Gray House – new path in place
- Single Story extension – The Firs - Grey Den

Social Media:

Agenda (and Minutes if there is space) go on the notice boards. **ACTION 2/3/23** – Avril to add a note to the bottom of the agenda of how to find the minutes - **ACTION 2/3/23** – Keith to provide a link to where the minutes are kept.

- MBLCC Notice boards
 - **ACTION** Stuart to check Keys to notice boards – Closed . Another set of keys to go to Rose.
 - Co-op Birkhill – Avril/Grant/Liz
 - Liff Church Road – Stuart
 - Fowlis Village Green – Keith
 - Piperdam – Rose
 - Millennium Hall – hand into office
- Also :-
 - Small Noticeboard on Tiddlywinks fence Muirhead – Ken
 - Adil's Muirhead – Ken
 - Fowlis Easter Hall – Keith
 - Lundie Hall (Access) – Rose
- Possibly :-
 - Birkhill Primary School – Liz
 - Liff Primary School – Stuart
 - Servite House Birkhill – Avril/Liz/Grant
- Facebook
 - Planning applications to be added
 - Avril to setup events for meetings
- Website
 - **ACTION 12/1/23** – Keith - Updates needed for new Council members and contact details – Complete.
 - Correspondence to be added if applicable

Any other competent business:

- Number 51 bus – news report in courier which was also brought to the Council attention. The report in the courier was not accurate. Western Gateway Community council are discussing with Dundee City Council.
- Condition of fencing and bushes on path between Coupar Angus Road and Inver Terrace in Muirhead. **ACTION 2/3/23** – Avril to send in an email to both Angus Council and GS Brown.
- Clinkerheel Park lights have not been on for past few nights. **ACTION 2/3/23** – Grant to report on Angus Council site – along with state of path – FROM council.

- Community Council Training 8th March at 7pm Millennium Hall - Room

Date of next meeting: 4th May 2023 (Millennium Hall, Birrhill)