

Letham & district Community Council

Meeting of Letham & District Community Council held on

Thursday 16th February 2023, Letham Feuars' Hall, 7.30pm

Present Wendy Cameron, Karen Smith, David Lumgair, Sandra Mcrae, Karen Smith (Kose), Gail Smith, Tracy Andrews, Isobel Sword

Via Teams Cllr.Cowdy, Cllr. Shepherd

Also Present Police Constables Jo Greg and Sarah Watt, 4 local residents

Apologies Cllr. Nicol, Mhairi Dickson

Approval of previous minutes, proposed by David Lumgair, seconded by Karen Smith

1. Matters Arising

Defibrillators

- Carmyllie Hall to reply to the suggestion of installing a defibrillator.
- Letham Village Hall are positive regarding the suggestion of having one of the defibrillators sited at the Hall.
- Publicity regarding fund raising for additional defibrillators / outside cabinets to be delayed until we are certain what is required.
- Heart Start can again be approached to run training sessions, this will be explored.

Health Centre re recruiting volunteers, Cllr. Cowdy has yet to receive contact information.

Parking at Jubilee Court Sandra Macrae and Wendy Cameron both reported continuing difficulty accessing the car park because of parking opposite the entrance. This is particularly important issue that needs to be addressed because of the need for emergency vehicles being able to access Jubilee Court. Cllr. Nicol has been following this up. PC Watt has noted this issue.

Buses update Cllr. Shepherd received this update.

Apologies for the delay, I have been waiting on Stagecoach providing a response after their investigation. There were severe issues with the punctuality of service 27 for the majority of 2022, and this was mostly due to the issue of driver shortages causing cancellations and late running. Stagecoach are approaching full staffing levels again and this has definitely alleviated the vast majority of cancellations across the network, including on service 27, although some issues do still exist. Furthermore, on 3 October 2022, Stagecoach implemented a new timetable which reduced frequencies of commercial services, particularly service 73, and this has allowed Stagecoach to redistribute resources to other areas of the network. These timetable changes have also improved the punctuality of the service 27 and overall, the service seems to be performing relatively well. However, after an investigation, it appears that service 27B (Forfar Community Campus – Arbroath Bus Station), is performing poorly, is often late and this is having detrimental effect on other journeys throughout the day.

Please pass on my thanks to the community council for raising the issues and my team will work with Stagecoach to identify why this service is often running late and make the necessary improvements. Our suspicion is that the

vehicle is departing Forfar Campus late, due to significant traffic and passenger loading delays at the end of the of the school but we will investigate all possibilities. Can I ask that if there are persistent issues that the community council pass them to my team via yourself Councillor?

Kind regards, Iain

2. **Policing**

The recent report was emailed to members before the meeting. Jo Greg summarised the full report.

Sarah Watt drew the meetings attention to the “cuppa with a Cop” which was held in the village Hall.

The issue of speeding particularly along the road passed the Pharmacy has been identified as an issue, a speed check has been carried out.

A resident questioned whether something could be done about the excessive irresponsible parking at the corner of the Keystore. Sarah Watt will investigate.

3. **Correspondence**

- **Review of Angus Licensing Boards statement of licensing policy**
- **Renewal fee for GDPR/ Data Protection due 10th March (DD paid)**
- **Email from Mrs Phylis Jolly** re rights and obligation regarding the strip of land bequeathed to the Community Council. Mrs Jolly emailed a copy of the Community Council’s title and site plan, but members felt they need further information before making any statements regarding this.
- **Information re Parish online project (mapping)**
- **Paths for All newsletter – with information re funding for paths**

4. **Treasurer**

<u>CC Account</u>	<u>£519.77</u>
<u>Footpaths Acc.</u>	<u>£4,041.42</u>
<u>Defibrillator Acc.</u>	<u>£1,822.19</u>

5. **Planning**

Pre consultation re solar farm

6. **AOCB**

- **School Friendly Zone,** next stake holders meeting 1st March 3.30 (CC will be represented)
- **Cllr. Surgery Village Hall**
- **The Twinning Association** is holding a fund raising coffee Morning, funds are needed for the upcoming French visit.
- **Footpath behind Jubilee Park** The footpath becomes very wet and difficult to use. A reminder that this land belongs to Angus Council and will eventually be part of a housing development. A reminder about the community fund for small community led projects available through Tayside Contracts.

- **The Den**

- A member of the public raised the issue of the terrible state of part of the wall that bounds the Vinney (next to the stone bridge) Mrs Jolly (owner of the wall) said that as it is within 10 meters of the stone bridge Angus Council will remove the excessive silting and debris which interferes with the free flow of the burn under the bridge.
- The same member of the public explained that he had been spoken to and told he had no right to use the (wooden)bridge (next to Vinney Edge Cottage)as it is private property. He was assured that it is a right of way.

Date of next meeting 16th March