

## **MURROES AND WELLBANK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Meeting held at Wellbank Hall on Thursday 16th February 2023 at 7.30pm

**Present:** S. Anderson (Chair); A. Martin (Vice-Chair); G. Reid (Treasurer);  
G. Cowper (Secretary); J. Crozier (Minute Secretary);  
K. Gerrard; Cllr H. Doran; D. McNeil (Angus Council Communities Team);  
I. Robertson; A. Meyer; A. Fraser; S. Mooney; D. Mooney; J. Nicoll

**Apologies :** M. Went; M. Brennan (Community Police Officer); J. Bell; Cllr B. Whiteside, K. Smith;  
M. Mauran, Cllr L. Melville

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

Apologies were given

### **Previous Minutes.**

The Minutes were read and approved.

### **Matters Arising**

- Wellbank Playpark

KG gave an update. Work has started and good publicity was given through local newspapers and even a report on the STV news. Work should be finished within five weeks and a celebratory opening day will hopefully be planned once the park is complete.

- Community Resilience

SA gave details of the upcoming Community Resilience meeting to be held next week (23rd of February at 6.30pm) led by Angus council and where communities can exchange ideas and discuss on how to best support our residents in times of community need.

SA also asked for any areas in our ward that were of particular concern regarding last year's floods then to please mark them on the map and feedback to SA so we can pass it on to Angus Council. Maps were provided and distributed at the meeting; also an electronic map was distributed through email.

- Brighty Wood

GC gave an update. Dangerous trees have been felled and avenues to source funding for future maintenance and projects were being looked into.

DM and JM suggested reinstatement and access of the diagonal path would be more beneficial and safer for horse riders using the wood rather than the perimeter path. This will be put to the Chairperson of the Brighty Wood Group, Alan Kettles.

Concerns were raised by AF that the Brighty Wood Group committee are not acting on behalf of the community.

JC asked Cllr Doran what she would suggest to help resolve this. Cllr Doran stated that Angus Council can help with access and rights. As the Woodland is run by a group then they need to be contacted. It was suggested that a mediator may help with resolution.

- School Parking/Speeding

The situation surrounding Murroes school is still proving to be problematic.

Aimi Meyer relayed that at a recent Murroes Primary School Meeting, the current work by Angus Council to install a pavement from Kellas to the school will not be extended past the car park, but stopping at the bottom of the school field and so not alleviating the area where most congested and danger of an accident. If true, then this is disappointing. SA asked Cllr Doran to clarify.

The general condition of the school over flow car park and connecting school path at Murroes School were discussed and AM did suggest the school is looking into funding to help upgrade and improve the path and car park.

SA stated that a survey would be required by Angus Council on whether a pedestrian crossing could be installed at Wellbank. Criteria is very stringent and the Council Roads Department will evaluate and make a decision.

SA stated that concerns over the signage at Wellbank was being investigated by Angus Council Roads Dept and would be addressed if required.

- **Police Report**

Please See **Appendix 1** for Police Report.

SA to chase up a Cuppa with a Coper for our ward.

- **Secretary's Report**

- Area Social Groups

DM from Angus Council communities team said that Angus council were keen to support a Men's Shed group, Walking Group and a Befriender Group within our ward and appealed for attendees to promote: particularly anyone interested in attending and helping in any capacity. All agreed this would be good for our area.

KG said that two volunteers had come forward to help run the youth project at Wellbank Hall and it was hoped that more would follow. There is a survey out at the moment regarding the youth group at Wellbank Hall and DM urged anyone with an interest to partake; very easy with a smartphone and scanning a QR code. This had been publicised and can be accessed through the link below: <https://forms.office.com/e/i5tVDgD2Bt>

- Funding options (Christmas Decorations)

SA has sourced outdoor Christmas decorations for both Murroes and Wellbank Halls. GC to look into funding to cover the purchase.

- Road Closures

GC as secretary is notified by Angus Council of road closures in our ward and all have been publicised on the Community Council Facebook page.

GC asked Cllr Doran about pot hole reporting and the apparent lack of progress even though she had an email to say it has been resolved. AM also detailed his reporting of pot holes and the ineffectual repairs carried out, especially on the road from Murroes school to Shielhill Farm. Cllr Doran asked to keep logging issues on to the Council System and if possible, send pictures. GC asked Cllr Doran about the scheduled resurfacing of the road from Myerton Farm to Gagie by April 2023. Cllr Doran will follow this up.

AM highlighted poor communication, between the Angus Council helpline and contractors carrying out works after he reported a faulty speed reducing sign. The speed reducing sign on Westhall Terrace is not working and this has been reported three times detailing the problem. Cllr Doran will look into this.

#### • **Treasurer's Report**

GR reported that as of 2nd January 2023 bank balance stands at £3873.83 (Three thousand eight hundred and seventy-three pounds and eighty-three pence).

There is a surplus of £100 which is needed to pay for Murroes Hall hire.

GR has sent a spreadsheet to SA

#### • **Councillor Update**

Cllr Doran gave a brief update on her work. Cllr has been concerned with the cost of living crisis effects on residents in her ward and is planning ahead for the year 2023/24.

Cllr Doran left the meeting as she is on the planning committee of Angus Council.

#### • **Planning**

IR gave an update on the proposed Crematorium. Please see **Appendix 2**

SA listed the new proposed planning applications in our ward;

- 1 Kellas Road, Wellbank - Blacksmith's demolished and three dwelling proposed
- Wellbank Cottages
- Solar Farm at Gagie

A meeting is to be held at Murroes Hall on Thursday 23rd February 2023 4.30-7.30pm about the proposed solar farm at Gagie.

Residents are concerned with the adequacy of screening, effects on wildlife, risk of fires, disruption and loss of utilities due to the widespread layout of the project during the building phase.

Apparently, there are proposed incentives from the company; car park for the school and money for residents and community groups.

#### **AOCB**

- Wellbank Hall Update

KG stated that the Lounge area and bar have been revamped.

- Fly Tipping

AM raised concerns about the increase in fly tipping in the area. There seems to be hotspots in our ward and it was suggested cameras be installed at these areas to deter and put a stop to this behaviour.

- Dog Fouling

There has been no update from the Angus Council Dog Wardens concerning the dog fouling in Brighty Wood.

DM suggested a Dog bin on the road to the quarry off Westhall Terrace.

- Parking around Mattocks School

A leaflet drop was undertaken by Angus Council targeting inappropriate parking in the area. If bin lorries cannot access properties, then bins will not be emptied.

- Reflective Gear

AF appealed again for horse riders, pedestrians and cyclists to wear appropriate reflective gear when using the roads. It was asked if our community police officer could help with this concern.

DM suggested more SLOW HORSES traffic signs in the Murroes area would be beneficial.

Chair closed the meeting, thanked everyone for their attendance.

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 20th APRIL 2023 AT 7.30PM at Wellbank Hall**

**APPENDIX 1**



**Tayside Division**

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Leanne Blacklaw

<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 16th February 2023</b>	
<b>Local Community Policing Area</b>	Murroes and Wellbank Community Council <a href="mailto:TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk">TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk</a>
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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](mailto: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](https://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 08/12/22 – 15/02/23

There were 32 calls to Murroes and Wellbank area in the last assessment period.

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

Group 1 – Crimes of violence. 1 recorded crime.

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature, including online sexual offences. 0 crimes.



Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud). 1 recorded crime.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage. 2 recorded crimes.

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including bail offences, drugs, threatening & abusive behaviours, offences against emergency workers and retail workers. 4 recorded crimes.

Group 7 – Motoring offences. 1 recorded crime.

**Further information.**

Speeds checks are planned for the coming weeks around Westhall Terrace, Kellas and Wellbank.

## **APPENDIX 2**

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 16/2/23

**Headline:**

- The crematorium appeal has yet to be determined by the Development Management Review Committee (DMRC) and there is currently no publicly communicated date when it will be.

**Update:**

- The DMRC did meet and review this appeal on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 but decided that before they could take their decision they wished to receive responses from both Angus Council's Planning Department and from the landowner on the impact (if any) on the appeal of the new National Planning Framework 4 (a spatial strategy for Scotland) policy which was due to become law on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- Given that this new policy was described by the DMRC convenor as 'a significant new material consideration' it was very disappointing that the interested parties were not, in the spirit of fair play, also invited to comment at this time given the huge level of public interest in this appeal and opposition to it succeeding.
- I did lodge a formal request for the interested parties to also provide comment at this time but this was declined by Angus Council. Until we have seen what the planning department's response to the DMRC's request actually is we have decided not to make any further public comment on this latest turn of events.
- The planning department now have until tomorrow (17<sup>th</sup> February 2023) to submit their response after which I believe that the landowner will be given 14 days to submit his response so I believe that we are now looking at sometime in March at the earliest for the DMRC to reconvene and finally determine this appeal.

**Question:**

- 1) Has Cllr Whiteside had the opportunity to feed back the concerns raised by the Community Council regarding the Roads Service's response to the recent complaint or is this something that would need to be taken forward after the conclusion of the DMRC outcome?