

Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held 12 April 2023
Held in Hillside Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Membership present: Helen Robertson, Chair, Shane Fleming, Davie McArthur, Tony Smith, Ted Smith

(Christine Russell, secretary)

In attendance: Cllr Duff

Apologies received: Sandra Livingstone

Everyone present and two members of the public, Mr and Mrs Fowley were welcomed to the meeting by Helen Robertson.

Minute of last meeting dated 8 February 2023 submitted for approval. Approved by Shane Fleming, seconded by Davie McArthur

Matters arising

Cycle route

Cllr Duff indicated that he has seen the completed feasibility study and the draft report, 55 pages long, will be available soon. He said it is an extremely comprehensive report with a lot of useful information contained within, eg flooding information, useful pictures etc. The study looked at 4 possible routes.

Route 1 – Leaving Hillside going up Hospital Road to the Grampian crossroads and straight across onto an unclassified road; then down to Logie Mill following the footpath to Craigo.

Route 2 - Going up Hospital Road, to Westmount Cottages, left along the track to Rosemount Road, turning right at the end and taking the track through the edge of the Craigo estate, joining the main Craigo road and then joining the other route.

Route 3 – following the Main Road, taking bits of fields where necessary.

Route 4 – Starts at Haughton Drive, Hillside and swings right over the railway bridge towards the river, following the track beside the river, then creating a new path to take you to Logie Mill, then onwards.

Cllr Duff said they have effectively ruled out the Main Road route, and the rough costs of the others are circa £1m\£2m which will probably be out of the question. Spending even a small percentage of that on one project will probably not be an option.

Members asked about the Brechin to Montrose cycle route which Cllr Duff said would be even more expensive as there are many things in its way, eg fields, railway line etc.

Dubton Car Park

Ted Smith asked if something could be done with the potholes, causing massive puddles in the Dubton car park. Cllr Duff said he would check this out.

Sunnyside Trust

Shane Fleming said the survey has been completed and they await the results. The children's competition to design a layout for the recreation hall will be chosen next week.

Overhanging trees on the House of Dun cycle path

No report available. Davie McArthur said he would go along and check this out.

Constitution

Has been signed and returned.

Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert Community Council Logo

Shane Fleming said he has not asked Rosemount School about the Logo. Everyone agreed that Shane's logo looked good. Ted Smith asked if he could incorporate a train in his design but said he would also see if he could come up with something.

Any other item of business, which the chairperson has directed, should be considered.

None

Any other competent business**Finance**

Tony Smith indicated that he has still not been able to close the old bank account with the Royal Bank of Scotland. He has also tried several times for Gill Stranock to try and close the account but to no avail. Tony Smith said he all else fails he will try and meet with Kitty Ritchie (another signatory on the account) to see if she can take this forward.

The new bank account is up and running and the current grant is in the account.

Planning

W\c 25 March 2023, 3 new applications to be aware of:

23/00117 – A fishing hut at Gallery

23/00195 – Alterations and extension to 1 College Hall Cottages

23/00135 – Lamondfauld Farm (again) – conversion of existing to new dwelling (part of which is already converted) and erection of new storage buildings (little detail except on plan).

Planning update 1\4\23

23/00208/F – Plum Cottage, Mill Place Craigo, extension of dwelling. This is a re-application of 22/00118 which we considered at our March 2022 meeting (no comment recorded in the minute).

Tony Smith said he has responded to the conversation at Lamondfauld Farm but has had no response.

Planning application 23\4\23
No. 22/00860/FULL – Land Adjacent to Glenskinno Farm Cottages, Montrose – for holiday accommodation. Two neighbours have put in objections. The committee asked what happens when the holiday accommodation is no longer required, will the site be restored? Tony Smith said the recommendation is that the application be approved on condition that the site is restored. The Development Standards Committee will be streamed on 18 April 2023.

It was agreed that Tony Smith will continue to circulate the relevant planning applications as and when but other committee members must respond even if there are no concerns to be made and Tony would make a reply on behalf of the group. It was further agreed that Tony Smith would use the Whatsapp group to inform about applications.

Questions from the floor

Funding for playparks

Ted Smith asked if Angus Council has been awarded any funding for playparks. Cllr Duff said Letham Park is definitely on the list of parks to be refurbished, although there are currently proposals for another in Brechin and Forfar but there is not sufficient money to go around. Ted Smith said he was under the impression that the Scottish Government would upgrade all playparks. Cllr Duff said to do it all would take far more than there is. He said he would check how much money there is but he thought Letham Park would take it all. Recently a lot of money was spent on Montrose Seaside Splash along with various other parks in Kirriemuir and Arbroath and planners would look more to those towns which haven't already been allocated money. Ted Smith said Hillside Park and Dubton Park are in dire need of a revamp. He wondered if there was external funding he could tap into? The meeting heard that the original Hillside Park refit came from a committee which was formed to gain external funding. Shane Fleming said the Sunnyside developers have said they will put in a playpark once phase one has been completed.

Council house waiting lists

Ted Smith stated that No 46 Dubton Terrace has been sitting empty for around 5 months and asked why when there were people waiting to be housed? Cllr Duff said Angus Council are trying to reduce the time houses are empty and it may be that they are doing some remedial works. He said he would speak to the Housing Manager. Cllr Duff said there is also a new waiting system in place and wondered whether that wasn't working too well.

Discarded road work signage

Davie McArthur said he has noticed lots of discarded road work signage around the area which looks very untidy. Cllr Duff said some may belong to Scottish Water who have been very busy in the area and they just haven't been collected. Also, some may belong to the Contraflow Group. Cllr Duff said he would ask Roads to look into the matter but he may not be a council matter.

Neighbourhood watch scheme

The only one in the area is now at Sunnyside Estate.

Tesco Funding in schools

Has been promoted on our Facebook page.

Robert Burns plaque \ Rosemount car park

Ted Smith noted the plaque is being relocated to Rosemount estate. He asked who was responsible for the car park maintenance. Cllr Duff said he would have a look at the car park including the disabled car parking area and speak to the Parks Department.

Dubton to Borrowfield by the farm road

Ted Smith asked who was responsible for the farm road especially the water under the bridge at the end of the road leading onto Borrowfield. He said anyone using a wheelchair or mobility scooter would not be able to go across the bridge. Cllr Duff said this issue is well documented. He said the council needs the agreement of the landowner to do anything with the road \ bridge. Cllr Duff said there was a possibility that GSK would use that route to take the electricity supply from Ballochry to Montrose but at the moment they do not know what route they will take

Fence from Dubton to Hillside

Ted Smith said part of the fence running from Dubton to Hillside is broken and asked who was responsible for its maintenance? Cllr Duff said he would look into the matter.

Next meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm. The date of the next meeting will be held on 14 June 2023 in Craigo Hall, at 7.30 pm. Davie to book the hall.

Approved and signed: _____

Date: _____