

## **MURROES AND WELLBANK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Meeting held at Murroes Hall on Thursday 15th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: S. Anderson (Chair); G. Reid (Treasurer); G. Cowper (Secretary); M. Went (Planning); Ian Robertson; Jane Cook; Angela Fraser; Jane Bell; Cllr L. Melville

Apologies : M. Brennan (Community Police Officer); K. Gerard; M. Mauran; K. Smith; A. Martin (Vice-Chair); J. Crozier (Minute Secretary); Cllr H. Doran; Cllr Whiteside; I. Leith

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

SA stated there had been positive feedback about the park and the Hall Committee are now fundraising to purchase benches, fencing and outdoor lighting. The hall committee would welcome more people to help with their fundraising.

- Community Resilience

SA provided an update of the meeting held at the Wellbank Hall on 26th April. A number of organisations such as Police, Fire Service, Flood prevention and Resilience teams attended to offer support and advice. Angus council demonstrated the "Page One System" used by AC to send text alerts and have set up a "What's App" group to send alert messages to all signed up groups in Angus. Further developments proposed on the AC website in due course to help with resilience in the Angus area along with a mapping tool.

- Brighty Wood

A meeting is to be held in Murroes Community Hall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7pm. AF suggested SA should attend, but this could not be confirmed. AF asked Cllr Melville if someone from Angus Council could attend? He would look into this. A. Kettles had a meeting with J. Nicoll regarding a new horse path and this would be raised at the meeting, it was suggested this would be good if in place before winter.

- Road Verge

MW is to contact Kelly Anne (Angus Council) to discuss the cutting and diversity options with road verge areas, including litter picking.

- School Parking/Speeding

Parking at the schools is still an ongoing issue for residents. Community Policing arranging time to address the issue of speeding in the area as continuing to be a concern for residents. GC stated the new footpath from Kellas to Murroes PS is not complete as Angus Council are waiting for BT to alter equipment before it can be completely finished. Several of the group commented on the workmanship of the path! Cairnbrae burial ground to the school, the outside

edge is mud and with heavy HGV's and agricultural vehicles, this will soon erode, it was expected kerbing would be in place to separate the path from the road! Concern raised once again why the path is not taken up to the school entrance, rather than just to the car park? There is no path up to the school entrance and children are walking on the 60mph road to access the school as the verge is not suitable for walking.

GC was concerned that school buses are reversing into Shielhill Road before parking at the school gate, this is a concern and Cllr L Melville to take back to Angus Council.

- **Road Repairs & Signage**

JC raised concern with the new section of the C6 and the quality of preparation before it had been resurfaced as there were deep gaps at the edges and concerned these would increase as the weather deteriorated. JC asked who inspected roads after repairs/resurfacing as the works are not complete with a soak away discharged into JC garden and this needs to be resolved before the winter period! Previous surfaced C6 road was also showing signs of deterioration which is a concern! Cllr Melville to take back to AC

Horse signs have been erected in the area, but not at Gagie where horses use the road regularly. Cllr Melville will also raise this issue.

GR & AF stated the sharp incline road at Burnside of Duntrune is sinking and there is a gap where vehicles, could slip down the embankment. Cllr Melville to take this back to Roads Dept.

- **Police Report**

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

MW raised concern with children in the woods at Bucklershead and the Fire Service had been called as smoke had been seen.

AF raised that Forbes of Kingennie, apparently had children accessing the polytunnels on their premises and causing damage.

- **Secretary's Report**

The local bus service will change and the new service is scheduled to be implemented mid/late September. A new proposed bus time table discussed and has raised concerns due to the limited times and reduced destinations. Please see **Appendix 2** for new proposed time table. Angus Council have asked residents to complete a travel survey to help shape the plans for local buses. All residents encouraged to complete the survey and have their points noted. Angus Council Officers to be knocking on doors to speak with residents and will also be speaking to passengers using the buses for feedback along with attending the mobile library to meet residents to hear thoughts on new bus proposals.

The online survey <https://forms.office.com/e/hArVYS2ExD> for your convenience.

Funding to build a new Murroes Hall is being sourced along with a new generator along with funding for Christmas trees at Wellbank, Murroes and Ballumbie. Request for help with funding applications any help would be appreciated!!

- **Treasurer's Report**

GR reported that the bank balance stands at £3673.83 (Three thousand six hundred and seventy-three pounds and eighty-three pence) which was mainly of the Seagreen funding.

- **Councillor Update**

Cllr Melville provided a brief update on his work.

Cllr Melville informed the meeting funding has been approved for the new Monifieth High School, with work starting next month. The new school will be constructed on the playing fields of the existing school. It was hoped the building would be complete by August 2025. Funding is being provided from Angus Council, the largest investment by AC and Scottish Future Trust. Cllr Melville also suggested Angus Council were looking into hire out the new school facilities to members of the public. This would be publicised in due course.

Many residents voiced their concerns over the recent approval of the Crematorium and their disappointment over the lack of consideration for the safety issues that have been raised by both residents and Angus Council Officers. It was noted that local residents will feel let down and trust in Angus Council will be damaged as a result of this decision by the DMRC.

Cllr Melville left the meeting as planning proposals were to be discussed.

- **Planning**

MW stated alterations to the battery storage plans had been submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consent Unit. Objections/Support should be sent to the Energy Consent Unit at the below link.

<https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx?cr=ECU00003354>

JC stated cycling, walking in the area would be restricted and the Fire Service would have poor access should there be a fire. AF raised the point of poor access to the proposed site and land owners may not give permission for the company to access their land for construction.

MW noted that there were no new planning applications this period. MW had received correspondence regarding the proposed dog exercise area and a response to concerns over flooding at the location.

MW raised the point about the new MP4 and the changes for Housing and the Local Plan, discussion to be held at the next meeting.

It was asked if there had been any further progress with the new golf development at Kingennie Fisheries, but there were no updates available.

IR gave an update on the proposed Crematorium. Please see **Appendix 3**

### **AOCB**

- Wellbank Hall Update: There was no update available.
- Ballumbie Castle Update: There was no update available
- Seagreen funding- Murroes P.S parent Council have submitted a request for funding to develop the play equipment at Murroes P.S, upgrades to the car parking and form a community orchard. Further discussion to be had at the next meeting regarding the submission along with Seagreen Fund Manager.

SA thanked GC for 25 years of voluntary service on the Community Council, all in attendance appreciated the hard work and effort by GC. The Community Council had presented GC with flowers and further correspondence of thanks had been sent from AC.

Chair closed the meeting, thanked everyone for their attendance.

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 17th August 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> June 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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### Assessment period – 20/04/2023 – 14/06/2023

There were 31 **calls** received in the local area in this assessment period.

There were 5 **crimes** recorded in respect of your area over this assessment period –

Group 1 – Crimes of violence/Threats – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty. 2 crimes recorded.

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

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including Threatening & Abusive Behaviours, assaults and other offences against emergency workers – 0 crimes recorded.

Group 7 – Road traffic crimes – 3 crimes recorded.

**Further information.**

We are strongly encouraging residents to sign up to 'Neighbourhood Watch Scotland' the details of the scheme are above. This allows residents to be notified via email of local crime trends, guidance and advice.

We have also obtained a stock of no cold calling door stickers from Trading Standards that we will distribute in the local area or we can pass to the Community Council.

We are aware of some reports of anti-social behaviour around the new playpark in Wellbank, specifically when children are coming home from school. All local officers have been made aware of the issue and time has been planned in for Community Officers to attend. Residents are encouraged to call in on 101 to report any issues.

We have recently attended at Murroes Primary School and carried out school talks with the P5-P7 on the use of mobile phones, social media and online safety, this appears to have been well received by pupils and staff. Further visits are planned next term.

**Appendix 2**

Mondays to Fridays						
	Service Number: 139		139	139		
<b>Morrisons</b>	--		--	12:15		
<b>South Powrie</b>	--	07:35 - 09:30	--	12:19	13:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 17:00
<b>Burnside of Duntrune</b>	--	schools	--	12:22	schools (Fri)	schools
<b>Westhall Terrace</b>	--		--	12:25		
<b>Inveraldie Hall Place</b>	07:04		09:40	12:33		
<b>Tealing School</b>	07:12		09:48	12:41		
<b>Tealing Village</b>	07:14		09:50	12:43		
<b>Westhall Terrace</b>	07:20		09:57	12:50		
<b>Burnside of Duntrune</b>	07:23		10:00	12:53		
<b>South Powrie</b>	07:25		10:02	12:55		
<b>Morrisons</b>	07:35		10:12	13:00		

## Appendix 3

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 15/6/23

### Headline:

- Conditions have now been determined for the planning permission for the crematorium and the developer will shortly be issued with a Decision Notice formally communicating these along with his actual planning permission

### Update:

- The DMRC met on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and again agreed by a majority of 4:1 the conditions to be applied
- The DMRC meeting itself again felt like a 'done deal' – with very limited actual debate or discussion of the detail
- The list of conditions presented to the DMRC contained several 'watered down' options over what had originally been requested by the Roads Service in particular and I and I am sure many others in the Monifieth and Sidlaw ward would again like to thank Cllr Doran who was the only DMRC member who really attempted to resist this 'watering down' and to push for the vast majority of the originally requested conditions to be imposed, but sadly her attempts were unsuccessful as she was out voted by the other DMRC members
- The DMRC ending up selecting and approving the weakest set of conditions possible e.g.
  - No visibility splay improvements required at either the B978/U315 or C4/U315 west of Westhall Farm junctions - both junctions have substandard visibility splays and the Roads Service previously said in their final response of 14/12/21 that 'the intensification of use of a substandard junction by concentrated levels of new traffic is undesirable and has the potential to be detrimental to road safety' and that 'if the application is approved, negative suspensive conditions should be attached requiring the provision of the full [Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) standard] sightlines in both directions' but the DMRC members chose to completely ignore the advice of their own road safety standards experts and to potentially place Angus Council at risk of legal action should there be an increase in accidents at these junctions
  - Regarding reducing the speed limit on the section of the B978 between Ballumbie Castle Estate and Kellas from 60 to 40mph – this only has to be 'promoted' i.e. a road traffic order will be suggested by the Roads Service, but the crematorium development can continue irrespective of whether or not the road traffic order is actually implemented. Even if the road traffic order is implemented, the visibility splay at the B978/U315 junction will still not meet the reduced requirements in the southerly direction, so this junction remains substandard (as of course does the C4/U315 west of Westhall Farm) so whatever the outcome of this process is there will continue to be 2 substandard road junctions on the main route to the crematorium. It seems to me that when it comes to reducing speed limits Angus Council is happy to cater for the needs of private commercial enterprises, but not to such requests coming from either local residents or community councils such as ours.
  - Regarding sustainability, the need to reduce car miles travelled and the new national planning framework NPF4 the DMRC chose to ignore all this and not require any form of Travel Plan which could have included a bus stop opposite the site or an electric shuttle bus to the nearest currently available bus stops, so this community facility will be accessible by private car only which flies completely in the face of the drive to net zero and locating community facilities in places which can be accessed by various different modes of transportation including public transport
- We have raised the above concerns with 3 of our list MSPs who have been happy to engage with us, but their attempts to raise this whole matter at the Scottish Government level are currently being rebuffed by the minister responsible for local government
- We continue to take advice from a charity which helps communities faced with planning issues
- For the record, despite the DMRC 14/3/23 meeting minutes stating that there were no technical objections to the planning application or appeal from any of the Statutory Consultees this community council (which is a Statutory Consultee) did lodge objections at every stage

- As has been reported in the local media another landowner this time in the Carmyllie area has recently lodged a planning application to build a crematorium in a rural location and this proposed site is on a straight section of B road which a priority route for winter gritting and snow clearance, is centrally located for the main population centres of Angus, is on a direct bus route, is located close to existing community facilities (village hall) and is located well away from residential properties thereby giving privacy to both mourners and local residents – this seems to me and many others to be a far more appropriate site for what is after all a community facility requiring a sensitive and appropriate location
- I anticipate that unless there are any other material developments that this will be the last update on this matter that I give to this community council and with this in mind I would like to thank the Community Council and its Chair for their continued interest and support over the past what is now nearly 3 years.

**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?

*As a reminder in June 2022 Cllr Whiteside requested and was provided with a summary of the Community Council's concerns and now that Angus Council have concluded the appeal process I would ask her to now progress this matter please and to feedback on it at the next community council meeting.*