

Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council
Minutes of meeting on Thurs 17th August 2023 7pm at the cross-meeting room Forfar

Present:

Community Councillors: - T. O'Brien (TOB), Graeme Clark (GC), Dave Gardner (DG), Jacqui Garvin (JC), Robin Wardhaugh (RW), Kathryn Patullo (KP) and Eleanor Feltham (EF).

Minute Secretary: - None

Angus Councillors: - Cllr Linda Clark (LC) and Cllr Ross Greig

Others: - Mr Tony Walker from Forfar sailing club and PC Scott Anderson.

1. Welcome and Apologies T. O'Brien acting chair welcomed all to the meeting and excepted apologies from Marley Hunter and James Grey-Cheape

2. Minutes from previous Meeting: Proposed by EF and second by KP.

3. Matters Arising from previous Meeting: Angus upcycling has now moved to premises at 48A Market St Forfar, this good news for the work that group does can now continue. Cllr Clark asked what the group do, it was explained that the group upcycle furniture and help with the local community via a foodbank and clothing bank.

4. Chair Report: No chairs report.

5. Secretary Correspondence/Report: Following correspondence passed to community councillors. Democracy matter consultation, Climate engagement fund, Community resilience meeting dates, Changes to licencing policy, launch of community development support program and wildlife trust community organising program.

6. Treasurer's Report: There has been a slight issue with the bank requiring updated id, hopefully this will be sorted soon. The accounts for year ending 2022-2023 were sent to Angus council community planning to enable the grant to be paid.

7. Police & Fire Service Reports: PC Scott Anderson said that there had been a couple of changes to the community team and PC Meghan Wood would be the community Police contact for Forfar and PC Scott Anderson was moving to work in Kirriemuir as their community Police officer. Community councillors thanked Scott for all his work he had done while in Forfa and with the community and wished him well in his new post. See **appendix A** for crime report and information.

Questions were asked by community councillors; GC mentioned noisy cars around local schemes and in the town in general. PC Anderson said that the Police are aware of this issue and are working on dealing with it, however it requires specialist officers who are trained to deal with vehicles. Some cars have been taken off the road by these officers in the last few months.

Question about enforcing the 20mph limit- it was said that this speed limit can only be enforced if there has been an accident, or it takes place outside a school.

Cllr Clark asked about pop-up Police (Jim and Pam metal cut outs of Police holding speed guns to help drivers keep their speed down). PC Anderson said that funding maybe available or the community could fund some to

be put up around different locations where speeding maybe a problem. They have been used before in other areas. Some location around Forfar were suggested and the community council offered to fund one and a local business may fund another. The pop-up Police need to be moved around to be effective. They cost around £450 and need chains and padlocks to fix them in place. Glamis have money for some and are in the process of getting the permission from the Police to put them out. GC mentioned using more of the flashing signs as these can be effective. Cllr asked about recruitment of Police specials. PC Anderson said there had been a policy change on this has and the time needed to train the volunteers. Recruitment needs to be increased. DG mentioned that there have been some issues at Don and Low's factory with youths breaking in through or over the fence and hanging around the roll storage areas. This is a concern with health and safety as there is the potential for a serious accident to happen. There is also a potential fire risk as some of the youths are smoking around these roll storage areas. PC Anderson said there are things that can be done to deter this such as anti-climb paint on the fence. PC Anderson offered to get someone to go along and discuss these issues and give advice on how to stop these issues.

KP and JC both mentioned issues with the old McKay's shop building with kids getting inside and setting off the alarm or starting fires. Police have been called but do not always attend. This is a serious issue as there could be a fire or someone gets injured. PC Anderson said he would pass these concerns on to colleagues and see if increased patrols could take place, but the security of the building is down to the owner to ensure it is safe and people are not able to get in. GC said that people see this as opportunities to be urban explorers and post videos online about entering these derelict buildings.

8. Local Councillor Update: Cllr Ross Greig- Mentioned that the drains at the loch toilets still had some issues, hopefully resolved soon. Still issues with vandalism and an issue with the old swimming pool. Mentioned the common good fund properties and properties that are bequeathed to the council. There is a difference as common good is owned by the town community and properties left to the council are owned by them as is the case with the old swimming pool. The staff are working on a new register of common good properties, but this is a challenging task looking for old records and lists of various buildings and land in the archives.

Cllr Clark mentioned the condition of some of the council homes in Forfar. A discussion on housing with Cllr Clark took place she said that due to the current difficulties with wages and the cost-of-living crisis more people were struggling to cope with bills/food etc. She said that work needs to be done to sort out these issues. JG said that people are having issues with damp and mould in their homes due to not being able to afford to have the heating on. Cllr Clark agreed and said to help with the mould and damp people should open windows but due to not being able to have the heating on they cannot have the windows open as during the winter the home becomes too cold. Also, an issue with gas boilers soon as these types of heating systems will not be allowed. People will struggle to afford new types of heating systems; this will affect tenants and homeowners. It was mentioned that the anti-social behaviour policy had changed.

9. Subgroup updates

i. Quarry subgroup- Nothing to report.

10. AOCB: EF mentioned horses being exercised around the loch and for people to be mindful of this when walking dogs and cycling, to give the horses room so they do not become frightened.

Mr Tony Walker from Forfar sailing club addressed the meeting. He spoke about the launch of the 2 skiffs at the club and how well attended the sessions are. People from all age groups are attended and using the skiffs. TW spoke about the clubs plans to build a new shed to house both the new skiffs and receiving permission to build a new one by the environmental agency responsible for the area at the loch. TW asked for the endorsement of this project by the community council and help with the planning fees. The community council agreed to support this project and allowed the sailing club to get help with the planning costs.

Appendix A

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 21st August 2023

Local Community Policing Area

Forfar and District

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Kirriemuir and Dean

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Local Community Policing Team

Sergeant Vicki Crichton (victoria.crichton@scotland.police.uk)

Constable Scott Anderson (scott.anderson4@scotland.police.uk)

Constable Megan Wood (megan.wood@scotland.police.uk)

PART A

NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES

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Recent crimes/issues in the area: Assessment period 22/07/23 - 22/08/23

Police dealt with 458 calls within the Forfar area and 168 in the Kirriemuir area during this period.

97 crimes were subsequently recorded in this period for the greater Forfar area (F), and 28 for Kirriemuir (K).

Group 1 - Crimes of violence, including murder, rape, extortion, serious assault, robbery – 6 (F) / 2 (K)

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 0 (F) / 1 (K)

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty – 26 (F) / 6 (K)

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 14 (F) / 2 (K)

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 13 (F) / 0 (K)

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behavior, Stalking, - 23 (F) / 8 (K)

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 13 (F) / 7 (K)

Other topics of note or messages:

EDUCATION

With the return of schools following the summer, the Community Policing Team will be work with partners to provide educational inputs. Pupils in Primary one will be spoken to regarding “People who help us” which will give them an introduction to local Police. Primary 6 pupils will be spoken to regarding safety concerns over social media and internet safety, whilst Primary 7 pupils will be spoken to regarding drugs. Focused work is also ongoing within High schools in the area.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Police will be in attendance at the Forfar Fire Station Doors Open Day on Saturday 9th September 2023 between 10am and 3pm. At this event we will again be offering FREE bike marking.

Contact Details

Your Community

Effective policing isn't just about enforcement. It's about working in and with our communities to identify and solve problems. That's why we've restructured our community policing so that it's easier for you to know who we are, what we do and how to get in touch with us.

Please note that the email addresses given for each community ward are general email address for contacting your Community Policing Team, and are monitored by Operational Police Officers amongst their other main duties.

They are not monitored constantly, and it may be some time before your email is actually read by an officer, particularly out with normal office hours.

If you wish to report a crime, ring 101 or in an emergency 999. Never use these email addresses for reporting crime.

If you have information about a crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appendix B

22/00870/FULM SUTTIESIDE SOLAR FARM PENDING

23/00077/FULL CRAIGNATHRO SOLAR FARM Recommended for approval report 201/23

23/00393/FULM COTTON OF LOWNIE PENDING

23/00304/FULL LOUR ROAD 44 UNITS PENDING

23/00389/FULL WESTFIELD LOAN 117 UNITS

(EF awaiting more statutory information before submitting a response- PENDING

23/00160/FULL 67/69 CASTLE STREET (Food outlet) Recommended For approval report 202/23 15/08/2

15/08/23

INFORMATION

Communities committee dated Tuesday 15/08/23 report ref. 196/23

Proposed Draft Developer contributions and Affordable Housing Supplementary Guidance Update 2016 version.

1. Open space/ green infrastructure
2. Waste management
3. Health — case by case basis
4. Transport
- 5 Primary education £7946 per unit
- 6.Secondary education £7057 per unit

