

Murroes and Wellbank Community Council

Meeting held at Wellbank Hall on Thursday 17th August 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: S. Anderson (Chair), A. Martin (Vice-Chair), G. Cowper (Secretary), G. Reid (Treasurer), M. Went (Planning), J. Crozier (Minute Secretary), K. Gerard, A. Fraser, A. Meyer, I. Robertson, J. Jenkison (Greentech), I. Fyfe (Greentech), Sam McMillan (Greentech), M. Brennan (Community Police Officer), S. Ramsey (Community Police Officer), Cllr Whiteside

Apologies: J.Bell, M. Mauran, Cllr Doran, Cllr Melville, K. Smith

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

Previous Minutes

The Minutes were read and approved.

Matters Arising

- Solar Farm

A presentation was given by J. Jenkison from the company Greentech who have submitted a planning application to Angus Council for a solar farm on land north west of Wellbank.

J. Jenkins and Sam McMillan welcomed questions from those present at the meeting and welcomed any subsequent questions via their email provided.

The three representatives of Greentech left the meeting.

Please find Greentech presentation in **Appendix 1**

- Play Park at Murroes Primary

The Community Council approved the proposal by Seagreen in response to the funding application by the Murroes Primary School Parent Council for a Community Playpark and Orchard.

- Community Resilience

SA received information from the Scottish Fire Service regarding community resilience in the area with links to social media with advice and guidance on wildfire warnings, local and national initiatives, and campaigns.

- SFRS Twitter - https://twitter.com/fire_scot
- SFRS Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/firescot>
- SFRS Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/fire_scot/

Murroes Hall have applied for a funding from SSE (Scottish Southern and Electric) to provide the installation and supply of a generator to provide emergency power for the community during times of power outage due to weather. It was suggested that Wellbank Hall also apply for generator funding. SA/GC to send KG relevant information.

- Brighty Wood

A meeting of the wood group was held on the 6th August 2023 and the new proposed path for horse riders away from the road and separate from dog walkers is making progress. The Brighty Wood Group AGM is to be confirmed and held before the end of the year. At the AGM it is expected a rotation of committee members and also the opportunity for others to volunteer and offer help to the group.

- School Parking/Speeding

The school parking and speeding issue is ongoing. A discussion of strategies was had during M. Brennan's Police report and this will continue to be a focus for the local police.

- Road Repairs & Footpath

The Road at the Westhall terrace is breaking up, Cllr Whiteside to raise with Roads Dept. Roadside kerb to alleviate the problem and prevent accidents has been requested from Angus Council. Concern over road conditions at Burnside of Duntrune.

Concerns regarding the quality and longevity of the new footpath from Kellas to Murroes Primary School were again raised and this is an ongoing situation for the Community Council who are in correspondence with Angus Council.

Police Report

MB gave the police report for the Murroes and Wellbank Community Council area. This can be found in **Appendix 2**

The Community Police officers are now available to assess and check any resident's house for safety and security. A link for arranging this is provided in the police report. Trading Standards will deal with cold callers to residential properties. Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch information was provided and more flyers can be supplied.

MB highlighted the police community email, through which any community issues can be addressed. The issues they can tackle are, for example, speeding, anti-social behaviour, neighbour disputes.

A discussion was had on the ongoing issues of speeding within the Murroes and Wellbank Community Council area. Any speeding issues along with as much information of the vehicles as possible, such as videos, photos, license plate numbers can be brought to the attention of the community police through the police community email link in **Appendix 2** and they have a range of strategies they can employ to curb this behaviour.

Traffic calming measures were again suggested. Angus Council are responsible for the implementation of these and there is a strict criteria and threshold which problem areas

and roads frequently highlighted in the Murroes and Wellbank Community Council area do not currently meet.

A. Meyer asked where fly tipping concerns in the area should be reported. It was confirmed that Angus Council is primarily responsible for this but Angus Council would contact and involve the police if required.

Secretary's Report

- Funding

GC asked for any volunteers to help apply for various funding options. JC would be available to help.

- Active travel

Angus Council have no update at present regarding the changes to the new bus timetable. This has been due to the difficulty in obtaining bus drivers, but Angus Council representative will provide an update in due course and hoped the community will be encouraged by the changes.

Treasurers Report

GR relayed the Community Council bank balance is £3602.81 (Three thousand, six hundred and two pounds and eighty-one pence).

Councillor Update

No Update available

Planning

MW gave an update on the latest planning applications in the Murroes and Wellbank Community Council area.

- 23/00424/FULM - Wellbank Solar Farm

Follow up from previous PAN submission and covered in presentation by Greentech.

Application validated 22/6/23 and target date 2023.

One public objection ref traffic, visual, after and effect on property value.

- 23/00402 - Dogfield Kingennie

Application validated 22/6/23 and target date 21/8/23.

14 public comments against. Objection lodged by community council.

Roads are due to report on intensification of access, also waiting for environmental health to respond regarding noise and amenity loss. No reports lodged yet from other statutory bodies.

IR gave an update on the proposed crematorium at Duntrune, see **Appendix 3**

Wellbank Hall update

KG gave an update on Wellbank Hall. Recent events held have included a quiz and a Back to School Disco and in the near future a 90's night and a Race night.

Regular dog training and holistic yoga classes are due to start.
The Wellbank Hall committee are focused on applying for grants to help cover the hall's utility bills and appealing for volunteers to help run the hall.

JC asked what the current price of hiring the Wellbank Hall was and KG provided the information.

Ballumbie Castle Residents Association Update

No update was available

Next meeting; AGM will be held on Thursday the 12th of October at 7pm in Murroes Hall and the ordinary meeting held thereafter at 7.30pm