

Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council
Minutes of meeting on Thurs 21st September 2023 at 7 pm at The Cross Forfar

Present:

Community Councillors: Graeme Clark (GC), (JM) Eleanor Feltham (EF), Kathryn Patullo, (KP), Robin Wardhaugh (RW), Dave Gardner (DG) Jacqui Garvin (JG).

Minute Secretary: - Dave Gardner

Angus Councillors: - Cllr Ian McLaren (IM) and Cllr Lynne Devine (LD)

Others; - Lisa Webster Angus Independent Advocacy, Arbroath.

1. Welcome and Apologies – DG welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Ian Dickson (ID) J. Gray- Cheape, A Gilles, T. O'Brien, and M. Hunter (MH) and Police Scotland.

2. The meeting commenced with the address from Lisa Webster about Citizen Advocacy. She advised that this concept originated in America. She clarified that this group is very much different to Citizens Advice and aims to help the vulnerable in society to have their voice heard. Qualifying people, known as partners, are paired up with citizen advocates and they build a relationship in which the opinions, wants and needs of the partner are given through their advocate. All advocates are volunteers, just ordinary people without any specific qualifications. Partners must be 26 years old or over and are often people with social isolation issues, brain injuries, learning issues etc. There are separate projects for younger people. The core values of AIA are inclusion, being non judging, advocating social justice, being person centred and showing loyalty to the partner. The main aim of a citizen Advocacy is to assist people to have their voice heard, to safeguard their rights and connect them to the local community. The advocacy partner acts on a one-to-one basis. If there are Family Influences the Advocate partner does not interfere. An Advocacy partnership normally continues for 2 years, some longer and some less dependent on the situation. There were several questions, thereafter Lisa was thanked for her interesting talk. **See appendix B** for information.

Lisa had leaflets with all the AIA contact details on and asked the CC to spread the message.

3. Minutes from previous Meeting: The minutes from the previous meeting agreed, proposed by GC and seconded by EF.

4. Matters Arising from previous Meeting: DG reported that PC Scott Anderson had followed up his comments at the previous meeting and visited Don & Low regarding the security and potential fire hazards due to break ins.

5. Chairperson's Report: This month's chair was Dave Gardner and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

6. Secretary Correspondence/Report: No Report.

7. Treasurer's Report: Dave Gardner said that the issue with ID should be resolved soon.

8. Police & Fire Service Report: None

9. Local Councillor Update: Cllr Lynne Devine- informed us that the local flooding issues at Prior Road were being dealt with. The car park area at the Academy Street Medical Centre has been resurfaced. JG asked about getting some wheelchair access built in to avoid having to go through the petrol station to access the Medical Centre. LD said that the plaque for the Forfar Witches will be going up on the wall of the Cross. An unveiling of the plaque will take place indoors first before it is mounted on the external wall. LD expects local and national interest in this, and interest is being shown from the local schools.

Councillor Ian McLaren- Confirmed that the toilets at Forfar Loch were open and suggested that a sign be put in the Ranger station next door to highlight the opening times and these will change during the winter months. Vandalism still an issue at Forfar loch.

10. AOCB – The Open Garden on Craig o' Loch Road, are looking at Installing a Defibrillator. We are still looking at prices. Robin Wardhaugh who is one of the trustees enquired if the Community Council were able to give a donation to-wards its purchase once a price was confirmed.

EF asked about the whereabouts of a missing bench between the playpark and the football pitch. IM to check on this, potentially in for refurb. EF also noticed that people are driving in the "no entry" side to get to the playpark and one of the no entry road signs has been turned round. EF also noted that a tree next to the skate park has had nearly all the bark removed in an act of vandalism.

IM mentioned the road surface at the entrance to the Caravan Park/Playpark. LD said she would get the team who resurfaced the car park at the Medical Centre to have a look.

11. Subgroup updates:

- I. **Quarry (Lairds Group)** Nothing to report.

12. Planning Applications: Eleanor provided a sheet to all present at the meeting of the Progress going forward of current applications along with new applications see **appendix A.**

13. Date and time of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thurs 19th October 2023 at 7 pm (19.00) in the cross-meeting room Forfar unless advised otherwise.

CONSULTATION CLOSES 13 OCTOBER 2023

CONSULTATION DRAFT DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS Policy DS5
AFFORDABLE HOUSING Policy TC3
SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE DATED JULY 2023

Type of obligation that may be required

EDUCATION (Primary)	New build and extension £79476 79466
	Reconfiguration £5967 per unit
	Rezoning case by case basis
(Secondary)	New build and extension £7057
	Reconfiguration £5292
	Rezoning case by case basis

OPEN SPACE £518 per residential unit - Play space £490 per unit

COMMUNITY FACILITIES Sports/pools/museum/galleries/libraries/halls/health care /parks

CORE PATHS Contribution

AFFORDABLE HOUSING 25%

HEALTH CARE CASE BY CASE BASIS

Developer contributions can be agreed through Planning conditions, upfront payment, or agreement.
Note: If not used within the 10 years of payment it will be returned with interest.

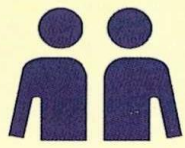
Eleanor Feltham Planning contact

I have checked the contents of this consultation and have no objections to the proposals.
Comment welcome at this meeting dated Thursday 21st September or direct to eleanorfeltham@gmail.com before the closing date of 13th October 2023.

Appendix A

Planning applications awaiting decisions at meeting date Thursday 21/09/23.

22/00859/FULM	216 Houses east of Garth Farm
23/00304/FULL	Lour Road 44 Units 44 units
2/00870/FULM	Suttieside solar farm
23/00393/FULM	Cotton of Lownie
23/00389/FULM	Westfield Loan 117 Units
23/00563/FULL	Combine 2 flats into 1
23/00563/FULL	Replacement boatshed at Forfar Loch
23/00572/FULL	Agricultural shed at Garth Farm
23/00621/FULL	Unit Halfpenny burn for Dog Daycare



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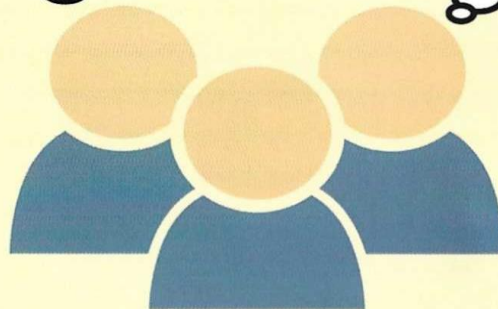
THE CITIZEN ADVOCACY PROJECT

Every Voice Matters

Would you like to help
someone feel less
lonely and isolated?

Do you believe
that everyone has
the right to have
their voice heard?

Do you have
some spare
time?



**If you have answered 'YES' to any of the questions
above, you may want to become a Citizen Advocate**

If you would like to know more please contact us on:

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