Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert Community Council Minutes of Meeting held 11 October 2023 Held in Hillside Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Membership present: Shane Fleming, Chair, Helen Robertson, Davie

McArthur

(Christine Russell, secretary)

In attendance: Cllr Duff, Cllr Braes

Apologies received: Ted Smith, Tony Smith and Cllr Gall

Shane Fleming welcomed everyone to the meeting, including several members of the public.

Minute of last meeting dated 9 August 2023 submitted for approval. Approved by Shane Fleming, seconded by Helen Robertson

Matters arising Sunnyside Trust

Another meeting is planned.

Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert Community Council Logo

It was decided not to adopt Ted Smith's entry and to go with Shane's entry. This can change in the future if necessary.

Hillside Park

Ongoing.

Discarded road work signage

Cllr Duff said he would look into the matter again, but it would be useful to have a list of where the items are. Davie to provide this.

Robert Burns plaque

Cllr Duff said it is thought there will be a formal opening next year.

A939 - Craigo Crossroads

Cllr Duff said he would follow this up.

Sunnyside 20mph signage

Cllr Duff said he would follow this up.

Main Road, Hillside

Cllr Duff said they are still working on the drainage at the top of Lamondfauld Road but given there has been a lot of rain over the weekend, the water is not running down the Main Road as it was.

Overgrown trees on Rosemount Estate

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

None

Any other competent business Planning

11.09.23 (email from Tony)

RES energy storage (ref 23/00539) proposals were received positively by the residents he spoke to at the consultation

New notifications

23/00507, 508, 502 and 435 appear to have relatively minor general impact.

3.10.23 (from Tony)

23/00487 rear extension to 37 Houghton Drive and

23/00590 change to conditions (extended lifespan) to Arrats Mill solar array.

In Tony's view neither should concern the CC.

Questions from the floor

Facebook page

Sandra Livingstone asked that the old Facebook page be taken down as it is very confusing trying to find the up to date page. Shane said he had spoken to the last administrator, Gill Stranock but she still hasn't taken it down. Sandra said she would speak to Gill.

Sunnyside Development

Shane Fleming circulated a document – Planning and Safety Breaches – Sunnyside Estate. "The development of the Sunnyside Estate is being undertaken in breach of the approved plans: 18/00531/MSCM, 19/00381/MSCL and 22/00034/FULL. Deviation from reviewed and approved plans is being made without consideration for the residents' safety or wellbeing. The resulting construction in many cases is inconvenient or disappointing, but in some cases, it is dangerous and unsustainable. Residents have observed 14 planning breaches, which have been listed in the following pages. On 28 September 2023 residents appealed to Sunnyside Estate Ltd to investigate and hopefully resolve these breaches. Unfortunately, Neil Davidson for Sunnyside Estate Ltd declined the invitation to a consultation, and instead suggested, residents communicate their concerns individually via email, or, in the case of road safety concerns, contact local police.

The failure of Sunnyside Estate Ltd to investigate and resolve the following legitimate grievances, is a dereliction of the statutory and moral obligations of the developer. The residents of the Sunnyside Estate wish to petition Angus Council to exercise their powers to investigate these breaches and where appropriate enforce the plans as approved or take the appropriate action."

Signed by Shane Fleming on behalf of Sunnyside Residents.

Shane said he was being passed from one person to another and felt he was not being listened to. Mr Davidson for Sunnyside Estate Ltd even declined the invitation to a consultation. Cllr Duff said given the roads within the site have not been adopted, nor will they be until the Council are totally satisfied and unfortunately this could take months. He said maintenance of the communal ground is contractual between the residents and the contractors and nothing to do with the Council. Shane queried the route through Sunnyside to the primary school. Cllr Duff said he had spoken to someone but it was not practical at this time given building work is ongoing and a safe route could not be established.

Shane said even with the changes in house size, they thought there was not sufficient parking now for four-bedroomed houses and this is a planning variation.

Shane said considering all the consultations that took place before approval etc, the residents don't see these as being met. There are fundamental changes in the way the site is being managed ie they are only building when they have sold the properties. Originally the plan was that the developers would build affordable houses alongside others. Cllr Duff said unfortunately economic conditions have changed and markets wouldn't support that approach. Now new builds are being phased in as and when demand exists and developers will not build what they cannot sell.

It was suggested that Cllr Duff would pass the document to senior planners to look at and consider each one of the 14 points and give an explanation to each. The timescale for this would be by the next committee meeting, 13 December 2023.

Community development conference – 25 October 9.30 am – 3pm, Reid Hall, Forfar

Sandra reminded everyone of the conference and the need to book a place by 19 October 2023. This is a free event for all community groups within Angus to share, learn and network, with a range of speakers.

Next meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The date of the next meeting will be held on 13 December 2023 in Hillside Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Approved and signed:	
Date:	