

Murroes and Wellbank Community Council

Meeting held at Murroes Hall on Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Community Councillors in attendance - S. Anderson (Chair, SA),
A. Martin (Vice-Chair, AM), G. Cowper (Secretary, GC), G. Reid (Treasurer, GR),
M. Went (Planning, MW), J. Crozier (Minute Secretary, JC),
K. Gerard (Wellbank Hall representative, KG)

Councillors in attendance - Cllr Craig Fotheringham (Monifieth and Sidlaw Ward)

Members of the Public in attendance - Jane Cook, Ian Robertson (Stop the Crem), Jane Bell, Angela Fraser

Apologies : M. Mauran, Cllr Doran, Cllr Melville, K. Smith, M. Brennan (Community Police)

Previous Minutes:

The Minutes were read and approved.

Matters Arising:

• Roads

GC reported that a section of the road C6 had recently been re-tarred, but is now breaking down. Cllr Fotheringham is on the Tayside Contracts committee, who undertake this work, so will take these concerns forward. There was general agreement that road works undertaken throughout Angus have been of very poor standard. Cllr Fotheringham will keep the Community Council updated.

There have been lots of road closures within our area which often resulted in no access for local residents.

Cllr Fotheringham requested that anyone with any concerns to please contact him via his email; this can be found on the Angus Council website.

SA had correspondence with Cllr Whiteside about drains emptying into a resident's garden and the matter was still to be resolved.

• Footpath

Extension of Kellas to Murroes Primary School footpath is required and ongoing discussion with the Roads Dept is to continue and Cllr Fotheringham would arrange a further site meeting.

The Community Council would try to source funding to contribute into the completion of the path if this would encourage the Council Roads Department to complete the path.

- **Angus Resilience Forum**

SA reported that the most recent meeting had discussed funding opportunities; ASDA, National Lottery, Tayside Contracts and the Community Led Vision Fund were highlighted.

Applications for funding to provide Christmas trees for both Murroes and Wellbank Halls is underway and the Community Council await approval from the National Lottery Fund.

Cllr Fotheringham suggested that there is a department at Angus Council that will help with grant applications and the contact is Victoria Gibbons.

Police Report:

Appendix 1

A discussion followed on potential for traffic calming measures within our area. Quarry Cottages outside Wellbank have not been successful in lobbying local MSP Graham Dey for a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph. SA advised that criteria for many safety measures is high and in the case of a zebra crossing in Wellbank, the requirements had not been reached.

Cllr Fotheringham will attempt to contact the Roads Department to visit.

Secretary's Report:

GC reported that there had been considerable correspondence from Angus Council this period and has been distributed as required.

- Recycling Food: bins have been stopped in many areas.

Cllr Fotheringham advised that a waste/recycling report to the council was due to be released and discussed soon. It is thought that kerbside recycling of glass will terminate and will need to be taken to a point and that food waste pickup will return.

- Active travel: On the 23rd of October the new bus timetable will be released. It is believed that the change will be a smaller bus on rural routes.

Financial Report:

GR reported that the balance in Murroes and Wellbank Community Council account at 12th October 2023 was £3,602.83 (three thousand six hundred and two pounds and eighty-three pence).

Accounts still need to be verified and Wellbank Hall rental hire for Community Council meetings is still to be paid from this balance.

Planning Report:

MW relayed the planning applications for the Murroes and Wellbank Community Council area.

1. 23/00553/FULL

Transmission mast Monikie - Application to extend joiners workshop and store.

2. 23/00573/FULL

Duntrune Steadings - conversion to three residential properties.
This is a renewal of application granted in 2019.

3. 23/00462/PPPL

Limegrove Baldovie
Application for 6 houses.

4. 23/00424/Full

Wellbank Solar Farm
No change on this application.

5. 23/00500/FULL

The Hillocks, Drumsturdy Road, Kingennie.
Application for an indoor Swimming pool.

MW highlighted that there had been difficulty in getting comments for planning applications uploaded to the online planning portal. To combat this MW advised to send objections direct to planning officers.

Cllr Fotheringham also advised that any comments could be sent to him via email and he would pass them on.

- Duntrune Crematorium

Ian Robertson provided an update. Appendix 2

- Battery Storage/Solar panels

KG reported that pre-planning documents for Battery Storage and Solar panels at Braeside BESS, were now available to view at Wellbank Hall and also online.

There is to be a pre-planning meeting at Murroes Hall on 3rd November 2023 4-8pm.

MW suggested that the potential funding from the Solar Development at Wellbank, Greentech, needs to be managed properly if that proposal goes ahead. A discussion was had with suggestions of perhaps a committee, Angus Council or the company Greentech managing this similar to Seagreen Wind farm project.

AOCB:

- Litter Pick

Cllr Doran has booked equipment for our area to undertake a Litter Pick on November 11th 2023. The most problematic areas were discussed, but keeping safety at the forefront, it was suggested the Wellbank to Kellas Road location, due to available footpath.

JC & SA stated that they are willing to be part of the litter picking team and JC would volunteer for handing out refreshments afterwards if required. Cllr Doran to lead and organise.

- SA reported that the Mental Health Charity, Reach Across, was hoping to expand and provide support in our area if successful in funding applications for training.
- There is to be a Community Development Conference on Wednesday 25th of October 9.30am-3pm at the Reid Hall, Forfar

- To mark the 50th Anniversary of Community Councils, members are invited to submit memories, pictures, publications or a blurb on their Community Council working life to the Bi-Annual meeting on 14th November. Please pass anything on to GC.
- SA attended an Angus Budget Presentation and in summary as a consequence of budget cuts there is to be a reduction in future Angus Council Services.
- JC asked about the red phone boxes in our area; whether they were still connected and if not, was there an incentive to take them over as a group to provide a better structurally maintained phone box with perhaps noticeboard or defibrillator? Kellas and Wellbank are still in use and Murroes/West Hall Terrace had been disconnected. It had been considered previously and was decided not take ownership of phone boxes, but further inquiries to be considered.
- Angela Fraser and Jane Bell attended the recent AGM for the Brighty Wood Group and summarised their opinion of the meeting. It was suggested that if residents were not happy with the management of the Brighty Wood Group, residents should contact the Woodland Trust.

SA thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Next Meeting Thursday the 7th December 2023 Wellbank Hall



Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 12th October 2023	
Local Community Policing Area	Murroes and Wellbank Community Council TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk
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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.

Murroes and Wellbank Community Council – Steve Anderson – sanderson0@talk21.com

Beth Whiteside
Heather Doran
Craig Fotheringham
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Assessment period – 17/08/2023 – 12/10/2023

There were 40 **calls** received in the local area in this assessment period.

9 **crimes** recorded in respect of your area over this assessment period –

Group 1 – Crimes of violence/Threats – 1 crime recorded.

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature – 0

Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty. 3 crime's recorded.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – 1 crime recorded.

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including Threatening & Abusive Behaviours, assaults and other offences against emergency workers – 1 crime recorded.

Group 7 – Road traffic crimes – 3 crimes recorded.

Further information.

Angus Local Policing Area has a new area commander, Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald, who has taken over from Chief Inspector Leanne Blacklaw. Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald was previously the area commander of the Dundee area and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

We would still like to remind all residents around the importance of home and vehicle security and the below link to the Police Scotland Website offers advice and guidance (control and click to open) –

[Your house - Police Scotland](#)

We are also still keen to encourage residents to sign up to 'Neighbourhood Watch Scotland' (details above) as it gives very helpful crime prevention tips and details of local crime trends.

In addition to this, your Community Police Officers have recently completed a crime prevention training course and are now able to complete very detailed crime prevention surveys with local residents and business if they feel they would benefit. If this is something any local residents would be interested in then they can contact the local community policing team using the email address at the top of this document.

In response to local concerns we have been carrying out speed checks in Wellbank, Kellas and Ballumbie Castle Estate. We will continue to do this when time allows.

We also have further school talks planned at Murroes and Mattocks in the coming weeks at the request of the head teachers and parents.

Appendix 2

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 12/10/23

Headlines:

- No news on the Statutory Review, one complaint to Angus Council upheld and the council's response to a Freedom Of Information request proved very revealing.

Update:

- Nothing in the local media concerning the status of the Statutory Review since the last Community Council meeting
- A complaint was lodged with Angus Council concerning the lack of timely communication to the interested parties of the Decision Notice for the granting of planning permission and this communication only took place in early September 2023 as a direct result of the complaint. As the deadline for any interested party to lodge legal papers for a Statutory Review was 10th August 2023 this meant that the interested parties were potentially disadvantaged as a result. Angus Council have accepted that it did not issue this communication in a timely fashion as it is legally required to do, but its response did not address the disadvantaging of the interested parties and therefore this complaint has now been raised to Level 2 within Angus Council and a response should be forthcoming by the end of October.
- In the January 31st DMRC meeting any discussion on the significance or otherwise of the predicted 39% uplift in traffic volume on the approach roads during the crematorium's hours of operation was immediately shut down by the 'independent' planning consultant who stated that the traffic volume uplift was 'not significant'. A Freedom Of Information request has revealed that Angus Council has no definition whatsoever for what constitutes a 'significant' uplift in traffic volume and hence the 'independent' consultant's assertion was merely a personal opinion rather than a factual/material intervention. Therefore, the DMRC members should have been allowed to discuss the increase in traffic volume but were not, so this further failing by Angus Council is also now the subject of a complaint.
- To emphasise the unsuitability of the local road network to accommodate a community facility with the associated increase in traffic volume below are three photographs taken on the morning of Saturday 7th October which show after a night of rain the high level of water run off on both sides of the U315 road and at the junction of the U315 & B978. It is clear that these roads are not up to handling additional volumes of traffic and this just reinforces why the DMRC members should have been allowed to discuss this key point.

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Question (open since June 2022):

- 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 current legal action?