

Murroes and Wellbank Community Council

AGM held at Murroes Hall on Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7pm

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 :

SA opened the meeting, invited everyone to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Chairperson's Report: Attached

Treasurer's 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.

Office Bearers:

GR resigned from post as Treasurer. SA thanked GR for his work in this role. SA proposed JC as Treasurer and GC seconded this proposal. JC is to take over role as Treasurer.

JC asked the floor that if anyone is interested in taking over the role of Minute Secretary, they would be most welcome.

SA reminded those present that a small remuneration was available for this role. The Minute Secretary role can be undertaken online, particularly for anyone interested who is not resident in the Murroes and Wellbank area.

Cllr Fotheringham stated he had a meeting with the headteacher of Monifieth High School the next day and would ask if there are any students interested in this role.

AOCB:

None

Future Meeting Dates:

Wellbank Hall: 7th December 2023, 18th April 2024, 15th August 2024

Murroes Hall: 15th February 2024, 13th June 2024, 10th October 2024 (AGM)

All meetings begin at 7.30pm except for the AGM which begins at 7.00pm.

SA thanked everyone in attendance and closed the AGM

MURROES/WELLBANK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING October 2023

The Community Council area during 2022/23 has continued to endure a very challenging period, with power outages, storm wind damage, flooding and everyone dealing with the cost-of-living crisis. The Community Council have continued to adopted a Hybrid approach to our regular meetings allowing people to attend both in person and via online MS Teams. During 2022/23 we have been in attendance at online and face to face meetings, reviewing planning issues, community resilience, dealing with requests and concerns of the community as well as supporting local rural community groups.

We have been working with Seagreen/SSE to look for projects to help shape the future of the area and the various groups working across the SW Angus area, in particular the Wellbank Hall Play Park Group, the Angus Health and Social Care Locality Improvement Group (AHSLIG), Angus Council Community Development Programme and Angus Council Resilience Group, Success for Sidlaw Group, Baldovie waste to energy plant good neighbour, and Quarries Community Liaison Group, just to mention a few.

We have seen the opening of the long awaited Wellbank Hall Play Park, which has been a great success and thanks must go to Karen Gerrad and the team at Wellbank who have worked tirelessly to make this happen and the opening in April 2023 was a great day for all in the community. We have also recently seen the approval of the new play area and Community Orchard for Murroes Primary which we all look forward to seeing over the coming months and we have been working on funding to supply and install Christmas trees to Wellbank and Murroes Halls, along with introduction of backup generators for both local halls being progressed. We are also working to bring a new emergency hub facility to Murroes and look to help Wellbank provide the same emergency facilities providing suitable places for the community to use in times of emergency.

The work achieved by the Community Council has only been possible due to the work put in by the Council members and my thanks go to Greta Cowper, Gavin Reid, Allan Martin, Janet Crozier, Michael Went, Kevin Smith along with co-opted members and our regular local attendees for their help and support.

We have held six bi-monthly Hybrid meetings online using MS Teams and face to face at Murroes and Wellbank Halls. These meetings have been attended by local residents covering various issues concerning the community. This year has seen a number of planning applications giving concern to local residents and the Community Council have been involved to ensure the Community can put forward their concerns.

The Community Council are pleased to have the support of Police Scotland to identify Community issues, road traffic concerns and introducing local initiatives in the area, which have been provided for each period to the Community Council by area reports and attendance of Martyn Brennan or Community Police Officer.

The Community Council would like to thank, Cllr Whiteside, Cllr Doran. Cllr Fotheringham and Cllr Melville as elected members for the area and for their support over the past year, who have attended our meetings and pursued any topics requested by us.

I would like to thank Ian Robertson who has attended our meetings over the past year to provide an update on the controversial planning application for the Crematorium at Duntrune, also I would like to thank members of the Wellbank Hall Committee and Ballumbie Castle Residents Association for any update in the respective areas.

The coming year I hope will see a reduction in energy and the cost of living coming down to pre-pandemic levels. I hope the Community Council can obtain increased support from local residents, particular younger members of our community to help develop the opportunities in technology and expand links across our community, along with developing change and resilience in the area, which I am sure will present various issues for the Community Council to debate. We will once again commit to take an active role to listen and support the Community, putting forward their concerns to Angus Council and look to make 2024 a positive year for the Murroes and Wellbank Area.

Stephen Anderson
Chairman, Murroes and Wellbank Community Council
12th October 2023