

**AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 19.15 in the Village Hall**

**Minutes of Meeting No 356**

**Present:-** Shiona Baird (**SB**), Mark Pearce (**MP**), Mike Cowdery (**MC**), Helen Smith (**HS**), Euan Baird (**EB**), Linda Cockram (**LC**), Alasdair McLeod (**AM**), Councillor Melville

**Apologies:-** Darren Law (**DL**), John Forster (**JF**) Constable Brennan, Councillors Doran and Whiteside

**Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**SB** opened the meeting and asked if the previous minutes were correct, the minutes were approved as correct, with three matters arising.

**Matters Arising**

SB continues to investigate suitable dispensing machines for sanitary products.

SB

It was uncertain if Balkello Wood has commenced charging for parking.

The 'SLOW' sign at Dronley has not yet been painted on the road. SB will follow this up and photos will be sent to Councillor Melville.

SB

**Topics**

**a) Police Matters**

A Local Community Policing Area Report was submitted to the Council, due to the change of dates it was not possible for an Officer to attend in person.

**b) Road and Traffic Matters Planning Report**

There is a large amount of water gathering and it looks as if the drains are sited incorrectly as no change at this time. It may be possible to gather spare earth to cover other verges in the area suffering from erosion. During bad weather the path at the bottom of the Avenue near Morags property becomes dangerous due to water run off and an excess of gravel, it has been logged onto Angus Councils Website and we will monitor the position.

**c) TACTRAN/STPR/NPF4**

No further information is available at this time.

**d) TAYplan Angus Local Development Plan**

The deadline for comments has not yet been announced but all members of the Council should read the document and make comment as necessary.

**e) Community Communications**

The Newsletter will be issued in November/December, however, no volunteer has come forward to take on this task.

f) Notice Board Update

The cost of a wooden notice board will be in the area of £1,000, following further investigation it was found that we could purchase a lockable aluminium one, in green, for approximately £457 delivered. This board will be for Community Council use only with the Board at the school being repaired

g) Sidlaw Path Network Update

There is a list of six walks on the Sidlaw Path Website.

h) Withdrawal of Bus Service 137/138

The dial a bus trial service will commence shortly, the Council felt that Angus Council must start to advertise the new service as a matter of urgency, there will be no charge at the moment and the vehicles will be fully accessible. Requests for a bus should be made by 1500 hours the day before travel is required, bus times will be 0900 hours to 1500.

i) Community Councils Website and Facebook

The Website has been reviewed and improved where needed.

j) Defibrillator (Telephone Box, CPR Training)

The replacement parts (pads and batteries) have been received and fitted. A training event will be held in the first quarter of 2024.

AM

k) Park Gates

Investigations continue with regards to costing etc, SB will look into this item. In addition the provision of a new climbing frame suitable for younger children was considered as was updating the tennis court. It may be possible to request grant funding for such improvements, SB will investigate.

SB

## **2. Planning Applications**

**a) Planning Update**

New Planning Applications since last meeting

Erection of Dwellinghouse and Associated Works at The Neuk, Lundie, Muirhead, Dundee, DD2 5PA. Ref. 23/00642/FULL. Listed now as withdrawn.

Updates - approved

Erection of Horse Shelter and Associated Works on land adjacent to Rose Cottage, Kirkton of Auchterhouse. Ref. 22/00780/FULL

Installation of Solar panels at 7 Eastfield Steadings, Auchterhouse, DD3 0QP. Ref.23/00467/LBC.

Installation of 4 solar panels on South facing roof of dwelling. 6 Eastfield Steadings, Auchterhouse, DD3 0QP. Ref. 23/00568/LBC

Updates - still awaiting decision

None.

## **Finance**

MP advised that the current account balance is £7910.46, the Defibrillator parts cost £200.

### **Correspondence**

The list of correspondence was included in the Meeting Agenda and reviewed.

### **AOCB**

There is further consultation on the Muir Homes Development on 9<sup>th</sup> November LC will attend, it was noted that there is some concern locally regarding servicing significant numbers of new people.

LC

LC discussed the removal of mature trees with the apparent lack of a licence at the Whinns site approximately 5 years ago although significant time had passed it was decided to raise it as an issue for future tree removal with Angus Council Planning and Forestry and Land Scotland.

**Date of Next Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**