

# **Murroes and Wellbank Community Council**

Meeting held at Murroes Hall on Thursday 7th of December 2023 at 7.30pm

## **Present:**

Murroes & Wellbank CC - S. Anderson (Chair), A. Martin (Vice-Chair), G. Coper (Secy),  
J. Crozier (Treasurer and Minute Secy), M Went (Planning rep),  
G. Reid (Interim Treasurer)  
Angus Council - Cllr Beth Whiteside  
Police Scotland- Inspector Ahmad Mahboob (Community Police)  
Members of the public - Ian Roberston (Stop the Crem), Emma Storra

## **Apologies:**

K. Gerrard, K. Smith, M. Mauran, Cllr L. Melville, Cllr Doran,  
Cllr Fotheringham, Angela Fraser

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance

## **Previous Minutes:**

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

## **Matters Arising:**

### **Community Resilience;**

SA discussed the recent floods in our area and stated that communication from Angus Council, groups and agencies were good and effective. The recent "Whats App" resilience group has been a very good addition helping give live updates and real time support.

GC asked Cllr Beth Whiteside to pass on thanks to Jennifer Anderson and the Resilience Team of Angus Council for their work on this matter.

SA stated that the Sidlaw Forum, of which we are part of, is focusing on and discussing wider community resilience.

Funding from SSE (Scottish Southern and Electric) to install a community generator for Murroes Hall, has been successful. It is hoped we can have the contractor appointed to install the generator early in 2024. Maintenance of the generator will need to be considered and it is hoped that a suitably qualified local resident would be able to provide this support. The generator runs on diesel and as with other Community Councils we are hopeful of support from neighboring farmers and or businesses to help with diesel supply.

### **School Parking;**

Parking at Murroes Primary School at the beginning and end of the school day is still extremely problematic and dangerous. It was highlighted that school staff are parking on the road all day and not using the staff car park which is not helping alleviate the congestion.

Police Inspector Ahmad Mahboob stated that this is an ongoing problem with all schools across the Angus Council area and Police attendance is regularly carried out to help ease this problem.

GC highlighted the dangerous maneuvers of the school buses reversing along Shielhill Road is a concern. Cllr Beth Whiteside will contact the School Transport Department and highlight the concern.

#### Footpath;

SA has tried to meet with the Roads Department regarding the extension of the footpath to Murroes Primary School, but has been unsuccessful. Cllr Beth Whiteside was asked to help facilitate this.

The Community Council feels that this extension would greatly minimise the risk and danger to children attending Murroes Primary School and safely connect those using the new footpath from Kellas to West Hall Terrace.

#### Speeding;

GR highlighted the recent car crash into the wall directly across the junction at Murroes Primary school and suggested that warning road signs of a Primary School and a junction, approaching from Kellas, would help minimise the risks.

AM highlighted the speeding and careless driving across our rural area.

#### Road Repairs;

GC stated that the road repairs and resurfacing of C6 has been well below standard as the road is breaking down. Angus Council have attended and taken photographic evidence of this deterioration. Cllr Beth Whiteside to contact the roads department and see how this can be resolved.

#### Police Report;

Inspector Mahboob provided a verbal update of the Police report for the Murroes and Wellbank area and confirmed that 33 calls had been received with 9 crimes recorded. Details are in **Appendix 1**.

Sergeant Stewart Ramsay for the area retired from Police Scotland on 30/11/2023 and the Murroes and Wellbank CC wish him all the best in his retirement.

GC asked Inspector Mahboob if a, "Cuppa with a Cop", session could be held at Murroes Hall. An initial date of Springtime was suggested and a daytime or night time will be finalised in early 2024.

#### Secretary's Report;

GC relayed that the funding for the Christmas trees for Murroes and Wellbank Halls had been granted from the National Lottery Funding. Everyone agreed they were a lovely festive addition to the halls and community, GC and SA were thanked for their work on this.

GC asked if anyone had seen/used the Angus Council new public transport bus service, which is under a trial of the new responsive bus service and timetable in our area, see **Appendix 2**. It would be good to hear feedback from residents on the new service.

Limited feedback to date on the dial a bus service. Service users have to phone by 3pm the day before the bus is required and the initial reports is that the timetable is quite confusing and not user friendly.

The Community Council hopes to get funding for a feasibility study to develop a new hall at Murroes. A discussion was had on what features would be desirable for a new facility. JC asked if the hall currently has broadband, which it does not but would be essential in the new facility.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

As Interim Treasurer GR reported that the finances were the same as before. Only spending was for the Christmas trees. The interim arrangements for Treasurer by GR & JC have been put in place due to the Banking change over difficulties.

The balance was reported as £3,602.83 (Three thousand, six hundred and two pounds and eighty-three pence).

There potentially could be funding for a laptop primarily for use in writing up Community Council minutes and helping to control financial reports and funding information. It would also be utilised as a backup for CC Hybrid meetings.

### **Planning:**

MW listed the planning applications and status in the Murroes and Wellbank area.

23/00462/PPPL	Limegrove new houses - application withdrawn
23/00402/FULM	Kingennie Dog Run - Refused
23/00687/FULL	4 Gagie Home Farm - New machinery agricultural store- awaiting decision.
23/00789/FULL	Viewbank Cottage, North Ethiebeaton - Extension and alterations to house.- awaiting decision
23/00843/S36	Gagie Solar Farm 110MW - Objections by 08/01/24 to the Scottish Government.

MW is to attend a webinar on the 13th December 2023 concerning the Mega Pylon Network between Kintore and Tealing by SSEN transmission. Alterations have been made to the route and there is the potential for pylons and works to now be in our community council area. MW to check and report back.

### **Solar Farm/BESS:**

According to the Community Council minutes of the meeting on 12/10/23 a meeting was to be held by Sirius EcoDev at Wellbank Hall on 3rd November concerning the solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) at Gagie. MW went to attend the meeting, but no one was present.

MW clarified that the solar farm and the battery storage elements of the planning application have been submitted as two separate applications and over the two online platforms of Angus Council Planning Portal and the Scottish Government's Energy Consent Unit to varying degrees.

The Gagie Solar Farm application stated above on Angus Council planning portal 23/00843/S36, can also be found online as the Tealing Solar Energy Park on the Energy Consent Unit (ECU) of The Scottish Government website.

The Battery Storage is referenced separately as ECU00004882 on the Scottish Government's Energy Consent Unit. Comments can be made online, with a deadline of the 8th January 2024.

SA confirmed that the Community Council had commented on the Battery storage facility and the solar farm at Gagie on 18/03/22 to the ECU and on the 16/06/22 to Angus Council, but MW stated that this has not appeared yet online.

Emma Storra(ES) asked about the Community Council comment and SA detailed that as a Community Council we can only comment on material factors and we must stay impartial. Anyone can comment as an individual concerned about the application.

ES stated that a group of local residents impacted by the development has been formed and was currently collating concerns and information. JC asked if there was a name and contact details for this group, ES stated that nothing had been finalised.

Members present at the meeting commented on the different approaches between the two solar developments currently proposed in the Murroes and Wellbank area. It was felt that the Greentech Ltd. (Angus Council reference 22/00508/PAN) had engaged in a positive way with the local community.

ES detailed that neighbours to the Gagie Solar Farm and Battery storage have been offered a portion of a fund approximately £200,000 (Two hundred thousand pounds). The feeling amongst the households who would benefit, is the fund is not enough to compensate residents, is restricted and presents constraints, with install and supply by nominated contractors.

GR asked what level of disruption to the local area and road networks have been projected for the Gagie Solar farm and battery storage. No information on this has been made available.

### Local Place Plan

SA raised the development of the Local Place Plan(LPP) and how this would serve to feed community ideas and suggestions into the Angus Development Plan for Murroes and Wellbank Community Council area. SA asked for anyone who was interested to please get in touch and asked if anyone not attending the meeting to also contact the CC to help develop the LPP. Input from local residents to what is needed and required in our area is essential so that local residents have a voice and help guide future planning. Attendees present were keen to be involved and ES stated that the newly formed resident group concerned with the Tealing Solar Energy Park and Battery storage facility would be keen to give their input.

## **Duntrune Crematorium;**

Ian Robertson provided an update. **Appendix 3**

## **AOCB**

SA highlighted and congratulated the Wellbank Hall Committee for a successful and busy social calendar of events happening over the recent and forthcoming months at the Wellbank Hall.

MW attended the Ethiebeaton Quarry meeting on the 15th November 2023 and reported that monitoring of blasts and vibrations were on going.

SA thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

Chair closed the meeting.

**Next Meeting at Murroes Hall on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.30pm**

## Appendix 1

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Tayside Division  
Angus LPA  
LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
Local Community Policing Area	Murroes and Wellbank Community Council <a href="mailto:TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk">TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk</a>
Local Area Inspector	Inspector Mahboob Ahmad <a href="mailto:Mahboob.ahmad@scotland.police.uk">Mahboob.ahmad@scotland.police.uk</a>
Local Community Policing Team	Sergeant Christopher Grieve <a href="mailto:christopher.grieve@scotland.police.uk">christopher.grieve@scotland.police.uk</a> Constable Martyn Brennan <a href="mailto:martyn.brennan@scotland.police.uk">martyn.brennan@scotland.police.uk</a> Constable Ronnie Irvine <a href="mailto:ronnie.irvine@scotland.police.uk">ronnie.irvine@scotland.police.uk</a>

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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.

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<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>



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[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

**Assessment period – 12/10/2023 – 07/12/2023**

There were 33 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 – 0

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature – 0

Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty. 2 crimes recorded.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – 0

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

Group 7 – Road traffic crimes – 2 crimes recorded.

**Further information.**

Sergeant Stewart Ramsay retired from Police Scotland on 30/11/2023.

We are pleased to report that he his post has been filled by Sergeant Christopher Grieve, who started on Monday 04/12/2023.

We are aware that a motor vehicle was stolen from Silver Birch Drive during this assessment period, this crime is still under investigation. We would also like to remind all residents about the importance of vehicle security, ensuring the vehicle is locked, no valuables are left within, car keys removed and stored securely in the house.

The following link directs to the ‘Secured by Design’ website which provides some excellent advice for vehicle security (Ctrl & click to open) –

[Secured by Design - Car Security](#)

# Tealing and Murroes Area Demand Responsive Bus Service

## Bus Service 539

### Bus Timetable

From 13 November 2023



**traveline**  
public transport info  
0871 200 22 33



Published by Angus Council ([www.angus.gov.uk/transport](http://www.angus.gov.uk/transport))

#### PASSENGER INFORMATION

This leaflet contains details of the local demand responsive bus service in and around the Westhall Terrace area and is effective from 13 November 2023.

#### Operator of bus services shown in this booklet

Demand Responsive Service 539 is operated by:  
**Angus Council, Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar, DD8 1AN.**  
Telephone: 07584 206124

Passengers requiring further information on the services in this booklet should contact Angus Council. Timetables for all local services in Angus are available on-line at [www.angus.gov.uk/transport](http://www.angus.gov.uk/transport).

#### Services on public holidays

No services will run on 25/26 December and 1/2 January. On other public holidays, the advertised service will run.

#### Important information about demand responsive journeys: Service 539 demand responsive journeys operate Mondays to Fridays ONLY

Journeys on Service 539 run on a demand responsive basis; i.e. when requested to do so by intending passengers. These services will operate on all adopted roads where requested and where possible to do so within a limited area.

Your pick-up time will be confirmed by 17:00 the day before travel. Passengers are nevertheless asked to be ready at least 10 minutes before the time agreed. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate customer requests for pick-up times, calls are on a first come first served basis; your time may therefore need to be adjusted to fit into the daily travel schedule.

#### Booking the service

A journey should be requested by phoning Angus Council's Demand Responsive Transport Hotline number on 07584 206124 between the hours of 09:00 and 15:00, Monday to Friday. Bookings can be made up to one week in advance, but to ensure your seat is booked, please call us by 15:00 the day before you intend to travel. Remember that if a journey is not booked, then it will not run.

When you call you will be asked a number of questions. These are designed to tailor journeys to suit your individual needs as far as possible. We will also request your permission to keep your details on file to make your future bookings quicker. It is not necessary to allow us to keep your details in order to book the service. We will not pass your information on to anyone else and will remove your details from the database if you do not use the service again within six months.

#### Booking questions

Name, address, telephone.  
Do you have a bus pass?  
Journey date, time, pick up/drop off location  
Any bus connections you wish to make and destination.  
Accessibility information – wheelchair, walking frame, companion etc



Service 539 will be timed to arrive at Fintry Crescent at the following times:

Mondays to Fridays

<b>Fintry Crescent</b>	08:12	09:40	13:41	16:32
<b>Stobswell</b>	08:24	--	--	--
<b>Seagate</b>	08:27	--	--	--
<b>Whitehall St</b>	08:30	--	--	--

Passengers wishing to travel to Stobswell and the city centre can use Service 32. Passengers should refer to this timetables for further details of intermediate stops. When possible passengers will be able to wait on the bus until their connection arrives, however, depending on other bookings, this may not always be possible.

Connections on Service 32				
<b>Fintry Crescent</b>	09:43	13:43	16:43	
<b>Stobswell</b>	09:57	13:57	16:58	
<b>Crichton Street</b>	10:07	14:07	17:09	

Service 539 will be timed to depart from Fintry Crescent at the following times:

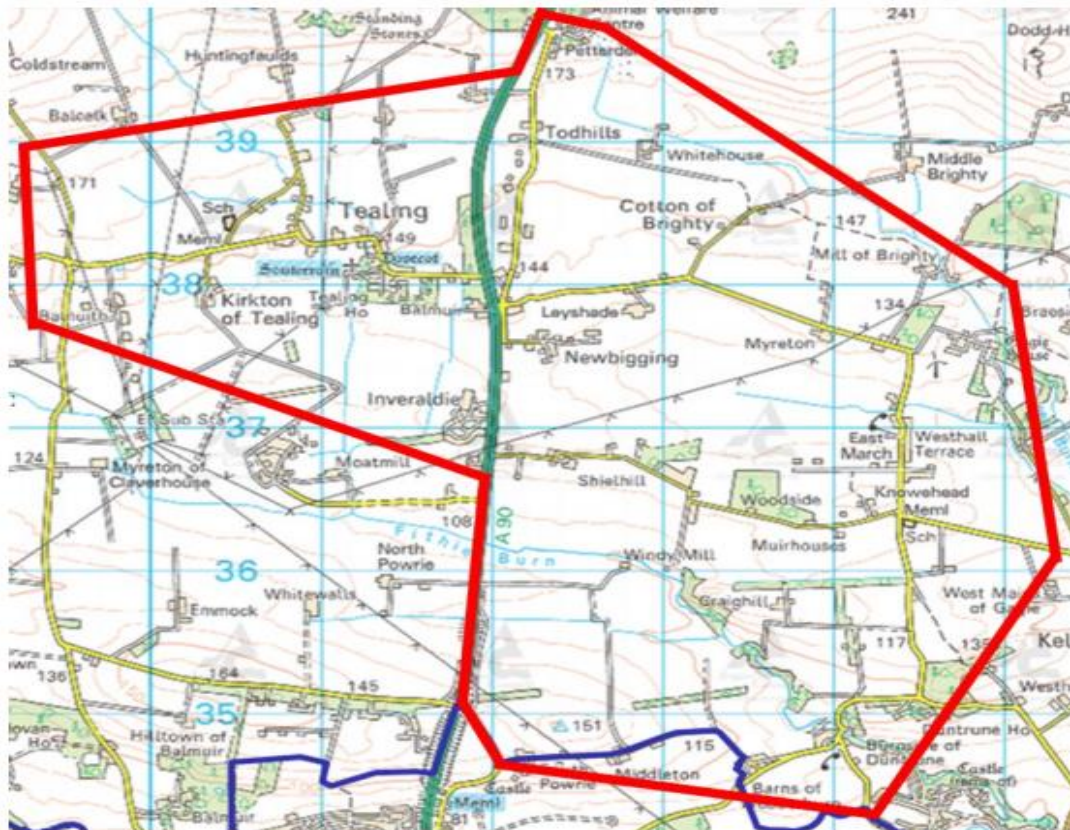
Mondays to Fridays

<b>Fintry Drive</b>	12:35	16:38
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Passengers wishing to travel from Stobswell and the city centre can use Service 32. Passengers should refer to this timetable for further details of intermediate stops. Service 539 will wait for Service 22 should it operate late.

Connections on Service 32		
<b>Crichton Street</b>	12:12	16:12
<b>Stobswell</b>	12:21	16:23
<b>Fintry Drive</b>	12:34	16:37

Map of area served by Service 539



## **Appendix 3**

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 7/12/23

### **Headlines:**

- No news on the Statutory Review and a response to the Level 2 complaint eventually received from Angus Council.

### **Update:**

- Nothing in the local media concerning the status of the Statutory Review since the last Community Council meeting
- re my Level 2 complaint re Angus Council's handling of this planning application and appeal – Angus Council failed to provide their response within the 20 working day commitment and I had to chase them to eventually obtain their response. In summary of my 7 items of complaint, 2 were upheld, 2 were partially upheld and 3 were not upheld. Of the 3 not upheld items – Angus Council's response to 2 of them (namely the repeated changes in position by the Roads Service on their requirements for the road junction visibility splays and the lack of any alignment between different council departments and the council's 'independent' planning consultant as to what constitutes a 'significant' uplift in traffic volume) are material to the process Angus Council used to reach their ultimate decision. Due to the ongoing legal action by another local resident it is not possible for me to raise these issues with the Ombudsman at this point in time, but depending on the outcome of the legal action, I am reserving the right to raise these issues with the Ombudsman at a future date.

### **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?