

Murroes & Wellbank Community Council,

Meeting held at Murroes Hall, Thursday 15th of February 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: S.Anderson (SA, Chair); G. Reid (GR); G. Cowper (GP, Secretary);
J. Crozier (JC, Treasurer/Minute Secretary); K. Gerrard (KG); Cllr H. Doran;
H. Zhang (Angus Council Communities Team); M. Went (MW Planning Rep).

Members of the Public: I. Robertson (Stop the Crem); L. Clink; J. Cook; A. Fraser; J. Nicoll;
P. Hamilton

Apologies: A. Martin (Vice Chair); Cllr B. Whiteside; J. Bell; K. Smith; M. Mauran;
M. Brennan (Community Police)

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Previous Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters Arising

- Community Resilience:

SA attended the recent Angus Council meeting about flooding. There were lots of positive information on preventing flooding and support for those affected.

Flood Mary, a property flood resilience consultancy, is to visit Angus in the forthcoming months. Flood Mary has been directly affected by flooding many times and champions products and strategies to protecting residents' homes. Website link below.

[Home - Flood Mary](#)

SA gave an update on the generator for Murroes Hall. Funding of £10 000 (ten thousand pounds) from SSE has been secured for the generator installation. A contractor has been appointed to install and connect the generator. Hopefully the generator will be in place in the coming weeks.

- School Parking/Speeding

A review of Speed limits on three roads within our Community Council area have been undertaken by Angus Council and reduced speed (60mph to 40mph) limit buffer zones on

certain sections are to be implemented.

B978 Ballumbie to Kellas, B978 Wellbank to Lovehall Cottage, U314 Kellas to Murroes Primary.

Further details can be found in the documented Angus Council Meeting which is linked below;

[Agenda Item No 7 - Report No 13/24 - B978 Ballumbie to Kellas, B978, U314 and B957 - Amendments to Existing Speed Limits | Angus Council](#)

Hopefully these actions will improve traffic safety within our Community Council area.

- Road Repairs/Footpath

GR asked Cllr Doran how long it takes potholes to be repaired.

Cllr Doran was able to clarify and explain Angus Council's procedure on tackling potholes; due to the increased number of potholes appearing, caused by the flooding in Angus Council area, heavier road usage and budget constraints, work undertaken may feel slower.

Cllr Doran expressed the need to report potholes to Angus Council. This is easily done through the website where exact locations can be noted or explain that there are several in an area. What Three Words app is a good tool to use here. The reporting will note an alert and a report number will be given. The more people that report the better.

Compensation from Angus Council for damaged vehicles due to potholes is dependent on whether the pothole has been reported and logged onto the council system and if it has been fixed within a set period of time.

Pot holes are not always the responsibility of Angus Council and other agencies will sometimes need to be included. For example, if blocked drains are found to be the cause, then Scottish Water will be involved.

SA had a meeting with J. Cameron from the Roads Department concerning the extension of the footpath at Murroes P.S as parking is still problematic. There is reluctance of doing this through Angus Council Road Department, as it is believed this action would decrease the safety of the road at the school junction.

Community Council to try contacting, Active Travel, Headteacher and Parent Council of Murroes P.S to work towards a solution.

Police Report

SA read out the latest report provided by our Community Police. **Appendix 1**

MW noted and welcomed with others present agreeing, that there had been an increase in police presence in Murroes and Wellbank Community Council area.

Secretary's Report

GC reported that there is to be an information session on the SSEN Kintore to Tealing Pylon network at Tealing Hall on 7th March 2-7pm.

H. Zhang clarified that there is an online survey assessing how well Angus Council engaged with residents when consulting on local bus provision.

There is a dedicated line to report any issues with the buses. Information on these matters can be found on the Angus Council website.

- Funding opportunities:

SA and KG to share information for funding of hall generators.

KG reported that there is a new Wellbank Hall Committee and was hopeful to work towards establishing a resilience hub there. SA offered Community Council help in this. It was noted that there might be funding available for the development of a resilience hub. SSE representative C. Mullen to be contacted for further discussion.

The Charity ARP (Angus Rural Partnership) will help source a consultant to undertake a feasibility study on renewing the Murroes Hall.

SA reported that the Community Council have £500 (Five hundred pounds) available for business cases/projects within our area from Seagreen. Requests are welcomed from local groups.

L. Clink, has in the past enquired about mobile antennae on community halls, with installation being free and providing better network cover for community facilities. It was thought that this would be a good addition going forward in establishing a resilience hubs at Murroes and Wellbank halls. Linda will check on technology and availability from mobile phone providers.

Financial Report

JC relayed that the bank account balance is £4, 603.22 (Four thousand six hundred and three pounds and twenty-two pence).

Rents for community council meetings at Murroes and Wellbank Hall are still to be paid.

Councillor Update

Cllr Doran provided an update on the latest concerns and focus of Angus Council.

- Roads and Flooding have dominated.

Angus Council is well underway in resilience planning for the county. SA did note that the Resilience WhatsApp group has been an invaluable source of communication, help and

information.

- There is the upcoming council budget announcement at the end of February.
- Planning /Framework/Development Plan

Cllr Doran urged residents to get involved in our local development plan. Any local constituted group can put forward their views which will help determine planning and development in our area.

The previous plan was produced in 2016. There is a deadline of December 2025 for groups to pool their views together and the development plan is to be finalised by 2029.

Documentation is to come in due course regarding this and HZ stated that guidance and templates would be forthcoming from Angus Council.

It was agreed by those present that we need to engage with this process and express our views. It is hoped that Angus Council will provide a representative to visit one of our meetings and detail the support and guidance on this matter. A link is provided below from Angus Council.

[Local Place Plans | Angus Council](#)

Cllr Doran was asked why councillors who sit on planning committees never engage with residents who have views on planning applications? Many residents feel ignored by this. Cllr Doran stated that guidance is not clear. If councillors are seen in any way to be taking any side by attending events, answering emails etc. then they are removed from voting and not able to make a decision.

Cllr Doran was asked how councillors can become informed of residents' views if they have not engaged in any direct communication? Cllr Doran detailed all the reports, clarifications and information provided by council departments, all correspondence from the planning portal, and all letters for or against proposals are given to councillors to review before the committee meeting. On the day of the vote, objectors and supporters can speak directly to the committee. If a councillor's decision is found to not be legally sound then it can be overturned: Piperdam solar farm was refused by Angus Council but then granted by Scottish Government.

It was apparent that those present at the meeting were generally disappointed with this system but were grateful for Cllr Doran clarifying the procedures.

MP and MSP are not legally constrained in this way with planning and can comment and get involved with residents' views and concerns.

Ian Robertson stated that local MP and MSP had offered no support in recent planning concerns.

Cllr Doran was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting.

Planning

MW stated a list of new planning proposals in our area will be provided for the minutes. It is detailed below.

Applications

23/00848/FULL- Forbes of Kingennie - erection of new sport reception and petting farm

23/00861/FULL- Demolition of existing cottage and erection of dwelling house - 4 Gagie home farm

23/00882/FULL- Electric charging hub and infrastructure Ethiebeaton Park

24/00079/FULL- Alteration and extension to house. Kilnagrange Monikie

Note:23/00424 Wellbank Solar Farm approved with conditions.

- Crematorium Update, Ian Robertson reported on the latest developments of the Duntrune Crematorium. **Appendix 2**
- Solar Farm, SA and MW gave updates on Solar Farm (Sirius) and BESS (Battery Storage facility), which will be decided by the Energy Consent Unit, ScotGov at Holyrood not Angus Council.

SA stated that a submission from the Community Council relating to this development has been made. Submission to the ScotGov Energy Consent Unit can take three months to appear online.

There are a number of concerns with the application that have been raised by members of the community and some of the points were discussed at the meeting.

A. Fraser stated that a good letter was sent by the Community Council to the Energy Consent Unit. A. Fraser has objected to BESS, raising problems in travel plans and setting precedent for future planning submissions. A. Fraser highlighted concerns with access for the proposed development.

AOCB

KG gave an update on the Wellbank Hall. There are new members of the committee.

New classes including, Clubercise and dog training taking place.

Radio Car Club and toddler group are still going. Girl guiding has folded and nearest group would be in Monifieth. There is a high demand for after school activities and it is hoped to provide this. Wellbank Hall has excellent kitchen facilities from which a community café

could be run if volunteers could be sourced to help.

JC asked if there used to be a library in Wellbank Hall and KG stated that the books are still available in storage. There is a library bus which is timetabled to visit both the Wellbank and Murroes Halls.

A Community worker to oversee the opening of the hall would be ideal as volunteers cannot commit to this role. A suggestion of combining this role at Wellbank Hall and including overseeing Murroes Hall was made.

- Petterden Waste Management Facility, GC reported that there had been dust problems from the facility. Even though it is not in our area it affects residents within the Murroes and Wellbank Community Council boundary. The problem is being discussed with various organisations.
- Brighty Wood, A. Fraser raised the subject of the Brighty Wood Group. SA asked if there has been any new developments from the Woodland Trust who lease the wood. Interested parties would like to view a copy of the lease. A freedom of Information request will be the next step. It was raised once again that if any concerns with the BW Group then the Woodland Trust should be contacted and not channelled through MWCC.

SA thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm, 18th of April 2024, Wellbank Hall

Appendix 1



Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 15th February 2024	
Local Community Policing Area	Murroes and Wellbank Community Council TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk
Local Area Inspector	Inspector Mahboob Ahmad Mahboob.ahmad@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.

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NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES

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Third Party Reporting

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When an incident does occur, it is essential that any victim, witness or other party has the confidence to report the matter.

One such way to report hate crime is via a third party reporting centre, the availability of which is intended to increase victims' confidence to report hate crime incidents and also to raise awareness in the community of the importance of reporting such matters.

Every report of Hate Crime assists us in tackling this important issue by providing information about areas of concern and patterns of behaviour which can be identified and can ultimately lead to the detection and prosecution of offenders.

Third party reporting offers victims or witnesses of hate crime the opportunity to report incidents at a designated reporting centre out with a police environment. The responsibility of a third party reporting centre is to ensure that details of incidents reported from members of the public are passed to the police to allow accurate recording of hate crime and further enquiry, where appropriate.

There are more than 300 designated reporting centres, which can be any type of community resource, ranging from local Housing Offices to voluntary groups, where trained members of staff can support the victim or witness, take the report in confidence and forward the information to the police for enquiry.

More information and contact details for these reporting centres can be found by clicking [here](#).

[Hate Crime 3rd Party Reporting Leaflet.](#)

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Assessment period – 07/12/2024 – 14/02/2024

There were 51 **calls** received in the local area during this assessment period.

19 **crimes** were recorded in respect of your area over this time –

Group 1 – Crimes of violence/threats – 2 crimes recorded.

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature – 0

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty - 11 crimes recorded.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – 0

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behaviour, assaults and other offences against emergency workers – 0

Group 7 – Road traffic crimes – 6 crimes recorded.

Further information.

We continue to monitor call and crime data for the area to intervene early in any identified problems.

We would like to reiterate our message to local residents to ensure property and vehicles are made secure, particularly during the hours of darkness and a reminder not to leave valuable items on display and unattended. The Community Team can be contacted using the email address above for home security advice.

As always, we encourage local residents to reach out to us using the community mailbox.

Appendix 2

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 15/2/24

Headlines:

- No news on the Statutory Review, 3 more road accidents have recently occurred in the vicinity of the proposed site and another application for a crem in our area has been lodged.

Update:

- Nothing in the local media concerning the status of the Statutory Review since the last Community Council meeting
- Road accidents as follows:
 - 5th January 2024 - car travelling east on C4 rounded bend just to east of proposed site and smashed into stone dyke. Police in attendance.



- 29th January 2024 – van and service bus collided on Burnside of Duntrune Hill – bus window smashed and bus taken out of service.



- 29th January 2024 (same day as last accident reported above) - car travelling east on C4 rounded bend just to east of proposed site and smashed into stone dyke. Driver has badly broken arm. Police in attendance.





- These accidents continue to demonstrate the already extremely stressed nature of the approach roads to the proposed site – further serious accidents such as these are inevitable due to the predicted 39% uplift* in traffic on these roads during the crematorium operating hours. (* Source: Dougall Baillie Associates)
- Dundee FC have lodged a planning application for a new stadium adjacent to Camperdown Park and a crematorium on part of the site has been included in this application. Angus Council stated in their handling report for the Duntrune application that 'competition' and 'prices cannot be controlled through the planning system' so if we add this latest application to the list of existing (Friockheim, Dundee and St Andrews (latter opened summer 2022)) and proposed (Duntrune and Carmyllie) crematoria in our local area, we end up with a tripling of local capacity from 2 to 6 crematoria since 2021.

Given that the 2 original crematoria existing at Friockheim and Dundee were only operating at 50% and 70% capacity respectively in 2019 and that the Competition and Markets Authority have stated that funerals are a 'constrained market' i.e. further service provision does not lead to increased demand (as more people won't suddenly die to take advantage of the new facilities) then, given the clear over supply of crematoria, one has to wonder which of the 6 crematoria will ultimately prove viable.

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?

