

Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council
Minutes of meeting on Thurs 15th Feb at 7 pm at The Cross meeting room.

Present:

Community Councillors: - T. O'Brien (Tob), , Graeme Clark (GC), Eleanor Feltham (EF), Robin Wardhaugh (RW), Dave Gardner (DG), Jacqui Garvin (JG) and Kathryn Patullo (KP)

Minute Secretary: - None

Angus Councillors: - Cllr Linda Clark, Cllr Ross Greig, Cllr Ian McLaren and Cllr Lynne Devine.

Others; - None

1. Welcome and Apologies – James Gray-Cheape, , Marley Hunter, Angela Gillies (AG) and Ian Dickson (ID).

2. Minutes from previous Meeting: Proposed GC and seconded by DG

3. Matters Arising from previous Meeting: GC said that he had taken a look at the wall on Lour road which had been reported as water coming over and through it during heavy rain, it had also been mentioned that it might be starting to look as if it may fall over. GC suggested that either or both the council and the farmer be contacted to see if a drainage pipe could be fitted into the wall at various places to drain the water so it does not build up behind during heavy rain. RW said he would look into this on behalf of the community council.

GC mentioned the possibility of the North side of the loch path being upgraded so access will be available all year round, and maybe getting some rickshaws to be used to give elderly and disabled people the chance to get around the loch. Cllr Devine said there maybe issues with storage. JG said the unadopted path/road to the rugby club needs upgrading as well. Cllr Clark said maybe a development trust could be looked at or something similar and work with the other groups who use the loch. TOB said that council officer Anthony McGuinness had said he was looking at a different approach to this subject and would be willing to speak to the community council. Cllr Devine said the flooding at the loch was being looked at and maybe the clubs etc. would be willing to help.

GC mentioned that on the Forfar online Facebook page people were asking where the Angus farmers market had moved to. RW said it was now at the Lowson church. Cllr Greig said potentially could the old tennis courts be brought back into use and used as hard standing for the market. TOB said only issue could be with parking same as at Lowson church.

JG said that a new business association had been formed and this was looking at ways to get more people into the town and the closed shops back into use, this group maybe able to help get market back into the town centre. Cllr Clark suggested the bottom car park of Home bargains. A discussion took place about getting the empty shops back into use.

EF gave an update on accident at Padanaram with bin lorry. The issue was caused by a delivery driver colliding with one of the operatives from the bin lorry, there is a problem with delivery driver around speeding and bad parking.

4. Chairperson's Report: None.

5. Secretary Correspondence/Report: TOB mentioned the access to mapping software through Parish online and the free access was about to end. Looking at alternatives as cost of Parish online one is too high (£700). TOB passed on the date of the next SSEN consultation event on the 6th March at the Reid hall 2pm-7pm.

6. Treasurer's Report: Still awaiting confirmation from the bank on 2nd signatory. No monies have been paid out or received.

7. Police & Fire Service Report: None, Police report to be passed on once published.

8. Local Councillor Update: Cllr Devine see appendix A.

Cllr Greig- Update re EF and bin lorry issue, Cllr Greig spoke to residents about bin collection in light of the accident and assured them that the council were looking into it. Also spoke issue with the road at Orchardbank and common good funding.

Cllr Clark- Mentioned the white van that has been parked in the Myre car park for quite awhile and it has now been clamped, it is sitting in area that floods. Also mentioned reports of a vehicle in Market St that has been clamped but appears that someone is taking the clamp off using the vehicle then putting the clamp back on. Investigations are ongoing. Local MP looking into parking issues.

Cllr McLaren- Gave an update on Craig o loch Rd with Scottish water working on it to resolve flooding etc. at Fisken area. Other issue with Scottish water is the road collapse at Westfield loan/Donaldson St, they are working to fix this. Issues again with dog fouling around various streets. Issues with potholes on North St and other roads, council working to repair these. The flooding on Arbroath Rd is due to the ditches (Brandies), these are being looked at. Montrose Rd at Rescobie, repairs ongoing there issues with diversions. JG mentioned the tipping of adult nappies at Forfar loch .

9. AOCB: GC mentioned the road closure at Fisken's and a lot of complaints about why the road is not open yet. Other issues around the town with road works causing traffic congestion. TOB mentioned that even though the SSEN pylon route had changed it was still within the Forfar community council boundary so we will need to look at this issue and make a comment on the planning application when it comes in and also making comments on the consultation meetings.

10. Subgroup updates:

- I. Quarry group (Lairds) No Update.

11. Planning Applications: Information on local place plans and planning see **appendix B.**

12. Date and time of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thurs 21st March 2024 at The Cross meeting room Forfar at 7 pm (19.00) for general meeting unless advised otherwise.

Appendix A

COUNCILLOR REPORT – LYNNE DEVINE – FEBRUARY 2024

Many of our departments are still being impacted by the flooding in Brechin and surrounding area in housing, roads, flooding engineers, com, particularly in our housing department. As far as Forfar is concerned, work is being carried out on an updated flood plan concentrating on the loch. We need to find a solution to avoid the total flooding of the rugby pitches, the cricket pitch, the area around the sailing club and of course Fiske's. There have also been a few post-flooding problems which we're trying to solve in the Forfar area. A solution is still being sought for the West High Street sandbags at VAA.

The name of the committee I chair was Children and Learning, but now has a slightly wider remit and is Family, Education and Justice, so I'm spending some time becoming more acquainted with the justice and social work side of things. In my capacity as Convener, I attend the Cosla Children and Young People's Board and did so two weeks ago in Edinburgh.

The plaque commemorating the Forfar witches is now on the wall of the T & C Hall opposite Moira's. Ward work continues with a wide variety of problems, although housing dominates and many are very complex cases.

We had the rent-setting meeting on Tuesday and raised the rents by 6.7% which will allow us to do better maintenance and build or buy new houses. The rent increase 2 years ago of only 1% wasn't enough to work with.

The budget meeting is Thursday 29 February and has been a very difficult time, trying to maintain statutory and some non-statutory services.

Angus cycle hub have moved to Orchardbank and hoping to get them involved and hopefully they will be having an open day.

Planning applications - Meeting Thursday 15th February 2024

APPEAL PENDING

22/00859/FULM 216 Houses east of Garth Farm Revised as below *-- MARK GUILD*
21/00857/FULM 245 Houses (Deemed Refusal PPA 120-2059-1) Note only for admin purpose

PENDING

23/00304/FULL Lour Road 44 Units 44 units
23/00389/FULM Scotia Homes Westfield Loan 117 Units
23/00393/FULM Cotton of Lownie Solar Farm
23/00469/FULL Closure northbound Lochland Junction
23/00481/FULL Canmore Lour Steading to residential
23/00776/MSC 2 Westfield Loan (Approval of matters)
23/00802/FULL Strathmore Hall (Use Vehicle Prep)
23/00807/FULL Kingston Place Kingsmuir
23/00808/FULL Lochside Lodge 1st and 2nd Floor extensions
23/00855/PAN BESS 49.9MW Former gas works Carseview Road
23/00867/FULL W/shop Queenswell Road commercial garage
24/00011/FULL 47 Kingfisher Road Change of house design
23/00841/PPPL Bell Place demolish existing house and erect new
23/00761/FULL Lochmill Forfar DD8 1QZ Demolish farmhouse, erect new
and Change of use agricultural land to garden ground
24/00015/FULL 2B Turfbeg Road Erect House change of house position
24/00016/FULL Replacement dwelling Cranshoe Ballinshoe
24/00029/ADV 52 Castle Street ATM fascia sign
24/00047/FULL 12 Falcon Drive change of house design
24/00061/FULL Erect Shed Lawson Church
24/00073/PRIORN Erect agri building Woodlands Forfar DD8 3TG
24/00074/PRIORN Erect agri building Bogside Forfar DD8 3TG

APPROVED

24/00011/FULL 47 Kingfisher Road Change of house design 09-2-24

REFUSED

19/00707/FULM Muir Homes Field Opposite. Westfield Drive (159 units) 19/01/24
Ref PPA-120-2066

Planning contact- prepared Wednesday 14/02/24