

## **Letham & District Community Council**

Minutes of meeting held on: April 17th 2025 at 7.30pm in Letham Feuars Hall

**Present:** Wendy Cameron, Isobel Sword, Tracy Andrews, Debbie Dallas, Cllr Nicoll, PC Jo Greig, Mrs P Jolly, Mr T Rizza

**Via Teams:** David Lumgair, Mr S Jolly

**Apologies** Karen Smith, Gail Smith, Karen Kose, Sandra Macrae, Cllr Cowdy, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Cruickshanks

**Absent** Mhairi Dickson

### **Amendments to Previous Minutes:**

- Mrs Jolly has written to Andrew Brown regarding the dangerous tree
- Isobel shared that she is personally submitting another complaint regarding the flood management situation

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** proposed by: David

seconded: Wendy

### **Police Report:**

- PC Greig shared that there is currently a recruitment campaign for the Police
- In March there were 39 calls, 6 crimes (1 x non-sexual violence, 2 x Miscellaneous, 3 x Road traffic offences) with an 83% detection rate
- There have been recent speed patrols
- Cuppa with a Cop have been cancelled so will join with the Cosy Cuppy meetings now
- There has been some joint work with Trading Standards in Letham recently, but not too concerning

### **Matters Arising:**

- **Meeting regarding Footpaths –**

Cllr Cowdy has been in touch with Mhairi Dickson regarding a meeting. Isobel advised that the Community Council can request an individual presentation from Angus Council regarding the new Local Development Plan – all agreed that this would be the most appropriate course of action

**Action:** Cllr Nicoll to contact Mhairi Dickson to inform her of the decision to request an individual presentation from Angus Council

- **Defibrillator updates –**

Karen S shared information prior to the meeting to be shared in her absence:

- Batteries and pads on 2 defibrillators expire on 21.06.25
- Alan from St John's suggested locating the new cabinet & defibrillator outside (not in the current cupboard) at The Square
- New application needed for cabinet & defibrillator at Jubilee Court, current application can be used for The Square with a note of change of location
- Alan shared a link for 'do I need planning permission?'  
[https://myangus.angus.gov.uk/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&consentMessage=yes&form\\_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-9b20771d-0308-47a8-9513-9639aa7c599f/AF-Stage-1f54ef83-5375-47e1-988e-c30e74455b35/definition.json&process=1&process\\_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-9b20771d-0308-47a8-9513-9639aa7c599f&process\\_id=AF-Process-9b20771d-0308-47a8-9513-9639aa7c599f](https://myangus.angus.gov.uk/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&consentMessage=yes&form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-9b20771d-0308-47a8-9513-9639aa7c599f/AF-Stage-1f54ef83-5375-47e1-988e-c30e74455b35/definition.json&process=1&process_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-9b20771d-0308-47a8-9513-9639aa7c599f&process_id=AF-Process-9b20771d-0308-47a8-9513-9639aa7c599f)
- Karen S has got the go ahead to put a sign above the defibrillator at Davidsons with arrows pointing down
- Andy from Astute said he can make the signs any way the Community council request

Meeting discussed if it were a defibrillator in a cabinet in the cupboard in The Square then the Feuars may agree to this, rather than an additional heater.

Angus Council have given permission for a sign to go on the side of Jubilee Court.

If the defibrillator stays in the cupboard at The Square then a sign could be screwed on to the door (and easily removed if necessary)

**Updates since meeting –** defibrillator cabinet inside the cupboard is not appropriate, other nearby locations to be explored. The defibrillator with up to date pads and battery to be located in the cupboard in The Square but a new location needs to be agreed ASAP

## **Communications:**

- **Email from Mrs Jolly -**

Mrs Jolly asked that the minutes reflect the gratitude of the community to Angus Council for their work to remove the dangerous / obstructive trees near the river.

The Paths Group volunteers have pruned trees along the first 200m of the path and Mrs Jolly said this was done responsibly, however, some small branches/brush have been left stacked on the river bank and have now started to be washed down. Wendy said she would speak to the volunteers

and have the material removed, also request that they remove all material in future.

Mrs Jolly requested that the Community Council find out who has cut down one of her shrubs, on her land, and stacked the branches. She can see no reason why this was necessary and would like enquiries to be made

**Action:** Wendy to speak to the Paths Group volunteers and ask them to remove the material from the river bank and also ask if they have any information regarding the cutting down of Mrs Jolly's shrub

- **Options for future Angus wide community council meetings –**

Isobel attended a meeting - main Main issue raised was the difficulty getting in touch with local councilors. This was shared by all Community Council members from different areas. Community Planning said they would make up a directory but what has come back is a directory of other community council officers and not the actual local councilors. Cllr Nicoll will ask if the directory could include the councilor's contact details.

**Action:** Cllr Nicoll will speak to Mhairi Dickson about this.

- **Health and social care meeting re: minor injuries -**

Wendy joined this Teams meeting regarding the services in Angus. There was an online survey put out and over 2000 people gave feedback. There were different options given. The most popular was to continue with minor injury and illness in both Forfar and Arbroath and Community Care Centre in Montrose. There will be another survey going live on the 18th of April before a decision is made. 71% of the people who completed the survey are happy for things to continue as they are. The numbers going through the various medical centers are not enough to keep all open. The preferred option of the health and social care partnership is to centralize all services to Arbroath. At present you can go into a pharmacy and be assessed by a professional or phone your GP and be assessed. Either will direct you to the next place to get help. The Community Council can share posters on Facebook page to promote the survey.

**Action:** Isobel to put information on Auld Letham Facebook page.

**Treasurer Report:**

**Footpath Account:** £3088.35

Insurance for the ride on mower has been paid, £309.56

**Defibrillator Account:** £3153.30

**Community Council Account:** £436.23

still a small amount belonging to CLEAR as they managed to get tax back on purchases

The accounts are prepared and now ready to be audited

ICO information has been sent to Lynn Halley

Wendy advised that CLEAR have bought blankets, socks, flasks, heaters, mobile phone, hot water bottles etc – now available from the Village Hall in an emergency situation

#### **AOCB:**

Mrs. Jolly asked about information regarding the access at Vinny Place. For clarification: the Community Council was supporting to be helpful but this is not financially supporting. Mrs Jolly advised that the information requested would be £3.60 online.

Isobel shared that the Flood Risk Assessment team have apologized that it has been so delayed. This will go out to tender to an independent flood risk assessor. There is no date for this yet.

A sign has appeared at the Key Store to say no parking or unloading. The sign was put up by Angus Council. The Community Council had had no prior warning about this. Cllr Nicoll investigated the previous issue of pavement parking - there is no intention to change what is currently in place. The Community Council have concerns that this is not appropriate for the Key Store business. Cllr Nicoll will look into this.

The Cosgrove Award nomination forms are now in the bookshop. This will be open until the June meeting. The brass plaque is back in the village hall. It is full, so a new one is needed. Brass is very expensive to buy and to also have engraved. Isobel has spoken to Maggie about this and suggested getting a wooden plaque with individual metal signs of the names each year. A decision will be made at the next meeting with the prices of the different options available.

The site next to Central Motors - David is concerned that the vehicles are not safe and it should be made a secure site. Cllr Nicoll suggested that it is private property so nothing can really be done by Angus Council. The Community Council will put a concern forward to planning at Angus Council.

**Close:** Wendy thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.36pm

**DONM:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025