

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 15th February 2024 at 19.00 in the Village Hall

Minutes of Meeting No 358

Present:- Shiona Baird (**SB**), Mark Pearce (**MP**), Mike Cowdery (**MC**), Helen Smith (**HS**), Euan Baird (**EB**), Linda Cockram (**LC**) (via Zoom), Inspector Ahmed (**MA**).

Apologies:- Darren Law (**DL**), Alasdair McLeod (**AM**), John Forster (**JF**), Liz Blackburn (**LB**), Councillors Doran and Whiteside.

Minutes of 21st December 2023

SB opened the meeting and asked if the previous minutes were correct, no amendments were required, the minutes were approved.

SB

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Topics

a) Police Matters

Inspector Ahmed attended and the Local Community Policing Area Report was discussed, the Police attended eleven calls over the period including one offence of dishonesty MA also advised that the Police recovered over £5,000 of stolen property in the Forfar area.

b) Road and Traffic Matters Planning Report

It was noted that the road at Kirkton House had been blocked for some time to allow for the harvesting of carrots, it was suggested that if this is required in the future the temporary closure should be placed in the Newsletter.

AM issued an email to Estates Department regarding Council land holding on roads and paths between the village and main road and at Dronley bus stop. Received acknowledgement but more information to come.

c) TACTRAN/STPR/NPF4

Carried forward.

d) TAYplan Angus Local Development Plan

Carried forward.

e) Community Communications, Website and Newsletter

The Newsletter will be issued in March and the Web Site has now been updated.

f) Notice Board Update

The notice board is in place and notices have been inserted, information regard the Womans Institute has been included.

g) Sidlaw Path Network Update

The details of how to access the Site are now on the Web Site. A quick review of the Council consultations on Local Landscape Areas in Angus and the Newtyle to Dundee Green Circular Project indicates that both have implications for path creation and maintenance in the Sidlaw area and changes to existing roads/paths within our own area. AM suggested it would be worth compiling a Community Council response to both.

h) Replacement of Bus Service 137/138

The current service is still proving to be successful, three responses were received from Bus Users all were very positive and commended the staff for their help and attitude.

i) Defibrillator (Telephone Box, CPR Training)

Web Site and Face book posts re CPR training placed on-line with return of expressions of interest preferred dates fixed at 16th February. Email reminder re refresh training also sent to all 2020 and 2022 participants. Response indicates enough interest to confirm the course going ahead with Helen Brady and confirm the hall booking. AM will collate attendance and preferred date for confirmation.

AM

j) Park Gates

SB will continue to investigate this issue. It is considered that the best results will be the installation of three gates. We will also look to providing improved play equipment for younger children and will contact the Council with regards to funding.

SB

k) Resilience Plan

The Community Council remain committed to prepare risk assessments to inform a Resilience Plan for the area. It is suggested that a small sub-group be formed to take this forward.

AM

2. Planning Applications

a) Planning Update

New Planning Applications since last meeting

This is a planning application for an east-facing, single storey extension to a single storey house - "Drawnek Downs", North Dronley, Auchterhouse, Dundee, DD3 0QL.

Updates - Approved

There are no updates since the last meeting.

Updates - Still awaiting Decision

None.

Finance

MP advised that the current account balance is £6,028.00.

Correspondence

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

AOCB

It has been suggested that the old bus shelter near the main road could be converted into a bike shed, however, before use the shelter will need to be re-roofed.

SB

The Community Council received an offer to be given a portrait of King Charles, as the Community Council don't have property this offer was rejected.

An offer to visit Council Buildings, Forfar was received from Councillor Whiteside, this was discussed and it was felt that it would be better for us all to meet once the budget process had been completed and any changes in operation before meeting so that we could discuss the effect on our community.

It was confirmed that the glass re-cycling bin is in place.

Due to a number of diary conflicts it was decided to move the meetings to Wednesday, SB will speak with those not in attendance.

SB

MC will amend the diary accordingly.

MC

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th April 2024