

## **AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 19.30 in the Village Hall**

### **Minutes of Meeting No 362**

Prior to the opening of the meeting AM presented Shiona with a small gift as a thank you for all of her hard work as Chairperson of the Community Council, although standing down as Chairperson Shiona will thankfully remain on the Community Council.

**Present:-** Alasdair McLeod(**AM**), Mark Pearce(**MP**), Mike Cowdery(**MC**), Shiona Baird(**SB**), Euan Baird(**EB**), Linda Cockram(**LC**), John Forster(**JF**), Councillor Whiteside(**BW**), Councillor Melville(**LM**). Two members of the community were also present along with Hong Zhang Angus Council.

**Apologies:-** Helen Smith(**HS**), PC M Brennan(**MB**), Darren Law(**DL**), Councillor Dorran, Liz Blackburn.

### **Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

**AM** opened the meeting and asked if the previous minutes were correct, the minutes were approved.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising other than those already tabled for discussion in the Agenda.

### **Topics**

#### **a) Police Matters**

The Police Report was reviewed with thanks to MB.

The static policeman, Jim, has proven to be a success in the efforts to reduce speeding through the village, other areas to place Jim have been identified and he will be placed at them shortly. We will look at the siting of Jim at some junctions to ensure that he doesn't cause a visual obstruction.

#### **b) Road and Traffic Matters Planning Report**

The speed limit at The Avenue is currently 60MPH it may be possible to instal a phased speed reduction to 40 then 20 inline with other areas, this will be investigated. The possibility of joining discussions with neighbouring Community Councils to discuss the Community Speed Watch initiative, this matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **c) TACTRAN/STPR/NPF4**

No information or change at this time.

#### **d) TAYplan Angus Local Development Plan (LDP)**

No information or change at this time.

The meeting felt that it would be of benefit to consult on a wider basis, it was agreed that we would draw up a list of questions regarding the LDP and issue them to through the Community List. HZ is happy to assist with this.

e) Community Communications, Website and Newsletter

During the presentation a photograph was taken, it was agreed that this should be placed on Facebook and the Web Site.

g) Sidlaw Path Network Update

This issue is going very well at the moment, it was decided to place a QR Code at the start of the documentation.

h) Village Bus Service

We have received further praise for the new bus service and if users wish to cancel due to illness etc they should call before 9am. People are reminded that if you are wishing to use the service you should sign up as a Member of the Bus Club. Angus Council will issue reports on the service with copies to the Community Council shortly.

i) Defibrillator (Telephone Box, CPR Training)

The Defibrillator was checked today and reported accordingly. The floor in the phone box is now much improved as is the paint on the box, it was noted that the lower shelf is wobbly MP will look into it.

MP

j) Park Equipment

It was agreed to amend the heading on the agenda as 'Grant Funding – Play Equipment. SB will investigate this issue.

SB

k) Resilience Plan

Ideas for a local consultation process will be discussed at the next meeting.

**2. Planning Applications**

**a) Planning Update**

New Planning Applications since last meeting

None

Updates Still Awaiting Decision

24/00359/FULL Greenford Farm DD3 0QT - conversion of stables to short term holiday let accommodation

Updates Approved

24/00481/FULL Balbeuchley Farmhouse DD3 0QX - extension

**Finance**

MP advised that the current account balance is £5,192.33, further details are contained within the minute of the AGM.

**Correspondence**

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

## **AOCB**

It has been noted that raw chicken/bones have been found in the park, LC will monitor the situation.

LC

The change to waste collection appears to be causing some concern, storing the increased number of bins per household in some areas is resulting in them being left at the roadside. The change to the system is necessary due legislative changes next year.

The Hall Committee will be asked to consider taking over the funding of the WiFi.

SB

MC was asked to issue a correspondence list on the day of the next meeting as well as the normal list issued with the Agenda.

MC

It was noted that the access road to Balkello Wood has been repaired and the picnic tables refurbished there are no signs on display regarding payment for parking.

Wally Wynd area is currently being strimmed along with occasional weed killing, it was agreed to ask that we no longer use weed killer for the safety of dogs etc.

Funny Nook burn gets diverted on occasion it is hoped that this issue will be resolved in Autumn next year.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024