

Murroes & Wellbank Community Council,

Meeting held at Wellbank Hall, Thursday 24th April 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: S. Anderson (Chair, SA), G. Cowper (Secretary, GC), J. Crozier (Treasurer/Minute Taker, JC), M. Went (MW), G. Reid (GR), K. Gerrard (KG - Wellbank Hall)

Angus Council: Cllr H. Doran (joined remotely)

Members of the Public: Ian Robertson, Donna Anderson, Iain Anderson, Jane Bell, Angela Fraser

Apologies: H. Zhang (Angus Council, Vibrant Communities Team), Linda Clink

Welcome and Approval of Previous Minutes

SA opened the meeting, welcoming all attendees.
Previous minutes were approved without amendment.

Matters Arising

a. Speeding

- SA referenced the Police Report highlighting that 20mph limits are typically enforced only near schools.
- Concerns were raised over using parked cars as traffic calming on narrow rural roads.
- SA requested updated speed data from Angus Council; the latest figures date back to November/December 2024.
- Cllr Doran advised regular data collection is challenging, but bi-monthly updates may be feasible.
- JC queried whether traffic calming measures from other councils (e.g., full-width speed humps, road narrowing) could be considered.
- Cllr Doran noted that such measures must account for emergency vehicle access and are under review by a newly formed Angus Council group.
- GR requested access to emergency route maps; Cllr Doran will follow up.
- MW mentioned a Scottish Government consultation on rural speeding; findings are awaited.

b. Road Repairs

- GC reported recent road resurfacing had deteriorated again.
- Cllr Doran stated road maintenance operates on a cyclical basis.

- SA asked about a feedback mechanism for residents regarding roadworks; Cllr Doran will investigate options.
- AM raised concern over the management of third party contractors for repairs.

c. Footpath Extension (Kellas to Murroes Primary School)

- SA shared efforts to gain external support have been unsuccessful.
 - Cllr Doran encouraged contact with other community councils for advice and recommended continued persistence.
 - Donna Anderson suggested contacting W.Brown Roadwork; AM and JC recommended reaching out to Sustrans.
 - Donna Anderson also raised the poor condition of footpaths in Kingennie. KG noted similar issues near Wellbank. Cllr Doran will follow up.
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Police Report

- Police were unable to attend; SA summarised the report (see **Appendix 1**).
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Secretary's Report

- GC updated on the consultation around Minor Injuries Units in Arbroath, Forfar, and Montrose.
 - Residents are urged to contribute their views. General consensus: local units are more accessible and appreciated.
 - Cllr Doran asked about issues accessing vaccination centres. Attendees noted appointments are easily changed via the helpline.
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Financial Report

- JC presented the financial update. £8000 Seagreen funding, £200 Angus Council grant.
 - Donna Anderson requested a Seagreen Grant application form for community planting in Kingennie. GC to send via email.
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Councillor's Update

- Cllr Doran discussed recent administrative changes at Angus Council aimed at improving decision-making.
- SA raised concerns about Local Place Planning groupings. Cllr Doran advised SA to contact the Planning Team directly.
- SA highlighted current consultations and encouraged public participation.

Planning

- SA summarised local planning applications (see **Appendix 2**).
- MW raised concerns about woodland felling, stressing the need to monitor conditions.

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- Ian Robertson provided an update on the "Stop the Crem" campaign (see **Appendix 3**).

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- Angela Fraser shared residents' disappointment regarding the approval of the BESS facility, citing poor transparency and accountability.
 - Cllr Doran noted a motion for better community notification was proposed at Angus Council for Energy Project.
 - MW questioned why Angus Council withdrew its objection; Cllr Doran explained the process and ECU notification issues.

AOCB

a. Resilience Hub

- GC reported Murroes Hall's resilience shed will be in place next month. Broadband has been installed, and essential supplies are being gathered.
- Cllr Doran recommended contacting other councils for shared resilience planning insights.

b. Wellbank Hall Update

- KG noted a new committee is in place. The Easter Sunday Family Event was a success. A fundraising Race Night is planned in partnership with a local care home. Weekly line dancing classes are also popular.

c. Murroes Hall Update

- GC reported a planned exhibition of hall refurbishment options for public feedback.

Meeting Closed: SA thanked all attendees for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday 12th June 2025, 7.30pm at Murroes Hall

Appendix

Murroes & Wellbank Community Council – Action Note

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Location: Wellbank Hall

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Action	Responsible	Status / Notes
Request updated speed data from Angus Council	SA / Cllr Doran	Ongoing – Last data from Nov 2024
Enquire about emergency route map for road calming planning	Cllr Doran	Pending
Seek feedback mechanism for road repair satisfaction	Cllr Doran	Pending
Continue lobbying for footpath extension (Kellas to Murroes PS)	SA / GC	Ongoing – Explore contacts incl. Sustrans, Brown Construction
Follow up on footpath maintenance (Kingennie & Wellbank areas)	Cllr Doran	In progress
Share Seagreen Grant application form	GC	To send to Donna Anderson
Contact Local Place Planning team re: grouping concerns	SA	Actioned – Email to be sent
Monitor tree felling activities in CC area	MW	Ongoing
Investigate outcome of BESS monitoring and ECU process	Cllr Doran	Ongoing – Raise issue of community engagement
Contact other CCs for resilience hub ideas	GC	Pending
Continue stocking Murroes Hall for resilience hub	GC / Murroes Hall Team	In progress
Prepare and display Murroes Hall refurbishment options	GC	Planned
Ensure residents are aware of Minor Injuries consultation	All Members	Ongoing – Encourage participation

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Appendix 3

