

Murroes & Wellbank Community Council,

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

Present: S. Anderson (Chair, SA), J. Crozier (Treasurer, JC), M. Went (MW), G. Reid (GR), A. Martin (AM), L. Clink (Volunteer - Minute Taker)

Angus Council: Cllr B. Whiteside

Members of the Public: Ian Robertson (joined remotely), Donna Anderson, Iain Anderson, Jane Bell, Katie Bletcher, Angela Fraser

Apologies: G Cowper (Secretary), Cllr H. Doran, H. Zhang (Angus Council, Vibrant Communities Team), Martyn Bremnar (Community Police Team)

Welcome and Approval of Previous Minutes

SA opened the meeting, welcoming all attendees.
Previous minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

a. Speeding

- SA reported that Angus Council has approved a reduction of speed limits from 60mph to 40mph on three stretches of road.
- SA has contacted the Roads Team again but has not yet received updated speed data (latest data is from Nov/Dec 2024).
- LC suggested engaging volunteers, potentially students, to assist with data extraction as a project.
- Consultation on the Speedwatch initiative is ongoing, with Monikie CC appointed as the lead for the funding application.

b. Road Repairs

- No new updates on previously reported road repair actions.
- Angela Fraser reported a serious collision at the Murroes junction with the A90, leading to traffic detouring and ignoring 'No Through Road' signs.
- Horse warning signs promised have not been installed. Cllr Whiteside will follow up.

c. Footpath Extension (Kellas to Murroes Primary School)

- SA reported mixed results in seeking external support. A meeting was held with W. Brown of the Roadworks Team, but there has been no response from Sustrans Scotland.
- Temporary solutions are under consideration.
- DA highlighted that the footpath condition at Kingennie (Drumsturdy Rd) remains hazardous.

Police Report

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

Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report.

Financial Report

- JC confirmed that the audited accounts have been sent to Angus Council and that the operating grant has been received.
- Financial update:
 - £8,000 Seagreen funding available for grants up to £500
 - £200 operating grant from Angus Council
- GC has emailed the Seagreen Grant application form to Donna Anderson regarding community planting in Kingennie.

Councillor's Update

- Cllr Whiteside reported on recent administrative changes and new Committee Conveners at Angus Council. Routine Council business has been limited.
- The final full Council meeting before the summer break is scheduled for the end of June.

Planning

- SA summarised local planning applications (see **Appendix 2**).
- MW confirmed he has written to Forestry Scotland to raise concerns about woodland felling and the potential impact on barn owls and tawny owls.
- JB noted residential caravans and fences at the temporary travellers' site in Tealing.
- Ian Robertson provided an update on the "Stop the Crem" campaign (see **Appendix 3**).

AOCB

a. Resilience Hub

- SA confirmed the Murroes Hall's resilience shed has been erected. Broadband/wifi has been installed with a separate password for Guest users.

b. Wellbank Hall Update

- No formal update was available. JB noted the first meeting of the new Committee was taking place the same evening. Upcoming events include a car boot sale and a summer fayre.
- The hall is to install an EV charging point. There's potential for Murroes Hall to receive one too, if funding becomes available.

c. Murroes Hall Update

- SA reported the exhibition of hall refurbishment options is to be held at Murroes Hall on Saturday 28 June 2025 from 10am to 12noon.

d. Success for Sidlaw Group Update

- SA reported ongoing concerns around the Local Development Plan. A meeting is being arranged with neighbouring communities to discuss next steps.
- Angus Council is looking to expand the SFS group ethos into other Community Council areas.

e. Road Verges Maintenance – Bio Diversity and Litter

- MW raised concerns about grass not being cut at junctions, which poses visibility risks. He suggested prioritising junction cutting over mid-section verges.
- Biodiversity considerations, including timing and frequency of verge cutting, were discussed. Cllr Whiteside will follow up.
- MW observed increased litter along the Arbroath Road verges, particularly McDonald's packaging and Red Bull cans, compared to when McDonald's was closed.

f. Local Bus Transport

- SA raised concerns over the journey time of buses from Monikie/Wellbank to Monifieth & Dundee.
- SA contacted Ember to explore routing buses through Ballumbie Castle Estate on a pre-booked basis.
- SA noted positive feedback about the 'Dial-a-Bus' service covering Tealing and Auchterhouse areas and encouraged checking the Council website for details.

g. Fly Tipping

- Angela Fraser reported further incidents of fly tipping on the road to Gagie House/Home Farm, including one six weeks ago that blocked the public road.
- Possible measures to identify, report, and discourage fly tipping were discussed.

h. Drumsturdy Road School Catchment Areas

- Katie Bletcher raised concerns about some homes on Drumsturdy Road historically being allocated to Carnoustie High School's catchment area rather than Monifieth High School, creating cost and travel issues.
- Cllr Whiteside will follow up with parents and Angus Council.
- SA will also raise this with Hong Zhang from the Communities Team.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday 21st August 2025, 7.30pm at Wellbank Hall

Appendix

Murroes & Wellbank Community Council – Action Note

Meeting Date: Thursday 12th June 2025

Location: Murroes 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. No response from Roads Team to SA.
Enquire about emergency route map for road calming planning	Cllr Doran	Pending
Seek feedback mechanism for road repair satisfaction	Cllr Doran	Pending - No response to email sent to Angus Council CC email.
Continue lobbying for footpath extension (Kellas to Murroes PS)	SA / GC	Ongoing – Explore alternative options
Follow up on footpath maintenance (Kingennie & Wellbank areas)	Cllr Doran	In progress
Monitor tree felling activities in CC area	MW	Ongoing
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
Grass verges maintenance priority and bio-diversity policy	Cllr Whiteside	Pending
Replacement ‘No through road’ sign and new Horse signs	Cllr Whiteside	Pending
Community Benefit Projects Portal link to be sent to D&I Anderson	SA	Pending
Drumsturdy Road, school catchment area requested change	Cllr Whiteside / SA	Pending
Investigate further measures to deter fly-tipping	Cllrs/CC/ALL	Pending

Appendix 1



CC Report Wellbank
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