

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF 2011 AGM

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 18 October 2010 at 7.30pm

Present:	Shiona Baird, John Forster, Helen Smith, Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Grant Anderson, Gavin Christie, Linda Cockram, Clive Sayers, Cllr John Whyte
In Attendance:	PC Sheena Melvin
Chair:	Shiona Baird

1. Chairman's Comments.

Shiona welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. Minute of AGM 19 October 2010

The minute of last years AGM was approved

3. Annual Reports

- **Chair.** Shiona's written report is attached.
- **Secretary** The secretary's written report is attached.
- **Treasurer** The treasurer written report is attached. As the financial year is from Oct 2010 to end Mar 2012 this is an interim report. The final report will be made in Apr 2012. Thereafter reports will be made every April.
Sports day made a loss this year due to postponement and high cost of marquee hire and licence fees. It was agreed that we should try and get an account of the committee's finances.
- **Planning Contact Report** Linda's written report is attached.

4. Appointments

All office bearers were re-appointed.

1. **CHAIRPERSON** Shiona Baird.
2. **SECRETARY** Garry Stewart
3. **TREASURER** John Forster
4. **PLANNING CONTACT** Linda Cockram

5. Membership

One vacancy remains on the council. It was agreed to advertise, including in the ARGUS, for nominees from the community

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Date of next Meeting

This would be held on Tuesday 16 October 2012.

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Chairwoman's Report for the AGM October 2011

Once again Auchterhouse Community Council has continued to flourish following the elections in October 2010, though with a slightly reduced Council of 7 members. We have an allocation of 9 Councillors. It was particularly gratifying to welcome 2 new members to the Council. During the year another new member was co-opted. With these welcome new Councillors, I feel we have a better opportunity to represent the views of the wider community. I hope that through this next year our work and the actions we take, will inspire others in the community to participate in what is an important part of local participation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the departing members of the Community Council who stood down at the election. Their support ensured the Community Council continued in good heart, for others to take forward.

Through the year a number of meetings have been organised by the Angus Community Planning Team for the Chairs of Sidlaw Community Council areas to exchange views and ideas on how to make the Community Councils more relevant to the wider public. It was pleasing that we already have a good network of communication in place in our regular Argus newsletter and our website. Many thanks to Bob Bruce for all his hard work in maintaining the Argus publication and keeping the website updated.

The recent Sidlaw for Success evening is another interesting venture by the Community Planning Team. Its aim was to gauge the views of the residents of the Sidlaw area, how we feel about our local area and in the process identify particular needs. A report on the views of those present will be published in due course.

Submitting comments for the Angus Local Plan and Tayplan ensured that Auchterhouse made its voice heard, a vital role of the Community Council. I would like to thank Garry, Linda and John for all their hard work in completing this important but at times quite arduous work.

My thanks go also to all the members of the Community Council for all their support throughout the year. Thanks also to our Local Councillors, Community Police Officer and the members of the public who attend our meetings. Their support and comments are always very welcome and serve to remind us that we are here to represent our community.

Shiona Baird
Chairwoman

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SECRETARY'S REPORT for the year October 2010 to September 2011.

There were 9 meetings during the year, held in October, November, January, February, March, April, May, June and September.

Attendance at meetings was: -

Members	Attended	%	Members	Attended	%
Grant Anderson	4	67	John Forster	7	78
Shiona Baird	7	78	Clive Sayers	9	100
Gavin Christie	7	78	Helen Smith	9	100
Linda Cockram	4	44	Garry Stewart	9	100

Grant joined the council by co-option in February. One vacancy still exists.

Topics of Discussion and Action through the year: -

Hill Water Supply The problems associated with the water course from the hill to Parkside were discussed at a meeting in March. Also, Angus Council Roads Flood unit and SEPA were brought in to resolve some of the issues by giving their advice and recommendations. Work to control the flow from the hill while maintaining a supply to the tank at Old Whisky road has been carried out with success. The flow through Braeside remains a problem with much remedial work still required.

Police Report PC Sheena Melvin was appointed community police officer in January. Her monthly reports from Tayside Police Angus have kept everyone informed on local issues.

Traffic Matters. A Pudo (pick up & drop off) point was established at the road end in November. Warning signs are in operation at critical times in the morning and afternoon when children are using the bus stop or crossing the B954.

The traffic congestion through Kirkton, at the start and end of the school day, continues to be an issue. This situation has been reviewed by the Council/Police Traffic Committee and studied by the Education Department with several alternative options under consideration. The outcome of this is awaited.

Speed of traffic continues to be a concern as does the state of the road surface. Improvements have been made to Dronley road with some resurfacing and warning signs at Eastfield. Bonnyton road is in a very poor state in places, - pressure is being applied to get some resurfacing.

TACTRAN/STPR Cllr John Whyte has kept us updated on developments, which have been mainly associate with rail improvements.

The northern bypass of Dundee through our area of Angus is still listed in the Strategic Transport Project Review, although unlikely to happen because of the cost.

TAYplan Their Main Issues Report and Action Plan (towards producing a strategic development plan to cover 20 years 2012 – 2032) were issued in May. Comments were submitted by our sub committee in July. The final SDP is now awaited.

Angus Local Dvelopment PlanThe consultation for the new LDP was held in November/December with commenrts submitted by us on 21st December. Included in our submission was a proposal to develop half the Pitpointie field adjacent to the school for 20 mixed houses plus the inclusion of a car park, which would be available to visitors and parents of school children. A draft LDP is expected next year.

Recycling Kebside recycling planned to start this year has been postponed.

Argus & Web site Bob Bruce has continued his sterling work in editing and publishing the ARGUS news sheet and updating our website. Many thanks Bob.

G H Stewart, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts for year ending 30 Sep 2011

Opening Balance	£ 1,246.28
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Receipts

Angus C grants	715.00	
Rent rebate	72.00	
Bank Interest	1.23	
Total		£788.23

Payments

Sec'y & Plan Co-ord grant	240.00	
Auchterhouse Sports	200.00	
Hall Rent	0.00	
Insurance premium	86.81	
Website Host	56.40	
Members expenses	16.00	
Purchase Equipment	0	
Tax on Bank interest	0.21	
Total		£1,435.09

Surplus	£ 188.81
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Closing Balance	£1,435.09
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J Forster, Treasurer

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Planning Contact's Report

Planning Applications Oct 2010 - Oct 2011

16 planning applications have been made in the past year for the Auchterhouse area.

4 of these have been for houses – new build or conversion. 3 were passed and 1 has been withdrawn.

9 were for internal or external house alterations – these were all passed (1 at the 2nd application) or are still pending.

A temporary anemometer mast has been approved.

The refusal of application for permanent siting of a static caravan has been appealed to the Court of Session and application for conversion of an outbuilding to create a holiday chalet is pending.

The Community Council has formally responded to 4 of these applications this year on behalf of the community.

Linda Cockram

Planning Contact