

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 231

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 21 November 2006

Present:	Linda Cockram, Joanne Elwin, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts
Apologies:	Gavin Christie, Cllr Frank Ellis, Bob Ness CLDS.
In Attendance:	Bob Bruce and 2 members of the public.
Chair:	Joanne Elwin

231.1. Chairman's Comments.

Joanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

231.2. Minutes of Meeting No 230

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were approved.

231.3. Matters Arising

a). Traffic Survey

Frank Ellis has had a meeting with Jeff Green, the Head of Roads, to discuss our concerns with the B954 through Auchterhouse (Cotton of Auchterhouse to Country Sports). He has been informed that this stretch of road would probably now meet the guidance (from the Scottish Exec.) for a reduced speed limit. It will be discussed at the next Traffic Co-ordination Meeting on 5th December. In the meantime a speed-recording device will be installed to record speed and volumes of traffic.

b). Core Paths

A path from the old railway line to the southside of Dronley wood has yet to be finalised. This is now unlikely to be in Templeton farm at the boundary with Dronley farm. However, Euan Grewar, Dronley farm, is considering creating a path on his side of the boundary and also another from the field gate opposite the Dronley wood car park to run alongside the north edge of the field to the Old Railway line at North Dronley.

Garry will discuss the use of the remainder of the Old Railway line up to Burnhead and the path from Sunnyblink to Bonnyton farm with Hamish Brown, West Adamson farm, and Vicky Powell, Bonnyton farm.

Joanne will discuss funding for paths (and especially from the road end to the Avenue) with Linda Caston, Angus Funding Officer.

c). Website

Bob reported that Duncan Kennedy was ready to make the website live with the web address: www.auchterhouse.com.

d). Squirrel Watch

The autumn survey of squirrels in Dronley wood has been completed, Linda reported, with 39 red squirrels seen and no greys. A further survey will be done at the end of winter, February time, and after that probably once a year. It is planned to ask walkers in the wood to report any sightings of greys.

231.4. Planning Applications

a). Braeside Alteration to plans for 2 of the 16 new houses. No detail was available.

b). Braeside Outline consent for new house on plot of land beside and east of No 1 Braeside. This application if passed would bring the number of houses in Braeside to 21. The plan for this area has always been for 20 houses. Before accepting more houses, it was felt that we should wait to see and feel the full effect of the current development of 16 new houses on the community, eg. on school, roads and sewer. **Linda** would write to Angus Council to express our concerns.

c). Auchterhouse Country Sports Erection/Extension of bunding. This was welcomed.

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231.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

- **From Cllr Frank Ellis.** See 231.2. a). above

b) OTHERS

- **S C A R F.** Cut your fuel bills initiative. Notice would be placed on the NBs.
- **Waterwatch Scotland.** Notifying us that Waterwatch N E panel meets on 5th Dec. – we can send a rep. There was no taker.
- **Countryside Alliance.** Urging communities to express concern for their local Post Office to Parliament. **Bob** would place an article in the next Argus.
- **Gwen Louden.** Gwen had emailed to warn residents that house breakings were historically more common at this time of year between 3 and 5 pm. Automatic switching on lights/radios at this time of the day was advisable.

Also, the Angus “Safe as Houses” scheme for improving house security was recommended to everyone and it is free. **Bob** would place an article in the next Argus.

231.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £902.30.

Adam would check with John Brush if we had previously subscribed to Scotway Rights of Way before making any payment to them

231.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) A children’s party would be held on 17th December. We agreed to meet the cost of the music.
- b) It was agreed that we should claim for expenses incurred on behalf of the council. eg. travel and material purchases. The grant of £90 for the development of electronic communication with Angus Council would be followed by a further grant to pay for broadband connection(s) to further enhance our ability to access information from Angus C. and others
- c) Linda reported that she found the workshop on Planning and How the Planning System works worthwhile and had learned a lot about the system and how it was changing...

231.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 16th January 2007 at 7.30pm