

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 232

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 16 January 2007

Present:	Gavin Christie, Linda Cockram, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts
Apologies:	Joanne Elwin, Cllr Frank Ellis,
In Attendance:	Bob Ness CLDS. 1 member of the public.
Chair:	Garry Stewart

232.1. Chairman's Comments.

In Joanne's absence, Garry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

232.2. Minutes of Meeting No 231

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

232.3. Matters Arising

a). Traffic Survey

Nothing further has been received from Angus Council after the Traffic Co-ordination Meeting on 5th December to review our concerns with the B954 through Auchterhouse (Cotton of Auchterhouse to Country Sports). Frank Ellis has no further information either. He is also waiting for action on cleaning the footpath along the Avenue and trimming trees/bushes overhanging it.

b). Core Paths

Farmers do not wish to be drawn into the permanent arrangement of having strips of their land designated as core paths (the same goes for entering into a Management contract, which compensates financially for the costs incurred in creating public paths). At the same time there is a willingness to have footpaths on their land open to the public. However where there are long established rights of way there is an obligation for landowners to allow clear access (at least to pedestrians).

In the light of this and to determine a way forward for paths in our area it is proposed to get local landowners together to discuss the issue, - **Garry** to organise.

c). Website

Duncan Kennedy has launched the website with the web address: www.auchterhouse.com. It has been very well received by everyone, for which Duncan has to be congratulated and warmly thanked for all his efforts.

232.4. Planning Applications

a). Braeside Change of house type for 1 of the 16 new houses. There was no objection.

b). Bonnyton Outline for 4 houses at Bonnyton farm. This application had been discussed at a meeting in December when councillors unanimously agreed to object to any houses in this arable field, on the grounds that : - it was outside the Local plan; on good arable land; totally out of keeping with the existing dwellings; served by an unsatisfactory road and with no sewer or water treatment facility. The letter of objection to the Council has been acknowledged.

c). North Dronley/Hosie Park Outline for 18 houses. The site plan for this application showed the houses even more densely packed together than in last years application , which was withdrawn after many objections had been submitted. Details of the house type have not been received. The drainage issues raised last year do not appear to have been addressed. A letter of objection would be sent to the Council by **Linda**.

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232.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

- **Corp. Planning & Human Resources:** Notifying us of Bi-annual meeting with community councils on 12 Dec 06. No one was able to attend.
- **Corp Services (Law & Admin):** Enclosing the draft Statement of Principles under Gaming Act 2005
- **Infrastructure Services (Planning and transport):** Invitation to presentation of 2006 Angus Design Awards on 24 Jan in Arbroath
- **From Cllr Frank Ellis:** From Cllr Ellis requesting support for action to save rural Post Offices. It was recommended that we all write to our local MP (McGovern) to express our concerns, as Muirhead PO may be on the list of 2,500 rural PO's for the chop.
- **Council & Health Board:** Enclosing their Integrated Children's Services Plan

b) OTHERS

- **Tayside Fire & Rescue:** Enclosing their Race Equality Scheme 2005 - 08
- **Postwatch Scotland:** Notifying us of Government consultation on Post Office network, - comments by 14 Feb. see www.dti.gov.uk/consultations/index.html
- **Action on Drugs and Alcohol:** An action day is planned for 16th February in the Piperdam Leisure Centre to which one representative is invited. **Joanne** or **Linda** would try to attend (complete with swimwear).

232.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £903.48. HBOS bank has not processed the new signatories to the account yet. Consequently there is credit of £475 and debits of £105.25 to be lodged

232.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Bob Ness offered the services of Ashley Kennedy, who is on 3 months work placement, to carry out a community profile exercise. This was welcomed. Ashley would make contact with people and organisations in the near future.
- b) **Joanne** is pursuing the creation of a safe footpath from the Road-end to the Avenue passing under the bridge over the old railway line. Gavin had no objection to land on his side of the bridge being used but thought the cost of construction, with safe steps up to road level, would be prohibitive.

232.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 20th February 2007 at 7.30pm