

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 239

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 16 October 2007

Present:	Linda Cockram, Keith Faulder, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts,
Apologies:	Gavin Christie, Joanne Elwin, Kim Miller, Bob Bruce, Bob Ness
In Attendance:	Cllr John Whyte,
Chair:	Garry Stewart

239.1. Chairman's Comments.

Garry acted as chairman in Joanne's absence and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

239.2. REPORTS:

- **Chair** In Joanne's absence (on maternity leave), Garry thanked all members for their support during the year. New members had found their feet quickly and were playing a valuable role. Although there were not many significant achievements we had: brought about an improvement to the B954; helped to re-establish a community website and help focus attention on TACTRAN issues which would affect our area. The office bearers were thanked for carrying out their duties
- **Secretary** The secretary produced a written report which is attached
- **Treasurer** Accounts have yet to be examined. When completed Adam will give his report.

239.3. CO-OPTION

Clive Sayers joined the council by co-option. Nominated by Linda and seconded Keith.

239.4. APPOINTMENTS

All office bearers reappointed unopposed. Nominated by Keith and seconded by Clive.

1. **CHAIRPERSON** Joanne Elwin
2. **SECRETARY** Garry Stewart
3. **TREASURER** Adam Watts
4. **PLANNING CONTACT** Linda Cockram

239.5. Minutes of Meeting No 238

The minute of the last meeting, which had been circulated, was approved.

239.6. Matters Arising

a). Traffic Matters

Parents delivering and collecting children to/from school were observing better discipline, (eg going around the circuit to Bonnyton road rather than turning in the village) but congestion was still a major problem added to by the traffic to the Braeside development. No immediate solution to this could be suggested. Great care is needed when walking to/from parked cars and the school.

b). Core Paths

There were no new developments in our area. John informed the meeting that the main paths now open in Auchterhouse were shown on the Angus Council plan.

c). Drilling for Sandstone

There has been no further information from Dalgleish Associates, who have carried out exploratory drillings at Dronley farm.

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d) Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

Angus Council have set in motion a review of the scheme. At a meeting in Forfar tonight 16th October, a working party, to include 4 community councillors, will be set up. It is proposed that they will consult councils 3 times during the next year and make a final report by December 2008.

239.7. Planning Applications

- a). There has been no development with existing applications.
- b). There were no new applications.

239.8. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec's Dept:

- Information on Communities Priorities Fund. This new fund was set up to fund work that Council budgets could not support. It was agreed to enquire about applying to the fund for major improvements to the toilet block at the Playfield.
- Review of Scheme for Establishing Community Councils and Agenda for meeting on 16 Oct – see 239.6.d) above

b) OTHERS

Angus Community Mediation Seeking volunteers. There were none.

Servite Housing Association Forwarding their Annual Report

Scottish Water Confirming work to smarten up pump station at Parkside

Scottish Landscape Forum Promoting better care of our landscape, - see www.snh.org.uk/strategy/landscapes/default.asp

National Planning Framework Team (part of Scottish Government) Enclosing their autumn newsletter, - see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/09/28103854/0>. A draft National Planning Framework (NPF) would be issued for public consultation towards the end of this year

239.9. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £927.68. Payments of £72 and £71.65 and credit of £715 (annual Council grant) are being processed.

239.10. OTHER BUSINESS

a). Linda informed the meeting that planning training has been organised by the Council for 9th November.

b). The phone kiosk in the village can now only be used with a card (charge/credit/prepaid) (no coins). It was agreed to contact BT to express our concern that people without a card would not be able to use the phone in an emergency and people without a BT account would not be able to get a BT charge card. Also, there is no local shop selling prepaid cards.

239.11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 20 November 2007 at 7.30pm

Auchterhouse Community Council

15/10/2007

SECRETARY'S REPORT for the year October 2006 to October 2007 inclusive.

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	Percentage
Gavin Christie	5	55
Linda Cockram	8	89
Joanne Elwin	7	78
Keith Faulder	9	100
Kim Miller	8	89
Garry Stewart	9	100
Adam Watts	8	89

missed one meeting, - away on council business

Planning Applications. Applications for 27 houses have been submitted to Angus Council from our area: - 1 at Four Winds Old Whisky Road (withdrawn), 2 new houses at Old Balkello (pending), 18 at N Dronley (withdrawn), 1 new house at Balbeuchley (approved), 4 at Bonnyton Farm (withdrawn), and 1 new house at Braeside (approved). Various extensions/summer houses etc. at other properties are in the pipeline. An application for houses at Auchterhouse Park made in 2006 was refused this year.

Topics of Discussion and Action through the year: -

Traffic Matters.. The B954, at Cotton of Auchterhouse, was finally improved with anti-skid surfacing with a resulting drop in accidents.

New legislation, in 2006, allows speed restrictions in rural areas to be imposed more easily. The Council is currently carrying out a review of B and C roads with this in mind. Inspector Tasker, Community Policing, has attended a council meeting and been fully briefed on the situation on all roads in Auchterhouse.

Tactran The strategy document from the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership was picked over and our views expressed. Linda gave a full report on this in March.

Footpath to the Avenue Discussion on developing the pavement/footpath from the Avenue to the Road-end continues. A work party is studying the needs and possible solution.

Core Paths Paths to link the old railtrack and Dronley wood have been made on both the southside of the wood and at the car park. Gates have been installed. A style has been placed over the wall between Auchterhouse hill and Scotston hill.

Recycling Centre The centre has been operating successfully (including paper bin) from its temporary home on the playing field.

Auchterhouse web site Our website www.auchterhouse.com went live in December 2006 and has since received much praise. Our thanks go to Duncan Kennedy for all the work he has done on this and for continuing to update it.

Argus Bob Bruce has continued his sterling work in editing and publishing the monthly news sheet. Many thanks Bob.

Notice Boards All 4 notice boards are being well used. However notices are often left up passed the intended date (eg event date). Timely removal is required. The notice board at the road end was vandalised (repaired by Jim Foote) and the main board is in need of attention.

G H Stewart
Secretary