

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 245

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 20 May 2008

Present:	Shiona Baird, Linda Cockram, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts,
Apologies:	Gavin Christie, Joanne Elwin, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller, Gwen Louden
In Attendance:	Cllr John Whyte,
Chair:	Garry Stewart

245.1. Chairman's Comments.

Garry acted as chairman and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

245.2. Minutes of Meeting No 244

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

245.3. Matters Arising

a). Traffic Matters

The report on Angus Council's review of speed limits on B and C class roads has been completed and passed by Angus Council. Implementation of the various proposals will be the subject of consultation. As yet, our council has not received correspondence on this, so John appraised us on the recommendations contained in the report. Although the B954, around Burnhead, fails to meet "through a village" status (20 or more houses on either side of a road having a minimum length of 600m) some degree of discretion can allowed (eg. less than 20 but includes other buildings and only 300m but exceptional circumstances). The nature of the road here, with sharp bends and passing busy business entrances plus an accident history, should allow for discretion. A default 40mph limit can be considered if all else fails. Copies of the report will be distributed when it is made available.

The lack of a pavement and road kerbing along the Brae was discussed. The need for this along with traffic calming would be raised with the Council by John.

b). Core Paths

The draft plan for Angus has been issued and posted on the website: www.angus.gov.uk/corepathsplan/. Some Rights of Way paths have been omitted, eg. Slater's Loan through Windygates to Nether Handwick and Sunnyblink to Bonnyton Road. These have been pointed out to the Access Officer. Shiona, Linda, Adam and Garry will form a sub ctte. to study the Plan.

c). Toilet Block

A meeting has been held and a list of work items made for the improvements to the block. The job is now out to tender, with a view to completion this summer.

The result will be a re-decorated toilet facility available all year during daytime with some heating in winter to prevent freezing up of pipes.

d). Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

The reports from the Scottish Working Group have been received on the Draft Model Scheme, the Code of Conduct of Councillors, Model Standing Orders and Model National Constitution. These have been issued for study before further discussion and completion of questionnaires at our next meeting.

e). Bus Service 6 & 6A

The Transport Officer has agreed to consult all residents in the Bridgefoot and Auchterhouse areas to obtain their views on these bus services from Kirkton to Dundee via Bridgefoot or Murroes. This consultation will be made by post and will be followed by a meeting with councillors.

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f) TACTRAN

Cllr. John Whyte reported that the TACTRAN Strategy document had been returned by the Scottish Government for amendment, which has now been completed. Re-submission has been made to Edinburgh.

The lack of involvement of Scotrail was discussed in the light of increased demand for more stops and services on the main line.

g) Police Matters.

Gwen Louden supplied the Police Consultation Document for May...

The Brae has been given some attention by Tayside Police and a few drivers warned (and penalised) for excessive speeds.

A new non emergency number, **0845 600 5705**, has been introduced. This should be used to contact the Force in all situations, which are of a non emergency nature, instead of calling station numbers. 999 is for all emergencies.

Underage drinking, driving when under the influence, vandalism and garden equipment thefts are still significant issues. Anyone with information is asked to report on these to the Police or Crimestoppers (Tel: 0800 555 111)

245.4. Planning Applications

There were no new applications.

245.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec's Dept:

- A meeting with the manager of **Focus on Alcohol Angus** is planned for our next CC meeting on 17 June. A good attendance is requested.
- Consultation on BT's intention to remove Public Call Boxes. Our strong objection to this has been recorded.
- Consultation on Community Council Scheme; for Scottish Work Group see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current> and for Angus Group see <http://www.angus.gov.uk/commcouncil/Review2008/>

Infrastructure Services, Planning

Angus Draft Core Paths Plan .See <http://www.angus.gov.uk/corepathsplan/> and 245.3 b) above..

b) OTHERS

Scottish Government

A supply of Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 leaflets had been received and was distributed.

245.6. FINANCE

Balance in the bank is £1,108.75.

245.7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) ACTIVE has been successful with its grant application to Angus Council.
- b) Garry will attend the next meeting of the Sidlaw Path Network to be held in Newtyle School.

245.8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 17 June 2008 at 7.30pm