

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING No 257

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 20 Oct 2009 at 7.30pm

Present:	Pam Christie, Linda Cockram, Joanne Elwin, Clive Sayers, Garry Stewart;
Apologies:	Shiona Baird, Gavin Christie, Bob Morrison, Cllr John Whyte,
In Attendance:	Bob Ness and Cllr Rob Murray
Chair:	Garry Stewart

257.1. Chairman's Comments.

In Shiona's absence on holiday, Garry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

257.2. Minutes of Meeting No 255

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

257.3. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters.

Garry gave the report on behalf of Gwen Louden who was unable to be present:

A property left in the dark in late afternoon or early evenings is a temptation to a potential thief. Leave a light or radio on and make sure all buildings and vehicles are secure.

Underage drinking, misuse of alcohol and antisocial behaviour continue to be serious problems. Anyone with information regarding this should not hesitate to call the police on 0300 111 2222.

For crime prevention advice please contact Gwen Louden PC 9245 at Muirhead P O on 0300 111 2222..

This is the time to ensure your vehicle(s) is prepared for adverse weather conditions. Get help to check your car, if necessary.

b). Traffic Matters

The police have reported that there is nothing they can do about parking in the village, where there is no restriction. The school is encouraging parents to be quick dropping off and picking up children. There has been no further information on "pudos".

c). Scheme for Establishing Community Councils

The draft scheme is under further review.

The election planned for this Oct has been postponed to Oct 2010.

d). TACTRAN / STPR

No further development has been reported.

e) TAYplan

Our council has registered with TAYplan and submitted comments in their Awareness Raising consultation. Our top 3 topics in order of priority are: - Business & Employment, Energy and Housing. A copy will be circulated.

TAYplan will report in Nov to SDPA Joint Ctte giving an overview of all comments. These will be shown on their website www.tayplan-spda.gov.uk

f) Recycling centre

Morag Grant has written to say that a report from Best Value Review Group on waste management and recycling is awaited. The Council can not make any decision on the collection of green waste and cardboard until then, - possibly Dec. She will review what can be done about the state of the car park

257.4. Planning Applications

a). An application for 2 holiday cottages at Balkello Farm has been submitted. There was no objection.

b) The application for a wind turbine at Scotston has been approved. The applications for air-source heat pumps for 2 houses at Braeside have been approved

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257.5. Correspondence Received

a). Angus Council

Chief Exec's Dept:

- Bi-annual meeting on 9th Dec in Forfar. It was agreed to submit 2 topics for discussion viz. the role of community councils in Licensing applications, where currently they can only act as agents for affected residents, and the request for training for councillors on the implications of the new planning act.
- Computers for community councils. It was agreed that we should purchase a laptop on the grant offered by the Council. Confirmation that this will not affect other grants will be obtained first.

Infrastructure Services, Roads

Email re action to repair verges on the Brae. Some repair work has been carried out

Environment & CP

Email re request for improvements to recycling centre and carpark. See 357.3.f) above.

b) OTHERS

Local Community Planning Team

Invitation to send a rep to join Local Community Planning Team. Asked for the minute of their meeting and will endeavour to send rep next time..

TACTRAN

Forwarding development plan for 4 sub-strategies: Travel information; Buses; Walking and cycling; and Park and ride..

Angus Focus on Alcohol

Enclosing Focus on Alcohol Angus Newsletter

BBC Switchover Help Scheme

Introducing scheme for help with digital switchover. This starts in May 2010 for Angus transmitter but in 2011 for Craigkelly and Blackhills..

Ville d'Estaire

Asking if we are interested in twinning with their community in France. Decided not to as we are too small.

256.1. FINANCE

Balance at 15 Sep was £977.92.

256.2. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Pear tree restaurant re-opens on Fri 23rd Oct. It will be open Tue – Sat from 10.00am – 8.00pm and Sun 12.00 midday – 8.00pm.

256.3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 17 November 2009 at 7.30pm