

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 17 October 2006

Present:	Bob Bruce, John Brush, Gavin Christie, Joanne Elwin and Garry Stewart
Apologies:	Cathrin Howells, Michael Lockhart and Andrew Skea,
In Attendance:	Cllr Frank Ellis, Bob Ness CLDS, Adam Watts and Linda Cockram (new members) and 6 members of the public.
Chair:	Bob Bruce

1. Chairman's Comments.

The chairman welcomed everyone especially the new members. He was glad to see a good attendance and hoped they would attend regularly in future and bring a friend.

2. Minutes

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

3. Chairman's Report

The chairman's report is attached. Bob stressed the importance of bringing new blood into the council, so that its work can be taken forward with new ideas. He gave special thanks to retiring members who had worked hard to bring about change.

4. Secretary's Report

The secretary's report is attached. This shows the attendance record of members and an account of the main topics of discussion and action during the year.

5. Treasurer's Report

John's written report is attached.

6. A O C B

There was no further business.

NEXT AGM TUESDAY 16th October 2007 at 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

October 2006

As I have previously warned as early as last year, and much more recently, I am now retiring not only from the position of Chairman of this Community council, but also from the Community Council itself. I have felt for some time that the Community Council cannot and will not develop unless new blood is attracted to take it forward.

The Office bearers should not be expected to continue much beyond the standard period of three years, to avoid staleness of ideas.

This past year has not been momentous and will not stand out as having achieved a great deal, apart from the growth of Red Squirrel Watch and the introduction of "First Response" in the Auchterhouse area. Not entirely associated!

Last year I reported that Sven Rijnaker was working on the website, however he left us in the lurch – moving away without so much as a by your leave and with no details of what he had done. We were fortunate in being offered help from Duncan Kennedy, who has a house in the village but lives elsewhere. He produces websites commercially, so we count ourselves lucky that he has been helping to create a new website. Most of the details are almost finalised and Auchterhouse Community and Parish website should be available very soon. Some details (particularly of clubs and societies) are still awaited from their Secretaries.

Michael Lockhart who is one of our retiring Councillors deserves special mention for all the hard work which he put in on showing the dangers existing on the B945 and The Avenue – all to no avail, thanks to the singular refusal of the Angus Council's refusal to accept the need for remedial action.

The next person (not a Community Council member) is Kim Miller. She has been helping with distribution of The Argus since April. Due to personal demands neither Michael Lockhart nor Gavin Christie was able to do any deliveries and Kim offered to take over their areas. Not only has she done the deliveries but she has actually used her own PC and printed all the copies using her time, paper and ink. She deserves a very special THANK YOU. In fact, subject to the approval of the meeting I would suggest that we recognise her contribution with a monetary award.

Joanne Elwin also should be included in our appreciation. She has been closely involved in work for the Annual Sports Day, and although I have not been able to attend these I understand that they are still going strong.

We will be sorry to lose Andrew Skea, since he is moving out of our area, so cannot continue to be an elected member. He has done a power of work on preparation and analysis of the Special Housing Project. Are we all invited to your housewarming in Alyth, Andrew?

P.T.O.

Auchterhouse Community Council

16/10/2006

SECRETARY'S REPORT for the year November 2005 to October 2006 inclusive.

There were 8 meetings during the year, held in November, January, February, March, April, May, June and September.

Attendance at meetings was: -

Members	Attended	Percentage
Bob Bruce	6	75
John Brush	5	63
Gavin Christie	5	63
Joanne Elwin	7	88
Cathrin Howells	4	50
Michael Lockhart	7	88
Andrew Skea	5	63
Garry Stewart	8	100

Planning Applications. Applications for 22 houses have been submitted to Angus Council from our area: - 3 new houses at Eastfield farm (withdrawn), 1 at Eastfield Steading (withdrawn), 16 at N Dronley (withdrawn), 1 at East Mains farm (pending) and 1 at Oakwood, Balbeuchley (pending). A development of up to 4 houses at Auchterhouse Park is currently in the pipeline., as are various extensions/summer houses etc. at other properties

Topics of Discussion and Action through the year: -

Traffic Survey. The final report from the Director of Roads was received. Unfortunately he did not agree to a speed restriction nor any further improvement for the B954 between Cotton of Auchterhouse and Country Sports entrance. This is a major disappointment as accidents continue to happen especially at the Cotton. We will continue to press for change.

Footpath to the Avenue Discussion on developing the pavement/footpath from the Avenue to the Road-end continues. The Council can not help, as they have no budget for any improvements!

The Sidlaw Housing Forum. The final report on the survey, carried out in the Sidlaw area, was produced and has been well received by the Council. It is to be hoped that the Council will take action to meet the expressed needs and wishes of the residents when planning future houses in the area.

Website. Duncan Kennedy took on the task of creating a website after Sven's departure. He is well on the way to completing this and going "live".

Core Paths Meetings have been held by our working party with the Council Access Officer and with neighbouring networks (Newtyle and Sidlaw). A link between the old railtrack and Dronley wood has been identified and agreed with the farmer, - financing the instalment of gates has to be determined.

Recycling Centre The centre has been operating for 6 months from its temporary home on the playing field despite having a fire destroy 4 bins and 3 fence panels, within a week of opening. 3 bins were replaced (but not the paper bin), allowing the centre to run successfully. The reinstatement of the paper bin is now much needed.

Notice Boards 3 new boards have been made and erected at the Road-end, Hosie Park and Dronley Wood car park. Thanks go to Jim Foote for constructing and installing these

REPORT OF TREASURER TO AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**for the financial year from
01 OCTOBER 2005 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2006**

At the start of the financial year the community council had a total credit balance of £779.98 made up by a Treasurers Bank Account with the Bank of Scotland containing £778.65, and cash in hand of £1.33. This total is a somewhat greater than the previous year's total of £564.70. The Angus Council Grant for the year was £475-00.

Bank interest was £8.95 which compares favourably with the £7.53 of the previous year.

As last year, a request was made to Angus Council for repayment of the Hall rent for the previous year which allowed an extra income of £72. Also a cheque for £90 was received from Angus Council to facilitate the electronic exchange of information. Secretarial expenses for this year are nil, but it is believed that next year is likely to be different. Hall rent totalled £72 during the year. Insurance and Membership cost a total of £99.25. Also as last year, due to the diligence and generosity of community council members, there have been no bills for distributing Argus this year. Under the heading Sundry Items, a total of £351.69 was spent, this mainly on 3 new Community Council notice boards, and also on weedkiller for Wally's Wynd

These changes and other adjustments have resulted in the year end financial statement showing a credit balance of £902.99, an increase of £123.01. The figures have yet to be audited but are believed to be correct.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Alan Clark for agreeing to act as Honorary Auditor for the past year.

R. John H. Brush
Treasurer