

# AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting number</b>	340
<b>Location</b>	Auchterhouse Village Hall Car Park
<b>Date</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 19:00
<b>Present</b>	Shiona Baird (Chair), Linda Cockram (Planning), Euan Baird, Aileen Baird (Minute Taker & Comms), Alastair Macleod, John Forster (Treasurer), Helen Smith, Ronnie Hamilton
<b>Apologies</b>	-
<b>In attendance</b>	PC Gail Beattie, Caroline Millar, Dan Gilmour, Norman Sutherland, Councillor Beth Whiteside

<b>340.1</b>	<b>Chairman's Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shiona Baird welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>340.2</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2020 were circulated, approved and signed by Shiona.</li> </ul>	
<b>340.3</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator training session in March was cancelled due to COVID-19 and is rescheduled to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020</li> </ul>	
<b>340.4</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>		
<b>A</b>	<b>Police Matters</b>	<p><b>Fly Tipping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norman Sutherland started off the discussion as he cleared the rubbish off the road from the incident on Bonnyton Road. He suggested that a single point of contact is needed for reporting incidents as he found it hard to get to the bottom of who to report it to and who then follows up to chase action on a prosecution. He discovered that the correct body to report fly tipping to is Dumb Dumpers (a organisation within Zero Waste Scotland). Although we hope that fly tipping incidents will reduce after the tips open, Norman suggested the following action be taken             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be someone in the community that records all incidents and plots them on a map so we understand the size of the problem.</li> <li>That info would all be sent Dumb Dumpers so we can follow up and chase a prosecution. This shows that other communities might tolerate tipping, but we won't in our area.</li> <li>It would be good to have a list of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

		<p>local people that are happy to respond after an incident has happened to remove items if they are blocking the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caroline Millar was first on the scene at the tipping incident on Bonnyton Road and took photos and videos and placed them on the village Facebook group page. This resulted in the identification of one of the businesses who arranged for the rubbish to be removed and press coverage of the incident. She commented that fly tipping is a huge ongoing issue in this area with incidents happening 2-3 times a week near Balkello Wood and her own farms. It looks awful when people come to walk in our local area and are confronted with such a mess.</li> <li>• Councillor Beth Whiteside reported that the Waste Services Co-ordinator who is dealing with the Bonnyton Road incident is on leave so we couldn't get an update on prosecution, but she will chase this and find out what progress has been made. Beth offered to be our point of contact for reporting fly tipping incidents and escalating them to Dumb Dumpers and Angus Council (all 4 local Councillors should be emailed about each incident plus PC Gail Beattie). She commented that you can get a permit to dump at the tip without being charged. Angus Council are in talks with Dundee Council about Angus residents getting access to use Dundee dumps again.</li> <li>• PC Gail Beattie commented that the control room now knows that certain circumstances mean there should be a police response (e.g. out of hours incidents or road blockages). It is the local authority who issues the fixed penalty notice to the culprit and not the police. The process is that if the person in the van dumping the rubbish is located and caught then they get a fine for fly tipping. If the business/company who arranged for the rubbish to be removed can be identified then the business can also be fined. For the incident on Bonnyton Road it would be the Dundee local authority who would issue the fine to the Business as the rubbish originated in Dundee. Environmental health pursue the evidence from fly tipping sites. Gail agreed that when someone is prosecuted for fly tipping it should be publicised as a deterrent.</li> <li>• Shiona Baird emailed MSP Graeme Day to enquire about the legislation around fly tipping. He confirmed that there is £80 fixed fine for litter, £200 for fly tipping, up to</li> </ul>	
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<b>B</b>	<b>Road/Traffic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A VW Golf keeps repeatedly parking on the</li> </ul>	AB

	<b>Matters</b>	<p>road towards the bus stop on the Newtyle Road. Someone put a notice on it to say the vehicle was inappropriately parked and the vehicle has gone for the time being. A serious accident with a cyclist or another vehicle could be caused due to the parked car. The CC will send Gail the registration plate of the parked car so she can check up on it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CC once looked into installing a car park near the bus stop to help with an environmentally friendly commute, but it was rejected by local residents. There is a large open space beside the xmas tree area that would be ideal. Shiona will find out who owns it and look into that area as an option so we can publicise it as a parking option (at owners own risk) to solve the parking on the road issue.</li> </ul>	SB
<b>C</b>	<b>Tourism in the Sidlaws / Sidlaw Path plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caroline Millar highlighted that tourism is underdeveloped in Angus compared to Dundee and Perth and Kinross. Caroline is currently sitting on an Angus Tourism Cooperative committee that is looking into how to improve this. Walking and Cycling are becoming more popular. The road from Strathmartine to Auchterhouse would be good to be a cycling/walking friendly road. Guided signposted walking routes would be good with maps to make out tracks/paths. Paid ticketed farm tours and food tasting is becoming more popular in our area and local facilities would help encourage more tourism. There is a growth fund from Visit Scotland to develop these types of projects.</li> <li>Alastair Macleod is confirmed that the CC are working on photographing and mapping out routes and paths around Auchterhouse to create an online resource linked to the work being undertaken by the Sidlaw Path Network group and aimed at complementing the existing core path network that is already established.</li> <li>Alastair confirmed that Angus Council had agreed to provide OS mapping but the process of publishing and providing access to the routes remained to be resolved. Alasdair and Caroline will link up to try and take this forward as a first step and the CC will support.</li> <li>Councillor Beth Whiteside commented that there is a local council fund to help with this, but towns tend to receive the funding rather than rural areas.</li> </ul>	AM & CM
<b>D</b>	<b>TACTRAN / STPR / NPF4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	
<b>E</b>	<b>TAYplan &amp;</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	

	<b>Angus LDP</b>		
<b>F</b>	<b>Coronavirus community support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over 50 volunteers offered to help. 6 people in the community took up the offer of help. Volunteers were matched with people they knew as best as possible. Once the match was made the volunteer and their recipient communicated together to keep the arrangements running. Thanks to all the volunteers for helping out and to Helen for coordinating.</li> </ul>	
<b>G</b>	<b>Community Communication / web site development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The May edition of the newsletter wasn't published due to lack of content during the height of COVID-19. The next newsletter will be published at the end of August.</li> <li>The new auchterhouse.com website is being built at the moment. The CC is hoping to launch the website at the end of August.</li> </ul>	AB
<b>H</b>	<b>Public Toilets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remaining resources from the CV outreach service include 4 packs of face masks, 5 gallons of sanitiser and hi-vis vests/ They will be used by the public toilet cleaners</li> <li>Thanks to Ronnie Hamilton for organising the painting of the toilet floors to increase sanitation measures.</li> <li>The toilets will open on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The council will come and put up public health notices before the toilets can be opened. The doors will be propped open to reduce infection. One of the female cubicles will be closed leaving one open for use.</li> <li>Cleaning will be done 3 times a week from now on. Main clean at the weekend and 2 wipe downs during the week. The cleaners will be paid £30 a week for the 3 cleans.</li> <li>Non concussive taps would be better than taps that you have to turn so Ronnie will organise for them to be installed.</li> <li>The fence around the recycling centre needs to be replaced. Ronnie &amp; Martyn Kemp will measure up and materials will be ordered to replace the fence.</li> <li>Shiona is working with the sports day committee to discuss taking over the park from Angus Council. A further update will be provided at our next CC meeting.</li> </ul>	RH  RH
<b>I</b>	<b>Notice Boards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A notice board will be put up at the park.</li> <li>Shiona will follow up on the type of notice board we need and who can put it up</li> <li>Helen will update the info on the noticeboard at the Village Hall.</li> <li>We might move the notice board from the village hall grounds to the park if it's possible</li> </ul>	SB & HS
<b>J</b>	<b>Bus Shelter/ Tyre Planting / grass trimming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Euan has asked someone to repair the bus shelter and it will be clad with decking to make it weatherproof. A bench will be put in it for people to sit on. Euan to circulate</li> </ul>	EB

		<p>quote for CC to approve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tyre planters are being maintained by Shiona and Linda.</li> <li>• Thank you to Hamish Tate for strimming the area around the bus stop on the Newtyle Road</li> </ul>	SB & LC
<b>3.40.5</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	<p><b>New</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ref: 20/00447/FULL - Erection of a shed a 6 Eastfield Steadings, Auchterhouse, DD30QP</li> </ul> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ref: 20/00428/CLU – Single story extension to rear elevation of house at Donisla Burnhead, Auchterhouse, DD30QN</li> <li>• Ref: 20/00327/FULL – Alteration and extension of dwellinghouse at New House, Auchterhouse, DD25PB</li> <li>• Ref: 20/00188/FULL – Erection of Agricultural shed (retrospective) at Sunnyhall Farm, Lundie, Muirhead, DD25NZ</li> <li>• Ref: 20/00016/FULL – Constructions of residential accommodation ancillary to Pitlyal Byre and change of use of ground to garden ground at Pitlyal Byre Lundie, Muirhead, DD25NZ</li> </ul>	
<b>340.6</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grant has been applied for and we are waiting for it to come into the account.</li> <li>• Before we pay any suppliers can we please provide a receipt to John so that it's there for creating the accounts.</li> </ul>	
<b>340.7</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>340.8</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to Andrew Goodfellow &amp; Martyn Kemp for putting up the defibrillator sign above the phone box</li> <li>• Thanks to Ian Wilson and Linda Cockram for repairing the glass panes in the phone box and making the door close correctly</li> </ul>	
<b>Date of next meeting – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, 19:00</b>			