

GLAMIS & AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Glamis Kinnettes Douglstown Glen Ogilvie Charleston Roundyhill

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2024 in the Masonic Hall in Glamis

Present :

E.Watson(Chair), J.Johnston (Secretary), C.MacDiarmid, A.Mcmillan Douglas, R.Finlay, E.Walker Munro, Cllr G.Meechan, Sgt V.Crichton, members of Angus Council Housing Department and various members of the communities.

Apologies

C.Jackson, M.Smith, Cllr R.Proctor

As had been minuted at the last meeting officers from Angus Council attended the meeting. Before the Community council business started the floor was given to representatives from Angus Council to explain their Housing policies . They gave an overview of the Housing policy and informed the meeting that they work with various housing agencies when deciding where people should be housed. Apparently there is a review of the housing policies taking place at the moment and the council officers encouraged the people attending the meeting to take the council survey with regards to possibly influencing the next policies. Questions came from the floor but unfortunately the answers given didn't seem to reassure the public with regards to how houses are allocated or who is put in the houses. The council members inferred that there are too few houses available and too many people needing houses so trying to get the right house for the right person is difficult. It was pointed out to the Angus council officers that there are a number of empty council houses in Glamis which seemed to be news to the council officers. The council officers recommend that incidents with regards to housing problems should always be reported to the council via the Angus accessline as the problems can't be sorted if Angus Council are unaware there is a problem.

Action points

With regards to the possibility of establishing a wildflower area at the turn off from the A94 this is still being looked into.

E.Walker Munro has informed the Community Council that although the pilot didn't qualify to have his name added to the War Memorial N.McLeod from Glen Ogilvy, where the pilot crashed, does go to the crash site each year and holds a small service. There is also a small cairn identifying the crash site.

The Community Council meeting in April will be held in the Charleston Village hall and M.Smith informed the council that the cost would be £10.

It was agreed that the review of the Community Council constitution would be postponed to the April meeting.

[Matters arising from meeting on 15th January](#)

The information leaflet has been printed. E.Watson has volunteered to distribute the leaflet in Glamis and Charleston, C.McDiarmid has agreed to distribute leaflet around Linross and Hayston hill, A.Mcmillan Douglas will distribute Douglastown and Kinnettles, R.Finlay will distribute around Roundyhill and J.Johnston will distribute around Glen Ogilvy.

Unfortunately Cllr Proctor was unable to attend the meeting so the council are unaware of any progress with regards to the assessment required for the siting of Pop up Policemen.

[Minutes](#)

Proposed E.Walker Munro Seconded R.Finlay

[Treasurer's Report](#)

Funds in bank £8,056.53 Less two unrepresented cheques totalling £190

[Police Report](#)

Sgt V.Crichton attended the meeting and has assured the community councillors that the police will attend as many meetings as possible. The monthly police report is distributed on 21st of the month which unfortunately means that at our meetings there isn't a report to give. It was suggested that perhaps the report could be sent out earlier but as there is a variety of community councils meeting on a variety of days it was suggested that this would be impractical. According to the police there have been some incidences of rural theft and some individuals have been reported. It was highlighted that car owners should always be aware of where they keep their car keys. Due to the fact that a lot of cars nowadays are keyless thieves have the know how to boost the signal from the owners keys inside the house to the car outside thus enabling the thief to steal the car. Apparently hare coursing incidents are beginning to be reported. It was suggested that the public should always report suspicious activities. If incidences are not reported then the police are unable to do any follow up. If the police don't know there is a problem they can't solve it.

[Correspondence](#)

The latest What's New in Angus and Voluntary Action Angus have been received. The GGG Insurance quote came through and was deemed a reasonable amount and will be paid.

[Planning](#)

There has been 3 new planning applications pertaining to our area:

Mr Chris Aitken has applied for permission for an erection of first floor extension at Ardbeg Charleston Village Charleston Forfar DD8 1UF

Strathmore Estates (Holdings) Ltd has applied for permission for internal and external alterations to dwellinghouses 9 The Square Glamis Forfar DD8 1RS

Strathmore Estates (Holdings) Ltd have also applied for permission for external alterations to dwellinghouses including installation of oil tank 9 The Square Glamis Forfar DD8 1RS

With regards to the proposed pylons there have been 3 separate meetings.

1.A Teams electronic meeting with SSEN open to each Community Council affected along the proposed route for the line of pylons. SSEN called these pre public consultation meetings. Glamis and Area Community Council was represented by Emma Watson, Euan Walker Munro and Angus Macmillan Douglas. There were representatives from a number of the Community Councils from Aberdeenshire in the north to ourselves in the south. There was a clear uniformity of view between the Community Councils. All were dissatisfied by the level and content of the so-called consultation. A number of representatives said it had been one-way communication not consultation. We were not alone in being concerned with the potential health effects of putting the electricity lines too close to residential areas or to schools. Particularly what came to light was that SSEN said that they were not empowered to decide on whether to put the cables underground for a distance or whether to put the cables under the sea and transport the electricity that way. We were concerned that we were told that we could not have a copy of the 'Chat' aspect of the meeting which contained valuable questions with their answers being submitted by Community Councillors.

2.A so-called consultation meeting between SSEN and local Community Councils was held in the Reid Hall, Forfar. Glamis and Area Community Council was represented by Emma Watson, Mary Smith, Charles Jackson and Angus Macmillan Douglas. There was a good turnout. Again the main point that came to light was that SSEN were not empowered to take decisions on whether to use sub-sea cables or underground cables. As these suggestions were the main ones made by our Community Councils and residents, it was difficult to see how these meetings could be called consultative. By showing persistence, our Chair was able to access a report on the health effects of electricity transportation. This was published in 2017, however more up to date information is being sought

3.A public meeting without SSEN called by Angus Against Pylons and held in the Reid Hall in Forfar. There was a large (around 240) crowd of participants, all of whom showed great interest and passion about the subject. Dave Dougan, MP, Tess White, MSP spoke along with Ian Thornton Kemsley, giving a planning expert's view and Angus Macmillan Douglas speaking on behalf of Glamis and Area Community Council. Emma Watson and Mary Smith were also present and active in informal discussions. As was Stephen Kerr in support of the Petition he is leading. The discussions were informative and designed to provide an acceptable and practical

way forward for residents of our and other Community Councils. 2 ways forward were identified:-

3.1 Because SSEN, by their own admission, were not empowered to take decisions on subsea cables or underground cables, we considered consultation had not even begun because the residents had been asking for these alternatives to be properly evaluated. For nearly a year residents and the Community Council had been submitting information and questions to a Proposer in SSEN whom it now turns out was incompetent to receive these suggestions. Residents, Community Councils and others should write to MPs, MSPs, Councillors and newspapers asking for the whole planning and consultative process to be started from scratch on a proper basis.

3.2 Residents and Community Council should write to Angus Council stating their opposition to whole Proposal as presently conceived and in particular their opposition to present planning proposals for the substations which will go through Angus Council.

All these letters of objection must be submitted by end June, 2024. They must base arguments on good planning reasons. Glamis and Area CC should help people do this.

Councillors Report

Cllr Meechan informed the Community Council that he has stepped down from the Community committee and is now on the Policy and Resources committee

A.O.C.B

Cllr Proctor has enquired into a second dog waste bin for Charleston and has been advised that Community Waste operative stated the following "there is not a requirement for additional bin in this area due to very light complaints. While I did the community waste operative, I would go into Charleston to do a clean up of dog fouling and would be lucky to get 5 faeces. So at this time we will not be putting a dog bin in this area"

Apparently the litter at the Hayston road will be removed in the next couple of weeks by Josh the eco warrior

Next meeting will take place on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm in the Charleston Village Hall.

