

Strathmartine Community Council Meeting

Date 27th June 2024
Location Strathmartine Primary School
Apologies None
Attendees John Young, Cari Gaffney, Gillian Todd, Nadine Farquhar, Lorna Riddle, Norma Munnoch, Donna Thain, Grant Bruce, Fiona Webster, David Webster, Chis Edgar, Tracy Edgar, Chris Grieve (Police Sergeant)

Previous Minutes

Agreed and posted.

Strathmartine Community Resilience Forum – Update

At the last Resilience meeting a mapping exercise was carried out highlighting all the areas which were flooded. Donna will now work with SEPA to document the areas which were flooded. We now anticipate that the road / bridge will re-open around 12/07/2024. There may still be some minor works ongoing in the areas around the bridge beyond this, however, these should be possible without a road closure in place.

Ongoing Parking Issues at the School

Mrs Hood, the headteacher is still waiting for someone from the Council to come and assess the ongoing situation. The police have been working with the school and have recently attended during pick up and drop off times and will continue to monitor the situation when time allows.

Traffic Concerns - Pitempton Road

No additional update on when the assessment of the road will be scheduled by Angus Traffic & Transport regarding the flow of traffic. The roads supervisor for the area has now looked at this issue of flooding. They have reported back that the flooding is coming from an Openreach Telecoms chamber, they have contacted Openreach who have said that they will send someone out to investigate. They also identified that there are two road gullies which are blocked further down from this which will be compounding the issue, they will organise to get these cleaned out as soon as possible.

Police update

Police Sergeant Chris Grieve gave an update from the latest Local Community Policing Area Report. He again highlighted vehicle crime across rural Angus is still an issue. Police are asking residents to ensure they lock their vehicles when unattended. Owners of keyless type vehicles are encouraged to purchase keyless car entry pouches/Faraday pouches. It was highlighted by the residents the issues regarding people on Motor / Scrambling Bikes causing distress to drivers and horse rides. Chris will investigate the matter further and has asked any photos or videos should be forwarded to them. Regarding reports of issues with horses getting loose near to the Strathmartine bowling club. Police have spoken to the farmer who owns the field who has confirmed that new fencing is being installed this week.

Proposed Questionnaire / Community Engagement Plan

The Community Council propose pulling together a questionnaire to get feedback from the local residents regarding topics related to the Strathmartine area, improvements, changes, concerns, etc. The plan will be to create a link on the Facebook page to enable consolidation of the feedback.

**Tealing Substation & Pylon Upgrade /
Battery Energy Storage System – Templeton Farm**

The Community Council has been highlighting to the Strathmartine residents the plans relating to these proposals and urge people to voice any concerns through the appropriate online groups / links. Concern was raised there maybe future phases to these projects which might have a larger direct impact to the community. It was agreed the Community Council will send an objection to the proposed Tealing Substation & Pylons upgrade on behalf of the Strathmartine residents. In addition we will look at linking in with the other Sidlaw Community Councils to get a common approach to current and future developments with SSE.

Tayside Contracts Community Benefit Fund

We have secured funding for 4 new noticeboards, they will be positioned at Rosemill, Bridge at Bridgefoot, entrance to the school and Miller Homes.

Giant Hogweed

It was mentioned there are large areas along Craigmill Road with giant hogweed, this has now been reported to Angus Council.

Planning Applications

Erection of a Dwellinghouse at the land adjacent to Hawthorn Cottage, Baldovan.

Treasurers Report

Fund balance is £2,961.29

Next Meeting - Thursday 29th August at 6:00pm

Note. Going forward it was also agreed we would combine the Resilience Forum with the Community Council meeting into one.