

Monikie & Newbigging Community Council

Meeting Notes: Tuesday 17 September 2024

Monikie Memorial Hall – 7pm



Committee Members

The MNCC consists of 9 member positions.

No	Role	Name	Initials
1	Chair	David McGovern	DMcG
2	Secretary	Susie Newton	SN
3	Treasurer	Alison Binnie	AB
4	Planning	David Morrison	DM
5	Committee Member	Rebecca Laing	RL
6	Committee Member	Charlie Macintyre	CM
7	Committee Member	John Rodger	JR
8	Committee Member	Morna Milton-Webber	MMW
9	Committee Member	VACANCY	

Meeting notes, actions, responsible people, and target dates for completion.

<p>1</p> <p><u>Members, Councillors, Police, Others Present and Apologies</u></p> <p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMcG welcomed all to the Monikie and Newbigging Community Council (MNCC). <p>Present: Members, Councillors, Police, Visitor Guests, and Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNCC: DMcG/SN/JR/AB/MMW/DM Councillors: Cllr Cheape / Cllr McDonald Police: Constable Ronnie Irvine ANGUSalive: Calum Lyall, Parkside Ranger Kellie Smith, Headteacher Newbigging and Monikie Primary School 26 residents attended. <p>Apologies: Members, Councillors, Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNCC: CM/RL Councillors: Cllr Boyd <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action required for this area. 	
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<p>2</p> <p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>Constable Ronnie Irvine was present for the meeting, briefed out latest report (MNCC).</p> <p>Recent Crimes/issues in the area were reported to the MNCC for assessment period (20/08/2024 – 16/09/2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded Crime - Recorded Crime in the area remains low, although there has been a spike in theft type offences due to travelling criminals targeting rural Angus. Thefts from Property and Parked Cars - Over the past month there has been a rise in thefts from insecure cars and properties in Angus. Police Scotland are reminding members of the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity on 999. Our social media pages contain invaluable advice on keeping your property safe.
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- **Community Speed Watch** – More information being collated, and the hope would be to get all the interested community councils together to discuss before end of year.
- **Cold Calling** – An overview was given re the purpose of the cold calling stickers, information on who to contact should any cold callers knock when you are displaying the stickers can be found on our facebook page or by contacting Clare on details below. Stickers can be picked up via the MNCC members, inside Monikie Hall notice board and inside the phone box at Monikie Hall.

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Below is a reminder of some of the guidance information below which is recommended.

- **Vehicle Security** - We would also like to remind all residents about the importance of vehicle security, ensuring the vehicle is locked, no valuables are left within, car keys removed and stored securely in the house. The following link directs to the 'Secured by Design' website which provides some excellent advice for vehicle security <https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/vehicle-crime/car-security>
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scotland** - We are still encouraging all residents to sign up to 'Neighbourhood Watch Scotland.' This allows residents to be notified via email of local crime trends, guidance, and advice. <https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/>
- **Monitor and Contact** - We continue to monitor call and crime data for the area to intervene early in any identified problems. As always, we encourage residents to reach out to us using the community mailbox TaysideCarnoustieDistrictcpt@scotland.police.uk

Action:

- Feedback on progress of the Community Speed Watch at next meeting – **T/D October Meeting 2024**
- The MNCC look forward to a continued and positive relationship with the Police into 2024, which will support the Monikie and Newbigging residents/visitors and we thank them for the reports in advance of each meeting.

3 **Councillor's Update**

Cllr McDonald and Cllr Cheape were present for meeting.

Speeding

- Newbigging Village to Monikie Hall particularly was discussed.
- Cllr McDonald commented that this stretch of road is always issue, site visit and officers have been out, and this is usually data driven, criteria to fit.
- It was suggested that we take information details from residents and propose officers come out and discuss the issues which the residents are facing.

Denfind Brae

- Scottish Water have been working around the site area and have traced a fault back to the reservoir which they believed they have corrected; work is due to start in the next week or so regarding fixing the part of the road they have been working on.

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	<p><u>Recycling Bins</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angus Council have been seeking information on the new proposed location of the glass recycling and have contacted regarding who owns the land (both via the local Cllrs and Monikie Hall)• No information at this point was given for any other locations or why it could not be in the park – Cllr Cheape is to go back to Angus Council re feedback from meeting. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Monikie Park (Overflow car park: No reason given why refused)2. Monikie Hall (Registered location: 2 X Bins in place)3. Newbigging (No locations at present: No suggestions been made)4. Panmure Road/Hard Standing Area (Previously suggested by MNCC, awaiting decision) <p><u>Monikie and Newbigging Community Council (Members)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Cheape also made comment on the importance of the community council and the work that is carried out by the members (and that the group had saved the MNCC before collapsing). This was commented after a lot of debate on several issues that had been discussed before such as planning applications being published, location recycling bins, access to information if not on facebook etc.• He reminded all that many community councils do not have good attendance like he saw on the night, and this should be praised for such good support and reminded that we all work together for the good of the community. <p><u>Car Park (Monikie Hall)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SN to chase up Cllr Boyd re last meeting and the discussion around car parking issues at hall with bigger events.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on progress Denfind Brae (Road) / Recycling – T/D October Meeting 2024• SN to send residents to Cllr's for discussion/visit re speeding – COMPLETED.• SN to contact Cllr Boyd re the car parking group - T/D October Meeting 2024• The MNCC look forward to a continued and positive relationship with the Councillors into 2024, which will support the Monikie and Newbigging residents/visitors and we thank them.

4	<p><u>Minutes Approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous meeting notes approved from 20 August 2024 (Approved DM/SN)
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SN to ensure that all minutes of meeting are approved by DMcG, then issued out to all MNCC/Police/Councillors and a copy to be emailed to Angus Council for publish - Monikie and Newbigging Community Council Angus Council• SN to alert via MNCC facebook page when new notes are up on page.



5. Matters Arising

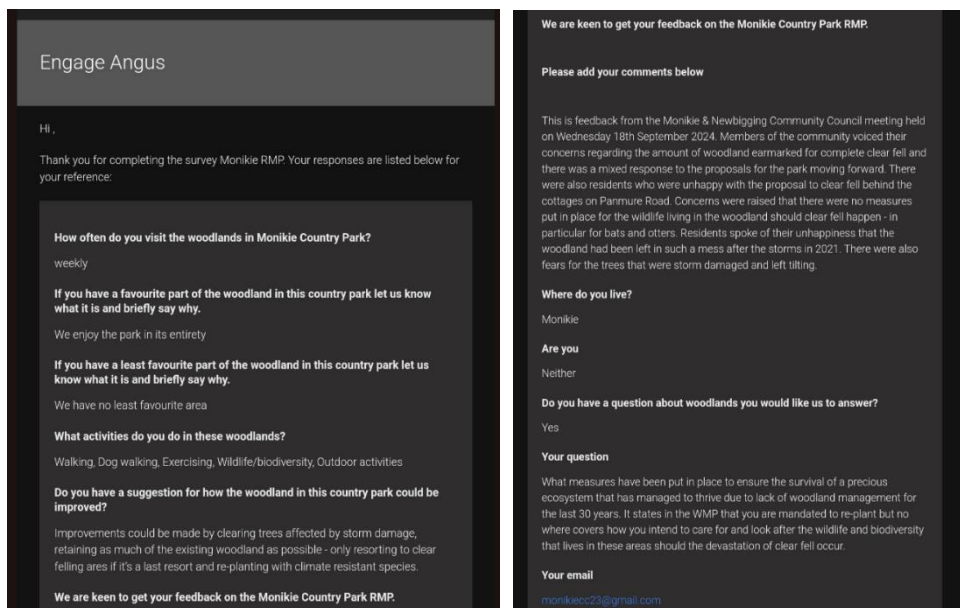
5.1 **Woodland Management Plan x 8 (Monikie Park)**

- Engage Platform Open Until: Monday 23 September 2024
- Plans and Maps can be downloaded and looked at from here: <https://engage.angus.gov.uk/woodlands>
- Fell and replace trees, independent consultant – woodland.

Many discussions took place at the meeting, and different opinions were aired. Residents were concerned at the prospect of clear-felling large areas, the effect on wildlife such as bats/otters/birds. Lack of attention to bats was a particular concern. One resident felt the document under review had been conducted as a desktop exercise without studying the situation on the ground. The chair pointed out that we can only feedback on the document as it is and trust that this is an ongoing process, with public consultation throughout.

As the consultation platform is still open then we can only comment on the documents that have been presented. The MNCC will also submit feedback based on what has been gathered at this meeting.

An account of our feedback can be found below which was submitted before the close of survey by a committee member, delegated to submit our feedback.



Actions:

- MNCC completed a response to survey – **COMPLETED**

5.2 **Denfind Quarry Planning Application**

- Mr Michael Went (Resident) raised that a planning application was submitted by Denfind Quarry in July, he raised that he believed this has been missed and not communicated by the committee and then asked the committee to answer a range of questions.

1. Why was this not raised with community at the August meeting and/or in minutes of meeting.
2. Conflict of interest with MNCC and applicant.



3. Liaison meetings and Cllrs attending, involvement at planning stage.
4. Communication of discussions out with meetings.


- Cllr Cheape corrected Mr Went that the application was in fact a variation.
- DMcG confirmed that the variation application was included in a July planning bulletin (although they do not meet in July), and this was not raised during the August meeting as more information was being collated on a noise study (information from the applicant) and this would be raised during the September meeting, which he believed wouldn't be an issue as we would benefit from a more complete picture of the noise impact. He confirmed that he made the call to defer discussion until September and did not see this as an issue as it was still awaiting more information and was well within the extended timescale for comments, allowing the community council plenty of time to debate and respond.
- DMcG answered the question of any conflict of interest. He is a stone carver with a commercial arrangement with Denfind Stone and uses a workshop at Denfind Farm stading for some of his work. The applicant, Alison Binnie is a member of the MNCC. Both were more than happy to declare their interest, but this was the first opportunity to do so.
- DMcG answered the question of 'discussions out with our meetings' by explaining that the conversation with the applicant was around planning our meeting agenda, not the detail of their planning application.

AB (Denfind Stone) provided feedback.

It should be noted that this part of the feedback and discussion took place when both the Cllrs left the MNCC meeting, so not present re any discussions on the planning application process.

- Denfind Stone is currently working under two planning permissions, the 2018 permission for the building of a stone processing building and the 2020 permission for the extension of the quarry.
- There seems to be a misunderstanding about what the new application is requesting, it is purely requesting a variation on the 2018 permission for the stone processing building, there is no change being requested on the 2020 permission for the workings in the quarry, nothing to do with the quarry operations is to change at all.
- Denfind Stone are looking to operate a single saw beyond current operational hours. The saw is in the processing building, behind closed doors. It is fully automated and will require no personnel on site, there will be no vehicle movements beyond approved hours. It will be set up in the evening (during current operational hours) and left to run, it will only run for one cycle.
- The other part of the variation is to request permission to run the saw on a Sunday, again for one cycle only. This also includes a time period where we could use the industrial forklift (small indoor forklift) to load the saw within the building behind closed doors, this process only takes ten-fifteen minutes. Sunday working would only take place very occasionally.

Main points in the objections were addressed to attempt to answer any questions:

-  Noise and dust measurements can be relied upon as they are done by industry recognised Environmental Consultants.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ There are vigorous dust measurements undertaken using weekly directional dust gauges and personal dust monitoring as outlined in our planning conditions, these are both done by outside Environmental Consultants. ✚ Our dust management scheme is outlined in our Dust Management Plan which was drawn up in consultation with Angus Council Environmental Health ✚ There will be no increase in the amount of stone quarried or any activity in the quarry area beyond current limits. ✚ Noise measurements are taken using parameters set out by AC Environmental Health by the Environmental Consultants ✚ We are currently working with AC Env Health to ensure mitigation is in place to keep the noise at Denfind Cottages, and further afield below acceptable levels. ✚ The saw was running through the night last Thursday with permission from AC to allow further testing. ✚ The Liaison Group, including a local Councillor, were informed of the variation, and were given a demonstration of the saw working and noise generated. Minutes of this group are available via AC portal. ✚ There is no request in the variation to increase current noise limits. <p>Residents Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were mixed responses to this feedback/information during the meeting with many putting their points across with enthusiasm (for and against the planning application). • A resident asked the MNCC to reject and put in concerns in the application process, however it was raised that many wanted to seek more information and the facts before they could submit a balanced response from the community. More information was sought regarding full noise assessment figures/controls which the applicant is working on with Environment Health. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update at next meeting - T/D October Meeting 2024 • SN has published the planning link on our facebook page FYI - COMPLETED
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<p>5.3 Scout Hut</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scout Hall Move: Scouts must be clear from site by 31 December 2026, planning is in place for a move to Monikie Park with some clearing of the site. They expect the moves to be in the region of around £150k. Professional and local help has been offered and they are moving towards raising the funds to cover all costings for move, clearing grounds, services connected and sheds for storage. • New Year: The Scouts have requested access to hall for a New Year event which appears to have been accepted by the hall. SN suggested that the MNCC could help by offering the Seagreen £500 towards the hire of the hall, which was agreed by committee. This will ensure that they have one less bill to pay and more monies going towards much needed funds for moving. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any help that the MNCC can offer on either of the above please get in touch.
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5.4	<p>Camus Cross Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor in place re windblown trees and previous damage, re-instate the area back and access should improve around November 2024.
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action 	

5.5	<p>First Aid / AED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting date for local sessions on CPR/AED training, be published when confirmed.
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SN chasing LL re date for Monikie Hall Training, MNCC to pay the hall fee as previously agreed - T/D October Meeting 2024 	

5.6	<p>Pop Up Speed Cop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNCC agreed to pay/replace the pop-up speed cop that got stolen. We will seek the views of residents re feedback on where to place for short periods of time (thanks for all that offered to bring the cop indoors overnight! 😊)
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMcG to arrange new speed cop - T/D October Meeting 2024 	

5.7	<p>78/79 Bus Routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed changes to some buses around the area 78/79, MNCC discussed how we would ensure older residents were aware of the information/changes. There has been people on buses that have been talking to residents and information was shared via the MNCC facebook page.
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNCC will continue to pass over information received re buses and ensure we can engage with those not on facebook account - T/D October Meeting 2024 	

5.8	<p>ANGUSalive Update</p> <p>Update given on activities happening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of Monikie and Newbigging Park (Sat meetings) Oct Activities now on website/social media etc 2 new technicians starting Monifieth Triathlon (Crombie Park: 21 September 2024) Festival Fun Weekends Monikie Park: 14/15 December 10am – 3pm (£32.50 per day)
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MNCC look forward to a continued and positive relationship with ANGUSalive into 2024, which will support the Monikie and Newbigging residents/visitors and we thank them. 	

6	<p>Planning</p> <p>Pitairlie Quarry Monikie, DUNDEE, DD5 3PZ -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ref No 24/00427 - Planning Link: PITARLIE QUARRY <p>Please note that any residents can check any planning applications through the following link: https://planning.angus.gov.uk/online-applications</p>
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DM to provide update for next meeting – T/D October Meeting 2024 	



7	<p><u>Treasurer</u> Balance (17/09): £2418</p> <p>Pending Payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core Bridge Repair: £531• MNCC Seagreen Fund Scouts New Year Event (Monikie Hall Fee): £500 <p>23/24 Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signed accounts been completed and submitted.
<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DMcG/AB to pay joiner (Core Bridge) chase up invoice – A.S.A.P• AB to pay Monikie Hall £500 – December 2024• AB to provide any update at next meeting – T/D October Meeting 202	
8	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u> Monikie and Newbigging School (Update)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monikie Xmas Fayre: Friday 29 November 6.30pm (Monikie Primary School)• Coffee Morning – advertised on “Our Monikie & Newbigging” Facebook Page• Work with parks, funding opportunities being looked at currently.• Community Day – thanks to those that came along and offered help, plus those that donated fence paint and helped with wheelbarrows. <p>Remembrance Day Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was raised if anything happening at the hall, MNCC confirmed that it is usually the church that run this, so they were unaware of anything being set up. <p>Monikie Xmas Fayre (Monikie Hall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Xmas Fayre at Monikie Hall on Sunday 8 December, 11am – 3pm (approx. 30 stalls of crafters, catering provided also on day). <p>Behaviour and Questioning During Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The MNCC would also like to state that we are also residents in the local area and want the best for our community, we would like to remind residents to be mindful of the tone and language which some use at meetings.• Also, it should be noted that we encourage only one speaker at a time and when someone is speaking that all respect and try not to have too many extra conversations as this can be off putting for those talking and distracting for others around.• The MNCC work tirelessly before, during and after meetings on a voluntary basis, we appreciate people can feel strongly over matters, but we also appreciate kindness. Any unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated.
<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No action required for this area.	

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9	<p><u>Questions from the floor</u></p> <p>Connecting with local community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A local resident raised how the MNCC connect with the local community when they do not use facebook and access the MNCC page.• If anyone can help or suggest any other ways, we can connect with residents please let us know.• The community notice boards have just been serviced and information will be getting put in them in the next few weeks.
<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing further raised.	

<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 22 October @7pm (Monikie Memorial Hall – Irvine Room)

Contact US:

Please contact us via our email account or facebook page with any agenda items.

https://www.angus.gov.uk/directories/community_councils/monikie_and_newbigging_community_council

- **Email** - monikiecc23@gmail.com
- **Facebook Page** - <https://www.facebook.com/MonikieNewbiggingCC>
- **Notice Boards:** Located
 - Roadside nearby (Newbigging School)
 - Victoria Sponge Cake (Monikie)