

Murroes & Wellbank Community Council,

Meeting held at Wellbank Hall, Thursday 22nd of August 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: S.Anderson (SA, Chair); G. Cowper (GP, Secretary);
J. Crozier (JC, Treasurer/Minute Secretary); M Went (MW, Planning
Rep), G. Reid (GR); K. Gerrard (KG, Wellbank Hall); H Zhang (HZ,
Angus Council, Vibrant Communities team);
Cllr H. Doran;

Members of the Public: Ian Robertson (Stop the Crem); Linda Clink; Jane Bell;
Kirsty Crawford; Angela Fraser; M Grieve; F Grieve;
Linda Ferguson; Jim Nicol; Aimee Moir

Apologies: Allan Martin (AM, Vice-Chair); Cllr Lloyd-Melville

An IT problem occurred and the meeting could not be held online via Teams.

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Previous Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

Matters Arising

- Speeding

SA on behalf of the Community Council is liaising with the local community police team to establish a new programme whereby local residents could monitor the speed of vehicles on our roads. Advice and support would be provided through the community police team and would hopefully be in conjunction with Monikie & Newbigging Community Council to help share costs of equipment.

Data Collected from the three solar powered electronic speeding signs in Murroes and Wellbank Community Council area were collected over the period 7th August 2024 to 14th of August 2024.

SA gave a brief synopsis of the findings.

See **Appendix 1**

Jane Bell expressed disappointment in the findings.

Linda Clink suggested that the recent transport assessment released for the Duntrune Crematorium could provide data for another area of our Community Council area.

- Road Repairs

GC stated that the road repairs around Duntrune House were complete.

The C6 Brighty Wood road repairs have deteriorated even though this has been reported to Angus Council, there has been no action. Cllr Doran will chase this up.

Several council road closure, diversion signages and barriers have been abandoned on verges throughout our area. GC has notified Angus Council, but there has been no action. GC will let Cllr Doran know the locations.

- Footpath

GC noted that often when reporting issues to Angus Council online the status is declared as 'Case Closed' and often leads to frustration and confusion. Cllr Doran clarified that this is the process when a job number has been allocated, not when the task has been completed. It was agreed that this communication is perhaps misleading.

It was highlighted by those present at the meeting that the footpath between Kellas and Murroes School is in a very bad state.

Aimee Moir relayed the disappointment from Kellas parents whose children attend Murroes Primary School were no longer provided with bus transport to the school. Angus Council has intimated that the footpath should be used but residents and parents feel that the footpath is unsafe. As a result, parents are driving their children to Murroes Primary School. Cllr Doran will investigate.

- Kerbside Collections

SA reported that there has been no allocation of glass recycling facilities in the Ballumbie area.

Linda Clink informed the meeting that the two locations suggested at Ballumbie had been deemed unsuitable and that the Residents' Association were canvassing the residents on their views on suitable locations.

Cllr Doran reminded those present that locations can still be suggested online and that permission must be given from the landowner.

There are two sites within the Murroes & Wellbank Community Council Area: Spar shop car park in Wellbank and Murroes Hall. Collections are weekly. There is capacity from Angus Council to have more bins at Murroes but not more frequent collections.

GC reported smashed glass on the ground near the Murroes hall bin and this was cleared within two hours.

SA reported that elderly residents are finding it hard to fulfil these new glass recycling procedures. Linda Clink highlighted that bins that did not comply were being tagged. All agreed that this was disappointing.

MW highlighted bins stationed at the bottom of lanes were an issue.

Jane Bell asked why her commercial bin which had been damaged has not been uplifted, even though it has been reported. Cllr Doran asked Jane Bell to pass on the relevant emails and will investigate.

Police Report

SA summarised the police report.

See **Appendix 2**

Secretary's Report

GC highlighted that Murroes Primary School Gates had been closed most of the summer holidays and that local residents had been disappointed in not being able to use the community facilities of the playpark and field.

Aimee Moir was able to explain that there had been a problem with moles inhabiting the site and that a pest controller had been trying to deal with the infestation. The problem is still ongoing.

GC was pleased to report that many residents had been impressed with the pilot 'Dial a Bus' service. Word is spreading and the service appears to be well suited to our rural area.

Financial Report

JC gave a report on Murroes & Wellbank Community Council Finances.

The balance of the Community Council Bank Account on 1st July 2024 stands at £12 558.26 (Twelve thousand five hundred and fifty-eight pounds and twenty-six pence)

This figure includes grants from Seagreen and Lottery with specific criteria.

Since the 1st of July 2024 payment of Murroes and Wellbank Hall rentals have been made and a payment to Wellbank Hall for their Wellfest event, from the Seagreen Grant, have been made.

SA reminded those present that the Seagreen grant for up to £500 (five Hundred pounds) is available for projects proposed by community groups within the Murroes & Wellbank area.

Linda Clink asked if the provision of Broadband for the halls would be eligible for the funding. Further discussion to be held regarding impact of Broadband installation and potential refurbishment.

JC highlighted that the Christmas trees and lights provided by the Community Council through the lottery grant for Wellbank hall had been damaged in stormy weather last year. JC asked if the remaining money from the grant be used to fix or replace this in time for the festive season. KG will enquire with local blacksmiths to repair the pole.

Councillor Update

Cllr Doran provided an update regarding issues that have not been actioned and in particular the provision of funding for halls.

SA updated those present that it was hoped the Community Council are to receive funding from Greentech and with the support of Angus Council, help fund an employee to oversee the day to day running of both Murroes and Wellbank Hall. Unfortunately, Angus Council can only provide advice on recruiting staff. Other sources of support funding need to be investigated. Linda Clink suggested it would be prudent to get a solicitor to review the legal document we have received from Greentech. The Community Council appeals for any contacts of a solicitor who would be willing to do this.

Planning Update

MW gave a report on recent planning applications within the Murroes & Wellbank Community Council area.

24/00378/FULL: Kingennie Fishings

Erection of maintenance building including 3 kennels and 1 hen pen and access rd

Rec'd 13.6/ awaiting decision, (No objections noted)

24/00375/FULL: Mid Bankhead Monikie

Alterations and extension of derelict steading to form house, garage and horse stables

Rec'd 12.6/ awaiting decision, (No objections noted)

24/00470/FULL: North east of Gagie Farm

Formation of section of access track (extension to consented road and alternative point of access into BESS.

Rec'd 29.7/ awaiting decision, Roads - no objection, SSE - no objection,

8 objections currently from members of public

- **Solar Farm**

M Grieve and F Grieve shared their concerns of the formation of the access track to the proposed BESS at Gagie Farm. A discussion was had and the concerns of those present felt that this would impact value of properties and increase traffic to the area. Local residents said they have started to experience harassment and it was felt that liberties had been taken in the planning application; the Community Council recommended residents who felt they had been subjected to this, seek legal advice.

SA discussed that the applicant had not completed the planning application in accordance with guidance and MW stated that the full document was applied for only

very recently. As a result, the time period for comment has been extended until the end of the month.

SA stated that the Community Council would consider the material factors of the application for objection.

- Crematorium

Ian Robertson gave an update on the proposed Crematorium at Duntrune.

See **Appendix 3**

Linda Clink asked for clarity on any public engagement when the DMRC and council officers decide on the planning conditions.

Cllr Doran stated that conditions are circulated to all councillors on the DMRC and then the councillors discuss. There is no consultation with the public and usually no external comments. The meeting will happen in public so papers will be available to detail the process.

- Local plan

HZ provided information on the Local Plan which Angus Council are requesting Community Councils consult residents on. The deadline for the formation of the Local Plan is 31st December 2025. The Local Plan will be considered in the formation of the Angus Council Development Plan which should be complete by 2029.

SA indicated that this is a lot of work and responsibility for the Community Council. It was felt that we do not have the capacity nor are we equipped to properly undertake the consultation and work required to produce this information and documentation.

HZ indicated that a Service Manager will be in place soon to clarify the expectations of the Local Plan.

A discussion was had and it was recognised that this is a new planning framework and a new process, where hopefully everyone will have a voice.

Angela Fraser felt that the planning department engagement does need to be better with residents and the community.

MW and Cllr Doran highlighted and asked for the need for training and support for Community Councils when dealing with energy applications. Cllr Doran indicated that she has requested this from Angus Council.

HZ noted the VOiCE training in September, provided by Angus Council which specifically covers how to plan and deliver community engagement:

Tuesday 10th September 1-3pm Millenium Hall, Birkhill

Tuesday 17th September 7-9pm Arbroath Academy Community Wing.

AOCB

- Wellbank Hall

The AGM for the Wellbank Hall Committee is upcoming.

A plea is out for volunteers to come forward to help join the committee and run the Wellbank Hall. Without a quorum of five members the Hall will be unable to function and there is a danger that the Hall will close.

A survey has been put out on Facebook to canvas what people wanted. Also, there is to be an open community meeting for local residents to put forward their views.

Wellbank Hall Committee can promote the hall for hire but are unable to run events.

A National Lottery Grant has been submitted to fund a member of staff to over see the day to day running of the hall.

HZ recommended the Federation of Village Halls meeting on the 10th of September 7-9pm at Letham Village Hall, may be of interest.

Upcoming events: Halloween Parties 26th October. A grant has been awarded to cover childrens' activities at these events.

SA thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Murroes Hall Thursday 10th October 2024

7pm AGM,

7.30pm General Meeting

Appendix 1

B978 through Kellas				B978 through Wellbank			
B978 at Kellas - Survey Summary - August 2024				B978 at Wellbank - Survey Summary - August 2024			
Location - Behind No.3 Kellas Smiddy				Location - At No.13A			
Survey Dates - 07/08/2024 - 14/08/20243				Survey Dates - 07/08/2024 - 14/08/20243			
	Northbound		Southbound		Northbound		Southbound
24Hr. Ave. Volume	1726		1754	24Hr. Ave. Volume	1025		1141
Ave. speed	29mph		30mph	Ave. speed	22mph		24mph
85th%ile Speed	34mph		35mph	85th%ile Speed	27mph		29mph
Highest Recorded Speed	56.7mph on 09/08/2024 at 07:35		71.6mph on 11/08/2024 at 20:00	Highest Recorded Speed	50.0mph on 13/08/2024 at 18:20		52.0mph on 08/08/2024 at 07:36

C6 through Westhall Terrace			
C6 at Westhall Terrace - Survey Summary - August 2024			
Location - Opposite No.23			
Survey Dates - 07/08/2024 - 14/08/20243			
	Northbound		Southbound
24Hr. Ave. Volume	387		547
Ave. speed	27mph		25mph
85th%ile Speed	33mph		31mph
Highest Recorded Speed	47.2mph on 07/08/2024 at 17:11		45.0mph on 08/08/2024 at 20:04

Appendix 2



Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 15 th August 2024	
Local Community Policing Area	Murroes and Wellbank Community Council TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk
Local Area Inspector	Inspector Mahboob Ahmad Mahboob.ahmad@scotland.police.uk
Local Community Policing Team	Sergeant Christopher Grieve - christopher.grieve@scotland.police.uk Constable Martyn Brennan - martyn.brennan@scotland.police.uk Constable Ronnie Irvine - ronnie.irvine@scotland.police.uk

To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses a few days before the meeting documenting the previous month's activity.

Murroes and Wellbank Community Council – Steve Anderson – sanderson0@talk21.com

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Assessment period – 13/06/2024 - 13/08/2024

There were **38 calls** received in the local area during this assessment period.

8 crimes were recorded in respect of your area over this time –

Group 1 – Crimes of violence/threats – 0

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature – 0

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty – **6** recorded crimes.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – **1** recorded crime.

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behaviour, assaults, and other offences against emergency workers – 0 recorded crimes.

Group 7 – Road traffic crimes – **1** recorded crime.

Further information.

We continue to monitor call and crime data for the area to intervene early in any identified problems.

We would like to reiterate our message to residents to ensure property and vehicles are made secure, particularly during the hours of darkness and a reminder not to leave valuable items on display and unattended.

Should any resident wish a **FREE** crime prevention survey then the Community Police can be contacted using the direct email address above.

Lots of crime prevention advice can be found at;

www.securedbydesign.com

Appendix 3

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 22/8/24

Headlines:

- 'New' DMRC met earlier today and decided to grant planning permission for Duntrune Crem; complaint concerning the 8 discrepancies in inputs presented to this committee ongoing,

Update:

- 'New' DMRC
 - conducted site visit on 1/7/24 and met to determine the appeal on 22/8/24
 - granted planning permission, subject to conditions yet to be decided
 - same justifications for this decision as previous DMRC committee gave
 - will meet at a future dated (TBC) to determine the conditions
- Complaint re 8 discrepancies in inputs presented to 'new' DMRC at its 7/6/24 meeting
 - Angus Council declining to accept or process the complaint citing ongoing quasi legal process. This is a clear case of double standards, as a previous complaint was accepted and processed at exactly the same point in the first appeal process, so next step would be to raise this with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman
 - Angus Council claiming that the 'objections have been passed onto the committee' but unclear if:
 - 1) these are the objections previously submitted as part of the application and appeal processes or the 8 discrepancies
 - 2) the committee being referred to is the 'new' DMRC or not
 - Cllr Doran providing support by pushing Angus Council to directly answer these 2 questions (remains open item)
- Carmyllie crem appeal lodged and interested party consultation closed – awaiting scheduling of DMRC meeting to consider the appeal – this should be in the very near future
- Dundee FC stadium and crem planning application now set to be determined in the autumn

Question (open since June 2022):

- 2) Has Cllr Whiteside had the opportunity to feed back the concerns raised by the Community Council regarding the Roads Service's response to the recent complaint or is this something that would need to be taken forward after the conclusion of the current legal action?