

Monikie & Newbigging Community Council

Meeting Notes: Tuesday 22 October 2024

Monikie Memorial Hall – 7.00pm



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/DM/JR/RL Police: Constable Ronnie Irvine Kellie Smith, Headteacher, Newbigging and Monikie Primary School 4 residents attended. <p>Apologies: Members, Councillors, Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNCC: AB/CM/MMW Councillors: Cllr Cheape, Cllr McDonald, Cllr Boyd ANGUSalive <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action required for this area. 	
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<p>2</p> <p><u>Minutes Approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous meeting notes approved from 17 September 2024 (Approved DM/JR) <i>DMcG - Correction to notes</i> <i>Camus Cross clearance will be between November and February 2025 (not cleared by November 2024 as previously stated in minutes)</i> <p>Action:</p> <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.
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3 Police Report

Constable Ronnie Irvine was present for the meeting, briefed out latest report (MNCC).

Recent Crimes/issues in the area were reported to the MNCC for assessment period (17/09/2024 – 22/10/2024)

- **Recorded Crime** - Recorded Crime in the area remains low.
- **Operation After Dark** - With the darker night's drawing in Police Scotland would like to remind residents to take appropriate steps to protect their properties. Simple things such as light timers, closing and locking windows and doors, leaving a TV or Radio on when you are out of your property can prevent you from becoming a victim of crime. Consider what you are putting on social media particularly if you are going on holiday.
- **Fireworks** - Whilst many enjoy Bonfire Night it is important to remember that Fireworks can be harmful. It is illegal to buy or give fireworks to someone under the age of 18, the only exception to this is F1 Fireworks such as sparklers. Usage of fireworks is only between 6.00pm – 11.00pm.
- **Vehicle Security in Winter** - It can be tempting to leave your vehicle engine running and unattended whilst windows defrost. This provides a simple opportunity for thieves to steal your vehicle within seconds and may insurers will not pay out if a vehicle is stolen in this manner.
- **Community Speed Watch** – A presentation on Community Speed watch will be given at Wellbank Village Hall on 11 November 2024, to all Community Councils who are interested in this project. The presentation will include how the scheme works, rough costings, health and safety and how Police Scotland support this scheme. Expected date Jan/Feb 2025.
- **Carnoustie Police Station** – Potential talk of re-location and moves, however it has been confirmed that the station will get a new refurbishment, and they will be staying in Carnoustie.

DMcG raised that there had been damage to phone box by a group of youths that had been around the local fields spotted with a hoover (slightly intoxicated), the result is that glass is broken on the phone box (Defib).

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

- **No Cold Calling** – Stickers can be picked by from any MNCC member or insider the notice board at Monikie Hall, or the phone box at Monikie Hall.
- **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

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reach out to us using the community mailbox
TaysideCarnoustieDistrictcpt@scotland.police.uk

Action:

- MNCC to attend meeting at Wellbank with representation – **T/D November 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.

4 Councillor's Update

No Councillors were present for meeting.

Speeding

- Newbigging Village to Monikie Hall particularly was discussed.

Update 22/10: *Cllr McDonald has the details from previous meeting and will be arranging the meetings with the residents that gave details.*

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.

Update 22/10: *Road has been resurfaced in damaged area, water stopped, issue resolved.*

Recycling Bins

1. Monikie Park (Overflow car park: Refused as area)
2. Monikie Hall (Bins now been re-located to Panmure Road)
3. Newbigging (No locations at present)

Update 22/10: *No suitable Newbigging site has been identified within this area, even although many suggestions have been put forward, they all appear to have issues such as noise, access of vehicles, potential for glass (such as schools), proximity to resident's houses etc.*

Car Park (Monikie Hall)

- SN has passed Cllr Boyd all the contact details for Monikie Hall to get a meeting set up to look at options for car parking.

Update 22/10: *Meeting not happened yet; all details have been passed over for meeting to be arranged (Cllr Boyd/Monikie Hall/Dale).*

Action:

- Cllr McDonald update on speeding residents contact – **T/D November 2024**
- Cllr Boyd update on Monikie Hall car parking options – **T/D November 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.



5. Matters Arising

5.1	Woodland Management Plan x 8 (Monikie Park) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage Platform Closed: Monday 23 September 2024• Plans and Maps can be downloaded and looked at from here: https://engage.angus.gov.uk/woodlands• Previous meeting the MNCC submitted feedback from local community (see previous minutes for our collated feedback). <p>Update 22/10: Nothing has been made available and no more information could be briefed out.</p>
Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DMcG to discuss with Cllr McDonald access to plans and update for next meeting, as nothing has been published to feedback – T/D November 2024.	
5.2	MNCC AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed AGM of MNCC to be moved to January 2025, so can report back 2024 activities with chair and treasurer report.
Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SN to advertise AGM at January date – T/D December 2024	
5.3	Monikie and Newbigging PS (Community Newsletter) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children publish the newsletter (Newbigging School), this would include links to MNCC/reports, local activities, businesses etc and would help those that may not engage through social media platforms such as facebook.• Proposed newsletter – 1 per term, which the children would help publish and possibly be emailed out using Sway for the newsletter.
Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kellie Smith to put out a post on “Our Monikie and Newbigging Page” to seek feedback on proposed newsletter – T/D November 2024• SN to share this also to the MNCC feedback page – T/D November 2024	
5.4	AED/First Aid Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AED/CPR training booked Tuesday 14 January 2025 – 6.30pm – 8.30pm• Monikie Hall, Irvine Room
Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SN to advertise and take names from residents, will confirm numbers and if there is any age limit for spaces – T/D November 2024	



6	<u>Planning</u>	
	24/00427/FULL	<p>Pitairlie Quarry Monikie Dundee DD5 3PZ <i>Application under Section 42 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to vary conditions relating to permission 17/00917/FULL. Specifically, the application seeks variation of Condition 2 to amend the hours of operation of the plant and equipment and Condition 3 to amend the operational noise limits associated with the development.</i></p> <p>Received: Thu 04 Jul 2024 Validated: Mon 08 Jul 2024 Status: Awaiting decision - Planning Link: PITARLIE QUARRY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 22/10 - Still awaiting further information re noise assessments, no further update since last meeting.
	24/00533/MSC	<p>Carlungie Farm Carlungie Carnoustie <i>Approval of Matters Specified in Condition 3(a) - (f) of Application 22/00463/PPPL, including siting of the buildings, layout, car parking, design, access, boundary enclosures, landscaping, ground levels and floor levels and drainage</i></p> <p>Received: Fri 30 Aug 2024 Validated: Thu 19 Sep 2024 Status: Awaiting decision - Planning Link: CARLUNGIE FARM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 22/10 - Nothing was raised by any residents regarding this application, so no more was discussed.
<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 November 2024 		

7	<u>Treasurer</u>	
	<p><i>SN provided update in AB absence</i> Balance (22/10): £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 • First Aid Training: Hire of Hall £30 	
<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMcG/AB to pay joiner (Core Bridge) chase up invoice – T/D November 2024 • AB to pay Monikie Hall £500 – December 2024 • AB to provide any update at next meeting – T/D November 2024 		

8	<u>A.O.C.B.</u>	
	8.1 Planning Applications (Previous Meeting)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMcG has met with community liaison officer/councillors since the previous meeting and emails coming in regarding the issue around planning applications and communicating this within the local area. Both have given reassurance that the MNCC have followed all set out policies and procedures and nothing was in any breach of these standards. 	



- SN made note that the previous meeting had left many in the MNCC disheartened with the potential of several possibly stepping down from the role due to the actions of a small number of residents at last meeting. She reminded those in attendance of the amount of work that goes in behind the scenes with emails, social media, following up action points etc and we all do this voluntarily. She praised the chair and treasurer, and all the support of the MNCC members, and noted that several of the residents had reached out individually to members which was appreciated.
- We want to encourage as many residents as possible to come *regularly* to the MNCC meetings and participate in all aspects of the local area, not just when there is someone on agenda that interests you, we want to “*engage fully with the community*”.

8.2 ANGUSalive Update

- Nicola Barber, Countryside Adventure Team Leader had provided SN with an update for the meeting as no one could be in attendance

Recruitment

We have started two new Technicians with Countryside in the last couple of weeks. This takes our total to 4. One of them has a keen interest in developing Denfind Area, therefore it may be purposeful to connect George MacPhail with local resident Graeme Gorrie at some point for a walk around and chat.

Friends of Monikie and Crombie Park (Upcoming Dates)

We have seen a bit of a drop off from attendances for Friends of Monikie and Crombie, but the most recent Monikie one may have been due to the holidays. Their current project is looking into the walled garden, updating the wildlife, and controlling some of the over filling plants.

- November 16 – Crombie Country Park
- December 14 – Monikie Country Park

Website Link to more details: <https://angusalive.scot/events/friends-of-monikie-crombie/>

Funded Trees (Potential Funding)

We are looking at getting 300 funded trees from I Dig Trees the TCV project that we were successful in last year and got 250 native trees to plant in the parks. So hopefully we will be able to put some more trees down and more hedges around the park as well for the boundaries.

Monikie Primary School

Have started their Forest School programme with us, just had week 1 which was a great success in our new Forest School Site.

October Holidays

- Environmental Camps were popular at Forfar, less numbers at Monikie.
- Outdoor Activity Camps at Monikie were popular both weeks.

Christmas Market

Festival Fun Weekends Monikie Park: 14/15 December 10am – 3pm.



Zacatecas Food Trailer (Crombie Park)

Continuing to do well, positive feedback from vendor and members of the public. Any feedback would be appreciated.

8.3 Monikie Hall

- SN wanted to thank on behalf of the Monikie Hall Trustees the work that Calum and Kim Paton had done on the hall such as cleaning out several storage areas, painting all 3 doors inside/outside, painting the entrance ceiling, steaming inside windows and clearing out the gutters. She praised them for the work they have done to date and felt that they deserved this recognition within the community.
- A plan is in place for a “deep clean” of the kitchen which will commence on Tuesday 3 December (with a deep clean of the oven happening end October).
- Please take the time to reach out to the hall trustees or SN direct if you can offer any help inside/outside of the hall. Further funding meetings have been scheduled to consider any additional help with the maintenance/repair of the hall.
- A resident raised there appears to be a leak in roof in the main hall which the badminton group had on Wednesday, which is in the middle where the net is. SN advised that she would make contact with the hall and advise of this feedback.
- The issue was again discussed re funerals and the local church being closed and how this would affect the local area, this got the group on to discussing purchasing a suitable site or location and/or considering a path from the school to Monikie Hall so this can be utilised for local events such as prize giving, school concerts etc. More discussion needs to happen around these areas, and this may be picked up in 2025.

8.4 West Development

- RL raised what was happening with this development across from Victoria Sponge café (old Sweet Nix), previously they had advised that building work would commence July 2024, and yet nothing seems to be happening.
- SN advised she would chase them up again for an update re the site.

Action:

- SN to promote the dates/activities of the FOMCP on MNCC facebook page and Our Monikie and Newbigging – **COMPLETED (22/10)**
- SN to contact Monikie Hall re leak in ceiling – **COMPLETED (22/10)**
- SN to email West Development re update on site – **T/D November 2024**

9 Questions from the floor

- Nothing was raised by anyone in attendance.

Action:

- N/A

Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 19 November @7.00pm (Monikie Memorial Hall – Irvine Room)

Please note that this is the last meeting of 2024 as committee do not meet in December.

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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)