

# **Murroes and Wellbank Community Council**

AGM held at Murroes Hall on Thursday 10th October 2024 at 7pm

**Present:** Community Councillors in attendance - S. Anderson (Chair, SA),  
A. Martin (Vice-Chair, AM), G. Cowper (Secretary, GC), G. Reid (Treasurer, GR)  
J. Crozier (Minute Secretary, JC), K. Gerard (Wellbank Hall representative, KG)

Councillor in attendance- Cllr B.Whitside

Members of the Public in attendance- Ian Robertson (Stop the Crem),  
L. Clink, Jane Bell, Angela Fraser

**Apologies :** Cllr H Doran ; M Went (MW, Planning Rep), H Zhang (HZ, Angus Council,  
Vibrant Communities team) ; M. Mauran, Cllr L. Melville. K.Smith

SA opened the meeting, invited everyone to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for their attendance.

## **Previous Minutes 2023 AGM:**

The minutes were read and approved.

**Chairperson's Report:** Attached

## **Treasurer's Report:**

JC provided the finance update for the Murroes & Wellbank Community Council AGM.

The balance of the Community Council Bank Account on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 stands at £11,892.66 (Eleven thousand eight hundred and ninety-two pounds and sixty-six pence).

This figure includes grants from Seagreen and the Lottery with specific criteria.  
Angus Council Operational Grant for 2023/24 session was recently received and payments were made of expenses to the CC's Chair, Secretary and also to the Treasurer for minute taking.  
Accounts for 2023/24 have been audited and recently sent to Angus Council, but it is a challenge to have our yearly accounts audited and JC asked if anyone knows of persons in the community who could help in the capacity of auditing, we would be happy to hear from them. SA thanked JC.

## **Office Bearers:**

MW resigned from post as Planning Rep. SA thanked MW for his work in this role. SA asked for any proposers for the Planning Role, but no offers. SA will undertake the Planning Role until another volunteer wishes to take the role.

SA asked the floor that if anyone is interested in taking over the role of Minute Secretary, they would be most welcome.

SA reminded those present that a small remuneration was available for this role. LC volunteered to share the Minute Secretary role with JC.

**AOCB:**

None

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Wellbank Hall: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Murroes Hall: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (AGM)

**All meetings begin at 7.30pm except for the AGM which begins at 7.00pm followed by the Ordinary meeting. If the AGM is concluded before 7.30pm, the Ordinary meeting will begin business.**

SA thanked everyone in attendance and closed the AGM

## Appendix 1

# MURROES/WELLBANK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING October 2024

The Community Council during 2023/24, has been in attendance at meetings, reviewing planning issues, dealing with requests and concerns of the community as well as supporting local rural community groups and involved in a number of improvement projects shaping the future of the area with Angus Council.

The Community Council have continued to adopted a Hybrid approach to our regular meetings allowing people to attend both in person and via online MS Teams.

We have been working with Seagreen/SSE to look for projects to help shape the future of the area and the various groups working across the SW Angus area, in particular, the Angus Health and Social Care Locality Improvement Group (AHSCLIG), Angus Council Resilience Group, Success for Sidlaw Group, Baldovie waste to energy plant good neighbour, and Quarries Community Liaison Group, just to mention a few.

We were successful in our bids for funding to supply and install Christmas tress to Wellbank and Murroes Halls, along with installation of a back-up generator for Murroes Hall. It is hoped we can also be successful this year to obtain the same for Wellbank Hall. We were also successful in achieving funding support to commence the first stage to progress the replacement/refurbishment of Murroes Hall. Hopefully we will see further progress over the next year.

The work achieved by the Community Council has only been possible due to the work put in by the Council members and my thanks go to Greta Cowper, Gavin Reid, Allan Martin, Janet Crozier, Michael Went, and Karen Gerrard along with co-opted members and our regular local attendees for their help and support.

We have held six bi-monthly Hybrid meetings online using MS Teams and face to face at Murroes and Wellbank Halls. These meetings have been attended by local residents covering various issues within the community. This year has seen a number of planning applications giving concern to local residents and the Community Council have been involved to ensure the Community can put forward their concerns.

The Community Council are pleased to have the support of Police Scotland to identify Community issues, road traffic concerns and introducing local initiatives in the area, which have been provided for each period to the Community Council by area reports and attendance of Martyn Brennan or Community Police Officers when available.

The Community Council would like to thank, Cllr Whiteside, Cllr Doran. Cllr Fotheringham and Cllr Melville as elected members for the area and for their support over the past year, who have

attended our meetings and pursued any topics requested by us. I would also like to thank Hong Zang our Angus Council Community Officer for her support to the Community Council on a variety of issues.

I would like to thank Ian Robertson who has attended our meetings over the past year to provide an update on the controversial planning application for the Crematorium at Duntrune, also I would like to thank members of the Wellbank Hall Committee and Ballumbie Castle Residents Association for any update in the respective areas.

The coming year I hope will see a reduction in damaging storms to our area and look forward to fresh involvement and increased support from local residents, particular younger members of our community to help develop the opportunities in technology and expand links across our community, along with developing change and resilience in the area, which I am sure will present various issues for the Community Council to debate. We will once again commit to take an active role to listen and support the Community, putting forward their concerns to Angus Council and look to make 2025 a positive year for the Murroes and Wellbank Area.

Stephen Anderson  
Chairman, Murroes and Wellbank Community Council  
12th October 2024