

Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council
Minutes of meeting on Thurs 19th Sept 2024 7 pm at The Cross meeting room.

Present:

Community Councillors: - Tom O'Brien (TOB), Dave Gardner (DG), Graeme Clark (GC), Robin Wardhaugh (RW) and Eleanor Feltham (EF).

Minute Secretary: - None

Angus Councillors: - Cllr Ian McLaren and Cllr Lynne Devine

Others; - None

1. Welcome and Apologies – TOB welcomed everyone and apologies noted from James Gray-Cheape, Jacqui Garvin, Marley Hunter, Angela Gillies, Kathryn Patullo and Ian Dickson.

2. Minutes from previous Meeting: Notes of previous meeting noted and approved by EF and seconded by DG.

3. Matters Arising from previous – Forfar loch Cllr Devine said common good money could be used to replant areas around the ranger centre and car park. DG said to ask friends of Forfar loch to help with planting and digging out weeds. Also send any ideas to the ranger. EF said bushes at exit need trimming back to prevent accidents when vehicles leaving exit. GC said that tennis courts and pitch and putt areas were now being returned to grass areas. Police report mentioned, TOB said any issues can be put on report and sent to police as the report usually comes out after our meetings.

4. Chairperson's Report: None.

5. Secretary Correspondence/Report. TOB congratulated Cllr Clark on her appointment as Angus Provost from the community council. Various correspondence sent out and presentation re proposed Cossans farm solar project. TOB and GC attended 1st meeting with Glamis CC and developer re community project. Model constitution and standing orders checked and will be sent to community planning at Angus council.

6. Treasurer's Report: New bank account now up and running, just need to sort out funds.

7. Police & Fire Service Report: None

8. Local Councillor Update: Cllr McLaren- Has been dealing with a lot of housing repair issues just later, has been speaking to housing. Spoke to waste management about bins being set on fire in various locations and asked for metal bins to be used instead, awaiting these to be ordered. A large amount of money has been spent on the clearing out of gullies to help prevent flooding issues. Received complaints about people getting parking tickets for parking on pavements. Work done on fixing potholes, but still issue with Castle street and West port. Carried out a walkabout with other officers and housing at Easterbank and issues noted. New blue bins are being rolled out in the Forfar area soon and glass will now have to be recycled at glass recycling points in certain areas such as supermarkets.

Cllr Devine- She has been going round schools as education convener and the schools are doing well especially Strathmore primary school doing work with neuro divergent children. Climate adaptation group running events for council and the public, work needed on this urgently. Mentioned a new repair company for housing repairs has started called Pert Bruce, hopefully this will address issues with housing repairs. New housing MOWG group set up to form a new housing committee to tackle the housing crisis. Forfar gala day went well and other events coming up include Shrek, red hot chilli pipers and other musicals.

9. AOCB- GC raised issue with the X-Ray machine at Whitehills needing a new part and issues with getting this fixed and also problems with not enough staff to run the machine. This needs to be addressed as this is an important asset for health in the town and beyond. Also need to see if other facilities can be accommodated such as dialysis machines so people do not need to go all the way to Ninewells hospital. GC also mentioned about setting up a bus forum with the council and the bus companies.

10. Subgroup updates:

- I. Quarry group (Lairds) No update.

11. Planning Applications: See appendix A

12. Date and time of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thurs 17th Oct 2024 at The Cross meeting room Forfar at 7 pm (19.00) for general meeting unless advised otherwise.

Appendix A

Planning applications updates for Meeting 19^m September 2024

APPEALS PENDING

22/00859/FULM * 216 Houses east of Garth Farm Revised
21/00857/FULM 245 Houses (Deemed Refusal PPA 120-2059-1) Note only for admin purpose
23/00393/FULM Cotton Lownie Solar Farm PPA-120-2069 (Received 06/09/24)

PENDING

23/00389/FULM * Scotia Homes Westfield Loan 117 Units ¹ OkO
23/00469/FULL * Closure northbound Lochland Junction ~~—~~ O
24/00306/FULL * Queen Street Pavilion. 6 New build homes
24/00411/FULM Auchterforfar Quarry Time period ~~—~~ extension) Accords
24/00440/FULL * 7 (4 and 5 bedroomed) Houses Lour Road
24/00453/MSO South Leckaway Farm (land 500m west) re 22/00817/PPPI various
24/00476/FULL 76A South Street convert 4 flats no 2 dwellings
24/00536/FULL Erect garage and roof extension
24/00543/FULL Erect house Gowanbank Arbrpath Road Forfar

APPROVED

23/00808/FULL Lochside Lodge 1 < and 2nd Floor extensions
24/00105/FULL 75 Suttieside Road Single storey extension and private water plant
24/00287/ADV 1 Berry Moss Lane O/Bank Erect signs
24/00288/FULL KFC Orchardbank Alterations
24/00434/PAN Westfield Loan (Scotia Muir Homes) ~~—~~ New
24/00480/EIASC Field 430 West Craignathro Farm Turbine repowering (EIA not required)

RTANTNOTE:

SSEN Final Consultation regarding the 400KV OHL route through Angus from Forfar to Breck to be held on Tuesday 24 September between 2.00pm and 7.00pm in the Royal Hotel, Wallace Suite, Castle Street Forfar. Routes 2A and 2B westmost.

Padanaram will be most affected given the location is within 1km of the above options. Members of the public are encouraged to attend as this is the final opportunity to voice your opinions.

