

**Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2024 at 7 pm at The Cross meeting room.**

**Present:**

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

**Minute Secretary:** - None

**Angus Councillors:** - Cllr Lynne Devine and Cllr Ian McLaren

**Others;** - Sgt Vikki Crichton from Police Scotland.

**1. Welcome and Apologies** – Eleanor Feltham acting chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Angela Gilles, Ian Dickson, James Gray-Cheape, Kathryn Patullo, Marley Hunter.

**2. Minutes from previous Meeting:** Proposed by EF and seconded by DG.

**3. Matters Arising from previous Meeting-** List of locations of glass recycling bins available there are 3 at the Myre car park and at Strathmore car park next to chip shop on the Dundee Road, information needs to go out on social media etc to let people know where the bins are. UK figures show that recycling that was being sent to landfill is being sent abroad, Cllr Lynne Devine to find out where glass and cardboard is being recycled.

**4. Chairperson's Report:** EF reported the following, attended a consultation meeting with Cossans solar farm development on 28-10-2024. Meeting with other community councillors J. Garvin, Tom O'Brien and Graeme Clark to discuss community council response to SSEN pylon proposals, response submitted on 14-11-2025. Met 15-11-2024 with Dave Doogan MP and Tom O'Brien to discuss SSEN and questions asked and answered, such as no subsea option what his priorities are in relation such as defence and energy. Explained that option B1.1 not changed at Padanarm even though it was mentioned by SSEN that it had been.

**5. Secretary Correspondence/Report.** Sent letter to NHS re Whitehills Xray machine various consultations sent out re SSEN and new resilience fund launched by council, hoping to apply for defib funding.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** New bank account up and running, old bank account to be closed by Tom O'Brien and one of the old signatories.

**7. Police & Fire Service Report:** No fire service report. Police report from Sgt Vikki Crichton welcomed to the meeting. She mentioned a new officer in the communities' team would be starting soon as another officer had retired. Issues with shoplifting are still ongoing, arrests have been made but they are reoffending while on bail. A few incidents of vandalism which have been reported to authorities, working with the fire service to do patrols together to catch offenders but also, if possible, to educate culprits on the dangers of entering empty buildings and the potential for loss of life etc if fires are started. Police engaging with young drivers in the Myre and speaking to residents about the issue. Police working with schools on cycle safety and the after dark campaign. Worked with shops around bonfire night and the sale of eggs and alcohol to youths Drug raids ongoing around the area and working with trading standards on counterfeit goods, vape and alcohol sales to youths. Some confusion around the portacabin at the Police station, it is there for the protection of the site from unauthorised entry and protect equipment etc still being removed from the building. It is not for the public to report crime etc to the officers working there, advised to report issues via 101.

**8. Local Councillor Update:** Cllr Ian McLaren- getting a lot of complaints about pavements and roads still and about the number of bins and where to put them. Issue with elderly people not needed a full size bin and difficulties with moving them up and down steps to their homes, could they have not been a smaller option. Planning application being submitted to change 4 flats into 2 large family homes and Rosebank car park being resurfaced. Issues reported with driving on country roads.

Cllr Lynne Devine-Forfar open garden working on getting a new place in Craig o loch road at old garage site, new lease from the council. Visiting various schools working with classes in STEM at the Dundee science centre. Also working with D&A college and young engineers. Went to carer's rights day in East and Old church. Attended "keep warm day" at East and Old and Lawson churches with Dave Doogan MP, not many people turned up. JG maybe need to publicise it better and make the flyers and posters easier to read, the writing was small and hard to read with colour scheme.

**9. AOCB-** TOB reminding all community councillors of the need to send in apologies and to send response in to consultation and documents etc as it is part of the role of the community council to respond to this on behalf of the community and the need to speak to the community to get information. Even if you don't get to the meetings otherwise, we will not have a community council.

**10. Subgroup updates:**

- I. Quarry group (Lairds) No further meetings held yet, everything appears to be running fine. Extension was asked for via council no correspondence received by either community council or residents as stated by Lairds in their application.

**11. Planning Applications:** See Appendix A.

**12. Date and time of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at The Cross meeting room Forfar at 6.30 pm (18.30) for the AGM followed by the general meeting unless advised otherwise.

## Appendix A.

Planning applications updates for Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

### **APPEALS PENDING**

- 23/00393/FULM Cotton of Lownie Solar Farm PPA-120-2069 (Received 06/09/24) Pending Site visit by reporter.
- 22/00859/FULM \* 216 Houses east of Garth Farm Revised

### PENDING

- 23/00389/FULM \* Scotia Homes Westfield Loan 117 Units
- 23/00469/FULL \* Closure northbound Lochland Junction
- 24/00306/FULL\* Queen Street Pavilion. 6 New build homes
- 24/00411/FULM Auchterforfar Quarry Time period extension to extraction over 6 years from Date of development and restoration over 7 years.
- 24/00543/FULL Erect house Gowanbank Arbroath Road Forfar
- 24/00664/FULL The Mart Forfar. Change of use offices to Nursery and after school care

### APPROVED

- 24/00440/FULL Lour Road (7 houses) Forfar
- 24/00476/FULL 76A South Street convert 4 flats no 2 dwellings

### WITHDRAWN

- 24/00488/FULL 114/6 High Street Café to flat

Any retrospective, single household improvements, roof solar panels or garages are not included in the list.

Full details of applications are available at [planning.angus.gov.uk](http://planning.angus.gov.uk) Planning list prepared 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.