

Letham & District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on: 21st November, 2024 at 7.30pm in Letham Feuars Hall

Present: Wendy Cameron, Karen Smith, Isobel Sword, Gail Smith, Karen Kose, Tracy Andrews, Cllr Cowdy, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Nicoll, Debbie Dallas, PC Max Ring & PS Gary Miller

Apologies Mhairi Dickson, David Lumgair & Sandra Macrae

Absent Cllr Cruickshanks

Amendments to Previous Minutes:

- None

Approval of Previous Minutes: proposed by: Karen S

seconded: Isobel

Matters Arising:

- **Community Council Footpaths –**

Isobel and Sandra have had a meeting with the solicitor at Thorntons. Following this a letter was hand delivered to Mrs Jolly – scan of letter below:

Action: Isobel will send another email to Mhairi Dickson and Paul Clark as there has been no progress as yet with registering all the paths



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Dear Mr and Mrs Jolly


Right of Access

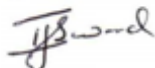
Please note the following.

Thank you for your ongoing correspondence which has prompted us to seek legal advice. A summary of the advice is as follows:

- Right of access is in place on your deed that allows for the unimpeded use of the Right of Way which runs from the road to The Deil's Den.
- It was also noted that the other adjoining landowner also has right of access through your field and out over this same area, for timber extraction.
- Letham & District Community Council is currently working with Angus Council to ensure that all the Rights of Way in and around Letham, are registered, accessible by the public, used appropriately and maintained appropriately.
- Please find enclosed advice notes, from Angus Council, regarding rights of way which may be of help to you.
- We confirm the right of way will be maintained by Letham & District Community Council with support from Letham Paths Volunteers using appropriate equipment.
Yours faithfully

• Chair 

• Treasurer 

• Secretary 

13. Title to property (extract from Constitution, Property and other assets belonging to the Community Council shall be vested in the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and their successors in these respective offices.)

• **Police –**

PC Max Ring & PS Gary Miller attended the meeting and shared that as at 31.10.24 there were 47 calls to the Police – of 12 concerns 4 were linked to 1 female. There was a 30% detection rate which is low but was explained in relation to the complainer. Report included: 1 crime of extortion; 1 credit card

fraud; (this is no longer a police matter); 1 theft (that was referred to the resolution team in Inverness).

Reminder: next 'Cuppy with a Cop' will be on Sunday 24th November, 6.00-7.00pm, in the Village Hall.

The Police at the meeting were asked about the use of 'doorbell cameras' to film people on public land. PS Miller recommended there should be 'CCTV in operation' signage and any concerns should be directed to ICO (Information Commissioner's Office). He also advised that camera's used for crime prevention are permitted.

- **Defibrillators –**

Wendy shared that the recent training went well, she shared her certificate and information that has been sent to her. There were 10 participants. Wendy informed Helen (the trainer) that we would book another session in March. Helen recommended using the 'What 3 Words' app. to give accurate location information. Karen S has contacted St John's and also asked them about training.

Karen K has collected all the money from Key Store (£148.10 from the 'bucket' and £500 cheque – there was a photo taken with the Area Manager).

Isobel shared that the Letham Seniors will pay for the replacement of a defibrillator.

Karen S met with St John's representative and asked for an update on the application for funding support. They have asked for £1000 for 1 defibrillator and an outdoor locked cabinet. Once the application is processed then we can apply again to replace those that are going out of date.

Isobel suggested having a sign in the flower bed in the square with the locations of all the defibrillators and also mark the door of the defibrillator in the square to make it more easily seen.

Action: Karen S to check with St John's if the pads on their defibrillator are suitable for both adults and children – also does the battery need to be replaced every time the device is used.

- **Correspondence –**

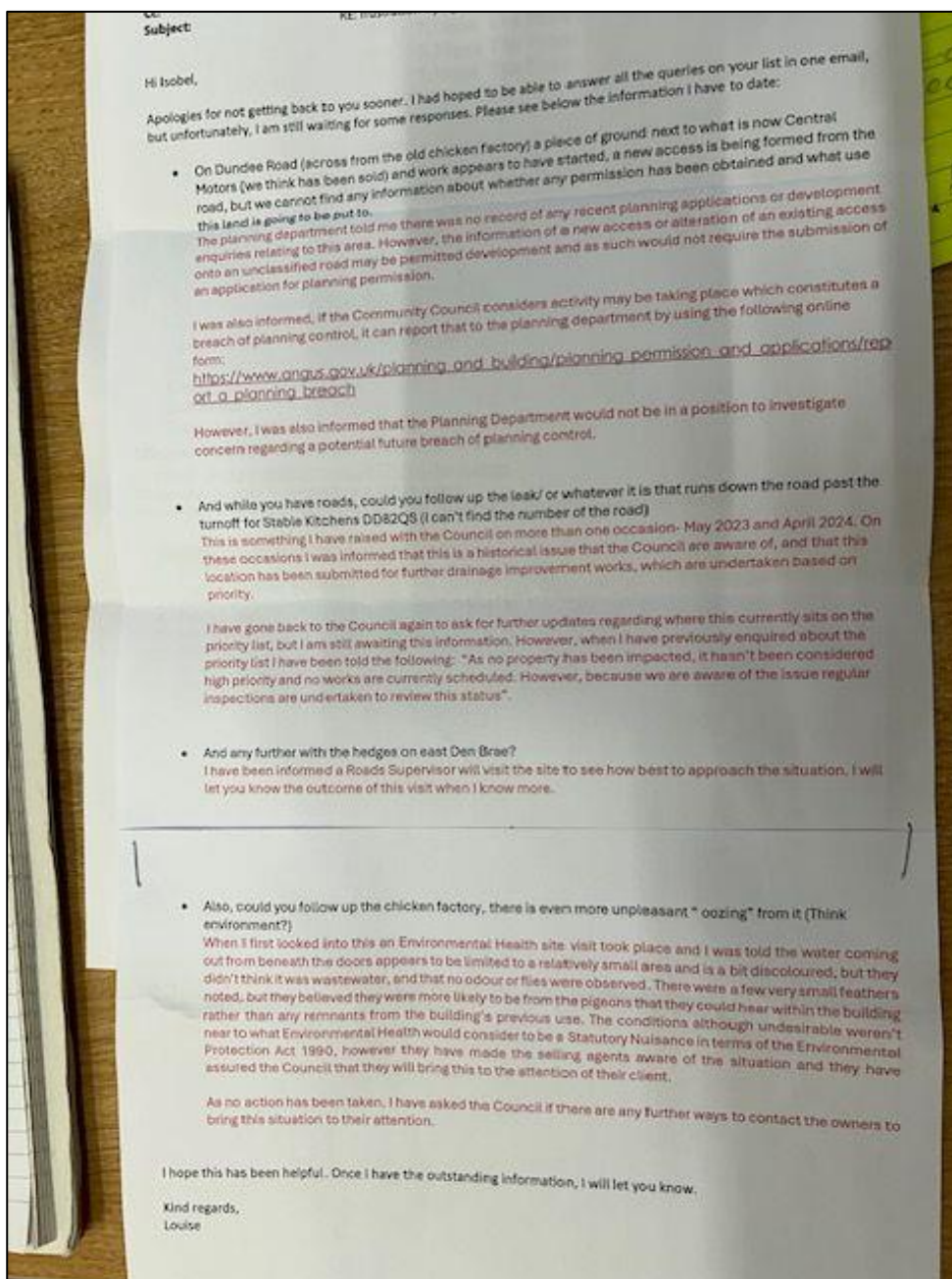
Cllr Nicoll shared the responses she has received in relation to the questions asked at the previous meeting – scan of email below:

Cllr Cowdy informed the meeting that there is a new person in Angus Council who will oversee Community Councils. This officer won't share their contact details directly so questions should go through the Councillors.

Cllr Nicoll shared an update on the road at Bractullo – Angus Council roads department have been to inspect this and will repair/ improve this within the fiscal year.

Wendy confirmed that the hedge on East Den Brae have not yet been cut.

Karen S shared a photo taken outside the chicken factory on 04.11.24 that shows significant leakage from the building. Environmental department reply to Cllr Nicoll is that this is not a concern. She has contacted the selling agent for the site and asked them to pass on to the owners that this needs to be addressed.



- **Road Closures -**

Isobel shared that she now gets information on road closures. Karen S suggested that 'Road Closed' signs should be placed more appropriately at junctions when the road ahead is closed.

- **Resilience –**

Isobel attended the flood forum and has now joined CLEAR (as a representative for the Letham Seniors)

The Village Hall, Feuars and Community Council can work together for CLEAR as the community council can apply for funding and the Village Hall provide shelter

Treasurer Report:

Footpath Account: £3300.89

Defibrillator Account: £3343.66 (includes money from Key Store)

Community Council Account: £298.32 (£241.84 paid to Feuars for part-share of Broadband costs)

Action: Wendy to discuss the costs for Broadband with the Feuars as it seems to be expensive

- **Planning –**

Nothing to share

AOCB:

Santa Sleigh –

Wendy shared that this will be on Thursday 19th December at 5pm from The Square. Wendy will also once again organise the 'Gifts of Kindness' (40 bags) for local lonely or vulnerable residents paid for from the 'sleigh' money

Close: Wendy thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.56pm

DONM: Thursday 16th January 2025