

Monikie & Newbigging Community Council

Meeting Notes: Tuesday 18 February 2025

Monikie Memorial Hall (Irving Room) 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) meeting. <p>Present: Members, Councillors, Police, Visitor Guests, and Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MNCC: DMcG/SN/JR/CMCouncillors: Cllr McDonald, Cllr Cheape9 residents attended. <p>Apologies: Members, Councillors, Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MNCC: DM/AB/MMW/RLPolice: Constable Martyn BrennanCouncillors: Cllr BoydNewbigging and Monikie Primary School: Kellie Smith	
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<p>2</p> <p><u>Minutes Approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Previous meeting notes and AGM approved from 28 January 2025 (Approved JR/DMcG) <p><i>*Correction, it was asked in January meeting by MMW to Colin Knight, ANGUSalive to get written evidence of the plans for Monikie Park not including the building of lodges. This was omitted from notes, so this is to be added as a correction to minutes.</i></p> <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 CouncilSN to alert via MNCC facebook page when new notes are up on page.
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3 Police Report

Constable Martyn Brennan was absent for the meeting, so SN briefed out latest report (MNCC).

Recent Crimes/issues in the area were reported to the MNCC for assessment period (28/01/2025 – 17/02/2025).

- **Recorded Crime:** Recorded Crime in the area remains low.
- **Monikie Park:** We are aware of instances of anti-social behaviour within the park in recent weeks. Patrols have been increased and last week we put information on social media to highlight the issue. We have also liaised with the park rangers and given advice regarding crime prevention/CCTV. Increased patrols will continue as and when time allows.
- **Carnoustie Police Office:** On 16 January 2025, Carnoustie Police Office closed as part of a planned full refurbishment. Officers have relocated to Arbroath, however a drop in base has been established at Angus Council Offices on High Street Carnoustie and as such there will be no disruption to Policing services in the area. It is anticipated that our newly refurbished Police Station will re-open again in March 2025, providing a modern fit for purpose Police Office to support our community.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scotland:** Your local Community Police Officers have recently completed a course with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, which allows them to send out immediate emails reporting such things as suspicious activity in the local area, as well as updates on crimes and other useful information, as such they are keen to have as many people as possible locally to sign up to these emails, which in turn could assist in crime detection and prevention. Being a member of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland could also lead to a discount on home insurance. If you would like to sign up, please use the QR Code Below.



- **Speeding:** There continues to be concerns reported regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the Local area, particularly 20mph speed zones. Local Speed Initiatives will continue to be planned where possible, and Road Policing Departments have been notified of these continuing issues for extra attention.
- The following is guidance provided by Traffic Scotland on enforcement of 20mph limits – **Enforcement.**
- *37.Any decision to lower the speed limit to 20 mph should seek to avoid the need for extensive police enforcement, as 20 mph limits will not be routinely enforced, unless it is absolutely necessary and in the interest of casualty reduction.*



- ✚ *The only exception to this is the enforcement of 20 mph speed limits outside schools, which takes place on a regular basis.*
- ✚ *38. A range of other measures should be employed. These might include marketing and behaviour change initiatives, vehicle actuated signs and traffic management and other traffic calming measures.*
- ✚ *39. Any changes should be monitored, and where compliance levels are not at an acceptable level, consideration should be given to the addition of traffic calming measures or reverting to a 30-mph limit, if necessary.*
- **Police Officer Recruitment campaign:** Our new police officer recruitment campaign has launched. Help us to spread the word by liking and sharing our recruitment posts on social media.
- If you know someone who has the potential to become an exemplary police officer, please direct them to the updated [recruitment section](#) of the Police Scotland website. [Police Scotland Jobs - Police Scotland](#)



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 inside the notice board at Monikie Hall, phone box at Monikie Hall and Pitairlie Garage.
- **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 reach out to us using the community mailbox TaysideCarnoustieDistrictcpt@scotland.police.uk

Action:

- SN to share the Police Officer Recruitment advert on MNCC page – **COMPLETED 17/02/25.**
- SN completing the Community Speed Watch funding application – **T/D March 2025**
- The MNCC look forward to a continued and positive relationship with the Police in 2025, which will support the Monikie and Newbigging residents/visitors and we thank them for the reports in advance of each meeting.



4	<p><u>Councillor's Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Cheape/Cllr McDonald were present for meeting and provided the following update.</p> <p><u>Speeding</u></p> <p>Newbigging Village to Monikie Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angus Council conducting an angus area wide speeding review, and Monikie and Newbigging will form part of this exercise.• Update 18/02/25 – Cllr McDonald apologised for the length of time it had taken to get the meetings set up which will form part of the Angus Speeding review (this was down to resourcing issues such as recruitment/absence). At previous MNCC meetings the names of local residents were collated, and this would be whom they meet with.• The working group will develop policies, seek feedback from locals and community councils of what people want. <p><u>Council Update Budget (Cllr Cheape)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information to follow re outcome of budget meeting which is due end of February.• The budget intends to maintain and improve on services, as well as “Clean up Angus”, however more information will be communicated when it is formally agreed by Angus Council and shared via social platforms.
<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr McDonald to email over dates to SN and she will contact residents re meeting dates – A.S.A.P• The MNCC look forward to a continued and positive relationship with the Councillors in 2025, which will support the Monikie and Newbigging residents/visitors and we thank them.	

5. Matters Arising

5.1	<p>Woodland Management Plan (Monikie)</p> <p>Statement Alison Gallacher, Manager, Procurement and Commissioning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>“There is a lot of discussion taking place at this end on the subject of Woodland Management Plans at Monikie and Crombie. At this moment in time the plans remain as published on the Engage Angus portal. The outstanding matter in Monikie is currently with Scottish Forestry so it would not be appropriate for any alterations to be made until we received an update from them. As and when we do, we will share this with yourselves (MNCC)”</i> <p>Graeme Gorrie (resident) discussed that he had met in person several people/groups including Scottish Forestry/Fred Conacher/Angus Council. He believed that there would be a reduction in tree felling permission, pavilion wood reduced down significantly, and consideration given around protected species within the park. He believed that the engage platform would be updated when all information was collated, no timescale was also confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MNCC have had no official information re the above statement/information
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No action for this area.	

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5.2	<p>AED/Battery MNCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB ordered new pads/battery – COMPLETED Feb 2025 ✓ David Morrison awaiting new pads/battery - ORDERED. ✓ Pitairlie Garage awaiting new pads - ORDERED. Monikie Hall (Phone box) – Pads expire March 2025 – To be ORDERED March
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB to order Monikie Hall pads – T/D March 2025 DM/SN to update circuit with new pads/battery info – T/D March 2025 	

5.3	<p>AED/Defib First Aid Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 8 March 2025: 10.30am – 12.30pm (Irving Room, Monikie Hall) 7 booked plus 4 <u>pending</u> confirmation (12 maximum)
<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone interested in attending should contact MNCC direct, SN to keep advertising spaces available – T/D 8 March 2025. 	

CLlr Cheape/CLlr McDonald left meeting at this point

6	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>DM was absent for meeting SN briefed out report.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"> <p>24/00427/FULL Fri 14 Feb 2025 Approved Subject to Conditions</p> </td> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <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: APPROVED - Planning Link: PITARLIE QUARRY</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p>24/00533/MSC Update 18/02/25 Awaiting decision</p> </td> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <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> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p>24/00644/FULL Fri 14 Feb 2025 Approved Subject to Conditions</p> </td> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p>26 Broomwell Gardens Monikie Dundee DD5 3QP <i>Conversion of garage to form guest house/garden room and alterations.</i></p> <p>Received: Tue 29 Oct 2024 Validated: Thu 31 Oct 2024 Status: APPROVED - Planning Link: BROOMWELL</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Please note that any residents can check any planning applications through the following link: https://planning.angus.gov.uk/online-applications</p>	<p>24/00427/FULL Fri 14 Feb 2025 Approved Subject to Conditions</p>	<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: APPROVED - Planning Link: PITARLIE QUARRY</p>	<p>24/00533/MSC Update 18/02/25 Awaiting decision</p>	<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>	<p>24/00644/FULL Fri 14 Feb 2025 Approved Subject to Conditions</p>	<p>26 Broomwell Gardens Monikie Dundee DD5 3QP <i>Conversion of garage to form guest house/garden room and alterations.</i></p> <p>Received: Tue 29 Oct 2024 Validated: Thu 31 Oct 2024 Status: APPROVED - Planning Link: BROOMWELL</p>
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7	<p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>AB was absent for meeting SN briefed out report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance (18/02/25) • £1326.49 (Includes £400 Council Grant) • <u>£926.49</u> <p>Paid since last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Core Bridge Repair: £531.60 ✓ AED Pads x 2 / AED Battery - £460.20 • TOTAL: £991.80 <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Income: £400</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Pending Payments:</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Grant: £400 </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Training: Hire of Hall 8 March 2025: £30 • AED Pad, Monikie Hall: £66 (including VAT) • MNCC Monikie Hall Rent (Meetings 2025) </td> </tr> </table>	Income: £400	Pending Payments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Grant: £400 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Training: Hire of Hall 8 March 2025: £30 • AED Pad, Monikie Hall: £66 (including VAT) • MNCC Monikie Hall Rent (Meetings 2025)
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8	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>The following was raised by MNCC.</p> <p>8.1 Monikie War Memorial Trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SN previously raised at the January meeting that due to <i>Storm Eowyn</i> some damage has been caused to the memorial trees within Monikie Hall (War Memorial Garden). • SN/DMcG meeting Fred Conacher, Angus Council, Tree Officer, Thursday 20 February 2025 re memorial tree damage. <p>8.2 Monikie Park (ANGUSalive)</p> <p>Update from Nicola Barbour, Countryside Adventure Team Leader, ANGUSalive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola forwarded her apologies in advance of meeting, but due to staff development there would be no one available to attend in person at the MNCC meeting. • Technical teams are due to take down the MCP Playpark Fort Area due to this being condemned, and they are continuing to clear woodland around the sluice North Pond areas. <p>Some residents in attendance made comment of the following, which we agreed MNCC would ask ANGUSalive for an update for the next meeting/and or attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maintenance of fencing around the pond areas</i> • <i>Planting of more flowers/such as snowdrops (reference made to Cambo)</i> • <i>Re-investment back into play areas if the playpark area is being cleared, leaves very little activities for children, and what would be the plans in future provision.</i> • <i>Condition of the pond paths for walkers/runners (muddy and slip hazard in some areas).</i>
<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SN to pass information from residents over to Colin Knight and team to either provide statement and/or attend next meeting – T/D March 2025 	



9 Questions from the floor

9.1 Code of Conduct: MNCC

- Graeme Gorrie (resident) raised an issue directed specifically at DMG and SN regarding their “Code of Conduct” and behaviour at previous meeting during discussions around the Aquapark which then led to discussions regarding “lodges” within Monikie Park and comments on social platforms (which Colin Knight initially raised).
- Graeme referred to the COC in relation to personal opinion and preferences of the MNCC specifically again DMcG and SN. He quoted from the previous minutes the issue was agreed re lodges to be “*put to bed*” and commented that we then brought in personal opinion to the discussion, which is against the COC, citing his actions on social media platforms.
- DMcG re-iterated to Graeme that the matter of lodges had been previously discussed multiple times at meetings (and recorded on minutes), and it had been made clear by multiple senior management that there was no intent to build lodges in Monikie Park and therefore the issue would not be discussed any further during future meetings.
- Graeme Gorrie made comments that DMcG/SN were accepting the word of ANGUSalive, Angus Council and anyone we speak to regarding the lodges/woodland plans, at this point DMcG advised him to temper his language towards MNCC.
- SN explained that it was not a “*personal opinion*” re the lodges that she was simply presenting the fact in the meeting of what Graeme has and had written and how this *could* be perceived within the community, she also noted that on multiple times she was interrupted by talking and was asked to let her finish which Graeme did not respect, SN had given Graeme the opportunity to talk however when she was talking he took the opportunity to interrupt on several (4) occasions. SN confirmed that if he had a complaint regarding either of DMcG/SN behaviour then he should follow the complaints procedure and get this investigated.
- DMcG explained that the chair was obligated by our constitution to ensure there is balance in discussions and the opinions or positions of organisations and individuals not in attendance were often mentioned within debates for that reason.

Due to the behaviour and tone of language Graeme used, **he was asked to leave the meeting** by DMcG. Graeme asked if we were allowed to do this, details of this can be found within the MNCC Constitution. Graeme left the meeting.

- It should be noted that this incident left SN visibly upset by the behaviour and accusations of both the chair and secretary.
- On behalf of all the MNCC we would like to thank those in attendance who expressed their concern re this incident and the behaviour that was demonstrated as well as thank those that reached out personally or via messages of support.

It should be noted that members of MNCC will not tolerate any kind of unacceptable behaviour towards its committee members or those in attendance.

Action:

- No action for this area.

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Date of next meeting



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MNCC Contact and Communication Information

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	https://www.facebook.com/MonikieNewbiggingCC
Notice Boards: Should you wish anything to be displayed please contact MNCC direct (via facebook page or email address)	Locations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roadside nearby (Newbigging School)• Victoria Sponge Cake (Monikie)

Useful Community Links

Angus Council "Report IT" Line	https://www.angus.gov.uk/report_it
Angus Council Planning	https://planning.angus.gov.uk/online-applications
Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks	https://powertrack.ssen.co.uk/powertrack
Monikie Memorial Hall	https://www.monikiememorialhall.co.uk/
Neighbourhood Watch Scotland	https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/