



Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council
Draft Minutes of AGM and meeting
Held on 15th January 2025

Attendance:

Chair: Stuart Grubb;
Secretary: Avril Kidd
Treasurer: Keith Kirkhope
Planning: Rose Jenkins;
Community Councillors: Margaret Dunning; Grant Kidd;
Elected members: Cllr Doran; Cllr Whiteside;
Members of the public:

Apologies:

Elected members:
Community Councillors: Liz Cargill;
Angus Council Officers: Hong Zhang
Police: Constable Martyn Brennan

Minutes of previous meeting

- Approved at meeting 15/01/25

Police Report

Recent crimes/issues in the area:

Assessment period – **20/11/2024 – 15/01/2025**

There were **52** calls to the Muirhead, Birkhill, Fowlis and Liff area during this assessment period.

12 crimes were recorded. A break down as follows: -

Group 1 – Crimes of violence – **3** recorded crimes.

Group 2 – Sexual crime. **0**

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty (includes shoplifting & fraud) - **5** crimes recorded.

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – **0**

Group 5 & 6 – Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behaviour, offences against emergency workers and retail workers - **2** crimes recorded.

Group 7 – Motoring offences – 2 crimes recorded.

Emerging issues locally: None

Other topics of note or messages:

Community Police Talks

Local officers recently carried out a social media awareness talk to local parents at Birkhill Primary School. This provided information to parents on how to help keep their children safe online. This was well received by parents.

Any local organisation wishing a talk from the local Community Police Team can email the Officers on TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk to discuss their needs.

Community Speed Watch

Planning for Community Speed Watch continues. Local officers are continuing to carry out speed checks in the local area.

General Agenda

Community Resilience Planning	NCR for Community Councils	17/01/2024	Rose shared an update on our resilience planning. There is a draft funding request that will be submitted National Centre for Resilience Community Councils < https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/ncr/howtoworkwithus/#applyforfunding > Open to: Scottish Community Councils Grant Amount: £500 Application Deadline: 31st January 2024 (£600 of MBLCC money was approved at the meeting to be used for matched funding) for a Resilience Event as part of our Community communication plan). This comprehensive funding request application covers all aspects of resilience – flooding, winds, extreme snow, ice, power outages . This will allow for further funding requests to be investigated for equipment identified in the Resilience plan (e.g generators for community halls, pumps, sandbags).
		20/03/2024	An application has been made to the National Centre for Resilience fund for £500. This will allow us to fund the costs of undertaking a consultation with the local communities to understand their needs. It will also help us to formulate a plan and identify other projects that we can apply for funding for. - Identify Community groups and hold working sessions with them to understand their needs/ where they could be part of the Resilience plan

		15/05/2024	- Identify Community members who could be part of a Resilience Group To give our resilience planning efforts a boost, we are pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing a modest but important grant of £500 from the National Centre for resilience. To obtain this, we put together a plan to encourage community participation in developing a resilience plan. Our intention is that with a plan, we will be in a position to make further bids for capital funding to help support the purchase of equipment and upgrades which would enable the community to support each other during a range of events including floods, major snow, storm damage, etc. We will now start to roll out our community outreach plan and seek to get further involvement from residents in our area. We would be grateful to hear from volunteers who would be willing to participate and help shape the plans.
		18/09/2024	£500 grant approved – fill in the banking form to receive funding Form completed. Next step is to ask people if they would like to be involved in a small focus group. ACTION Rose to ask community if they want to be in the focus group once next draft of resilience plan is available (see below)
		25/11/2024	No update
		15/01/2025	ACTION Rose to check on the £500 as we have not received it yet
	Resilience Plan	15/01/2025	ACTION – Avril to share first draft of Resilience Plan with rest of CC for input.
	Angus Council Community Resilience Fund	25/11/2024	Funding requests completed for Angus Council Community Resilience Fund 2024-2025 – both for Community Resilience and Community Flood Protection Fund
		15/01/2025	Awarded £15,000 from the Community Flood Protection Fund in December 2024. Funding to be spent before end March 2025.
		15/01/2025	ACTION – Community Council to look for storage areas per zone for resilience boxes Muirhead and Birkhill – Avril/Grant Liff – Stuart Fowlis - Stuart Piperdam - Rose Lundie – Rose Balruddery/Flockloans/Blairhall – Keith
		15/01/2025	ACTION – Avril to send approved shopping list for each area to CC
	SSE	17/01/2024	Rose did speak to SSE in 2023 who pointed us to their website and a community grant scheme once we have a resilience plan in place.

Site Visits	17/01/2024	Hong suggested we setup site visits for the areas that were flooded with Angus Council/Scottish Flood Forum/Farmers as a good starting point for what could be done to help prevent/deal with flooding. A member of the public with SEPA Experience informed us that Farmers need a license from SEPA to allow dredging of burns now.
	25/01/2024	Scottish Flood Forum visiting on 5 th December 2024 to walk around the flooded areas with us.
	15/01/2025	Visit on 5 th December was very worthwhile and gave us some pointers for the areas we walked around. ACTION Avril, Grant and Stuart to document findings
Resilience Event	17/01/2024	MBLCC plan to host a public resilience event with various emergency responders such as Scottish Power, Scottish Flood Forum, Fire brigade, Police. Explains to households what they might want to put into place themselves (Household resilience); Possibly do DeFib awareness talk ; Perhaps some CPR training. Jennifer Anderson from the Angus Council Resilience team suggested a Saturday morning in March with some refreshments and some fun things for children to do. Once there is an agreed date with a quorum of attendees this information will be shared as widely as possible and start asking what Volunteers could bring to a allow us to create a Skills/Assets Register. - At this event we may look for Volunteers to work with the CC on a Community Resilience Team - It would be useful if the community were able to point out areas at risk on a map at the event (e.g. which public roads were flooded (and where) along with private properties that were also flooded.
	20/03/2024	This was replaced by the Flood Mobile. This event was organised in collaboration with Angus Council and was noted as being very well attended today. Based on the discussions that were had one of the next steps is to work with the Scottish Flood Forum on our flood map. They will help us to translate our sketch information into a digital map that we can share with SEPA, and it may lead to the identification of other actions that can be taken to alleviate local issues. RJ to action sketch flood map and pass to Scottish Flood Forum. Much was said of the impact of farming in the area. RJ will discuss with some local farmers to understand what they can and cannot do, and the regulations that they work under (e.g. SEPA). RJ will report back at the next meeting.
	15/05/2024	At the last meeting we took notes of areas that were hit during recent spates of flooding. We further followed this up with a Facebook post seeking more information from the Community. This was met with an enthusiastic response and all the data was recorded on a map which has been sent to the Scottish Flood Forum. This is an organisation that supports communities at risk from flooding. They have advised that they will help us to digitise this information and we hope to be able to use this to inform future resilience

			<p>plans.</p> <p>In addition to this, there has been much discussion in many of the meetings regarding the management of farm land in our area, the management of waterways, the roles of SEPA and famers, and whether this could have had a detrimental effect and exacerbate the flooding that we saw in 2023. Rose has spent some time with local farmers to understand the responsibilities of the farmers, the regulations that they are working under and their approach to land management. This has been an interesting exercise and Rose will seek to share relevant information at the next meeting and through our resilience planning project.</p> <p>15/01/2025 CLOSE we will look at hosting a resilience event in 2025 and also all the above information will be included in our Resilience Plan</p>
Traffic and speeding	Pop Up Jim	17/01/2024	Ready for deployment. Requests for Jim to be deployed at various places to be added to a spreadsheet.
		15/05/2024	Has been deployed in Muirhead, Liff, Fowlis and road to Piperdam / Lundie
		17/07/2024	Maybe we could deploy him at the Liff School Crossing as per the note below. Also a request for Jim to be deployed again on Woodside Rd in Liff.
		18/09/2024	Community use of Jim. ACTION Avril to draft the rules for borrowing Jim then send out to community contacts/other CCs to see if there is interest
		25/11/2024	Not completed yet
		15/01/2025	Draft complete – share with CC
	Speed Detectors	17/01/2024	<p>There are 4 detectors on the main roads through Birkhill/ Muirhead two are owned by Angus Council and 2 were bought by the previous MBLCC :-</p> <p>2 in Birkhill on Coupar Angus Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One beside Asda Petrol Station - One beside the Bowling Club <p>2 in Muirhead (both Swarco with a date on them of June 21) with serial numbers 16689 and 16670):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One on Coupar Angus Road opposite the church - One on Newtyle Road opposite the back of the old nursery
		17/01/2024	MBLCC have previously asked Angus Council under an FOI application whether they own and maintain the cameras. The response was that they did not. The previous mins of MBLCC meetings have also been searched for any details relating to the cameras. At the meeting the details of ownership and responsibility were discussed again. Cllr Whiteside has spoken to Craig Hudson from Angus Council Roads department and he is happy to be contacted about the speeding signs. Email sent.
		15/05/2024	Craig Hudson said he will look into this as soon as he can.
		17/07/2024	ACTION Needs followed up. Avril to email him
18/09/2024		Email sent 11/09/24	
25/11/2024	Information back on speed information.		
			A923 and B954 through Birkhill & Muirhead

Traffic and Speed Survey Results - November 2024

Traffic Direction	24Hr Ave. Volume	Average Speed	85th%ile Speed
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Location 1 - A923 East of the Filling Station - 06/11/24 - 13/11/24

Eastbound	5786	25	30
Westbound	6063	26	30

Location 2 - A923 At the Bowling Club - 06/11/24 - 13/11/24

Eastbound	5182	28	33
Westbound	5259	30	34

Location 3 - A923 At the Old School Nursery - 06/11/24 - 13/11/24

Eastbound	3770	25	30
Westbound	4387	31	38

Location 4 - B954 Newtyle Road at No.20 - 13/11/24 - 20/11/24

Eastbound	1831	32	27
Westbound	1738	32	38

15/01/2025

First analysis of raw data suggests some cars are travelling above 60 mph. CC to do more analysis on data to provide information for Community Speed Watch Scheme
ACTION Avril to provide raw data to CC
ACTION Avril to request data from other speed detection cameras in area (e.g. Liff and Fowllis)

Traffic Police

06/07/2023

Members of the public asked why traffic police have not attended Birkhill/Muirhead in months especially on a Sunday morning when there is a group of motorbikes who round the corner at Adil's then speed out of the village.

Community Speed Watch Scheme (CSWS)

25/11/2024

ACTION - Stuart to add this to the police feedback form
 Grant attended a meeting with the police on Community Speed watch. Need at least 3 people from each area to participate. Need to publicise. Need to check for funding.

15/01/2025

Grant attended CSWS meeting this week. Next step is to ask community for their opinion
ACTION – Grant to put out opinion poll

Reducing Speed limit in Birkhill/Muirhead to 20

04/05/2023

All roads being reviewed at the moment by roads teams and will be complete by end March 2023

17/01/2024

Update from Cllr Whiteside : the result of the recent speed limit review and specifically 20mph) are with Transport Scotland. However Craig Hudson is going to discuss the route between Muirhead and Liff at this month's traffic coordination meeting.

15/05/2024

Cllr Whiteside reported that there will be some funding available for this but it's to be decided if there is to be a blanket approach or target some areas with traffic calming

18/09/2024

Cllr Doran had asked Craig Hudson for an update. *'In regards to new 20mph speed limits, we are still in discussions with Transport Scotland regarding Angus' plans for the 20mph National Strategy. Discussions continue internally with the Communities Convener, and we expect that a committee*

			<i>report will be forthcoming in due course to make a final decision on our plans.'</i>
Traffic Calming measures in Muirhead	12/01/2023	Put in place in December 22. How will Angus Council measure success? We need the old data and when will we get updated data?	
	04/05/2023	Graeme Dailly Director of infrastructure and Environment invited to our meetings. Said he will come along to meet with us at the same time as the Community Police Officer	
	17/07/2024	ACTION Stuart to contact Graeme Dailly to see about site visit	
	18/09/2024	No update	
	25/11/2024	Email sent on 16/9/24	
		No response	
		CLOSE action as getting no reply from Graeme Dailly	
	15/01/2025		
Path from Backmuir Woods to Liff School is needed	02/03/2023	Could we use part of the field as is down between Liff and Fowlis? Sidlaw Path Network say that Angus council have said they will be doing something	
	04/05/2023	ACTION – Stuart to discuss with Graham Dailly when he attends meeting	
	18/09/2024	Email sent 16/9/24	
	25/11/2024	No response. Check again with SPN	
	17/07/2024	Could any of the funding opportunities be used?	
	18/09/2024	ACTION Rose to pass on to Sidlaw Path Network	
	15/01/2024	Rose has passed on to SPN – close action	
	17/07/2024	ACTION - Liz to discuss with farmer. Is it possible to use the scrub ground between the Backmuir Car Park and the house next to the school?	
	18/09/2024	No update	
	25/11/2024	No update	
	15/01/2024	Cllr Doran will provide an update	
Pedestrian Crossing in Muirhead needs moved to the shop side of the road	07/09/2023	ACTION – discuss with Graham Dailly when he attends meeting	
	17/07/2024	No Update	
	18/09/2024	Email sent 16/9/24	
	25/11/2024	Note community email received 25 th November	
		'I have a concern regarding the traffic lights on the junction of Edward place at the corner of tiddlywinks nursery in muirhead. At least once a week whilst going to and from the nursery with my son, traffic will not stop when the lights turn red for us to cross, resulting in me and my son having to stop in the middle of the road to dodge traffic or being unable to cross until I am sure that the traffic has come to a complete stop both ways. As the lights are so close to the junction it appears difficult to see the change in the lights depending on where the traffic is coming from and drivers go straight through the lights. Many times I've had drivers signal toe whilst I've been stood in the middle of the road when the green man is on as if we are in the wrong for crossing. I'm very worried there is going to be some sort of serious accident here. A number of other members of the village have also posted this concern on the community Facebook page. Can this be discussed in hopes that something can be done to resolve this issue? Many thanks.'	

	Parking on pavement outside the Pharmacy in Muirhead	<p>15/01/2025</p> <p>17/01/2024</p> <p>15/05/2024</p> <p>17/07/2024</p> <p>18/09/2024</p> <p>25/11/2024</p> <p>15/01/2024</p>	<p>Would traffic calming help? ACTION Keith to request a site visit if Traffic attend Success for Sidlaw meeting</p> <p>CLlr Doran is working with Angus Council on this issue</p> <p>ACTION - CLlr Doran will bring this up with Police - COMPLETE</p> <p>Parking on pavement in Angus' grace period is almost up.</p> <p>ACTION – Avril to post information on Facebook – COMPLETE</p> <p>Several fines have been given out</p> <p>ACTION – CLlr Doran to email council as Pharmacy still says their customers can park there</p> <p>Closed meeting so CLlr Doran wasn't in attendance</p> <p>CLlr Doran has followed up with Angus Council</p>
	Member of public contacted us to say they were very concerned about crossing in Liff	<p>17/07/2024</p> <p>18/09/2024</p> <p>25/11/2024</p> <p>15/01/2025</p>	<p>Crossing between Liff Hospital and Liff School is dangerous with the increased traffic because of Swallow Roundabout works Overgrown Vegetation has been reported to Angus Council. (However this area is in Dundee) Cars driving in middle of road and not doing 20 MPH. Poor road markings. Asked if the crossing could be moved to a different place or extra signposts. Police said they will try to attend to monitor cars.</p> <p>ACTION – Stuart to check with Liff Primary</p> <p>Vegetation has been cut back and lines repainted. Stuart will be discussing road safety with Headteacher</p> <p>?????? update</p>
Correspondence		<p>15/01/2025</p>	<p><i>Complaint received about lack of gritting on pavements.</i></p> <p><i>'During the very cold period in January, a workman fell on Coupar Angus Road Muirhead. I looked at the council website and can see that Coupar Angus Road, Muirhead has been removed from the gritting plan.</i></p> <p><i>Inver Terrace and the path linking Inver Terrace and Coupar Angus Road have also been neglected.</i></p> <p><i>There are several diversity issues and societal issues being ignored by failing to ensure that we can walk safely on our pavements:-</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Those in the street who have disabilities are being poorly treated compared with others in the village.</i> <i>2. There are many old people in this part of the village whilst the parts of the village benefitting from gritting are newer built houses with younger families in them.</i> <i>3. Religious discrimination by not gritting the pavement is preventing people from accessing Muirhead church which is at the end of the village.</i> <i>4. The church is also a focal point for people with various activities including a Friendship group, Guild meetings and exercise classes. Many of the activities at the church cater for people who are otherwise socially excluded in addition to providing a safe, warm space during the winter months.</i> <p><i>Those at a greater risk of injury from a fall have now to use car for short journeys instead of walking as they normally do. Short car journeys are also the most polluting as the engine has not reached its optimal operating temperature and this also removes a base</i></p>

Funding Opportunities			<p><i>level of exercise which would normally be undertaken.</i></p> <p><i>People are having to balance the danger from ice on the pavements against the danger from traffic from walking on a main road.'</i></p> <p>We now keep a list of possible uses for funding to allow us to react more quickly when the correct funding opportunity comes in. Once suggestion boxes are in place they could be used for this.</p>
Finance/ Treasurer		18/09/2024	Printer ink and paper requests can be made
Planning	NPF4 Update	15/11/2023	MBLCC have responded to Angus Council's call for interest in participating in the creation of a local area development plan. Members are reminded that the minutes of July 2023 explain the importance of the new National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and how this feeds into our ability to have a greater influence on shaping the MBLCC built environment.
		17/01/2024	Rose working with the planning officer to provide the MBLCC input in greater detail
		18/09/2024	Still WIP
		25/11/2024	No update
	New Football stadium at Camperdown Park	17/07/2024	MBLCC attendees may be interested in an update on the creation of a new football stadium, crematorium, housing and hotel etc at land to the south of Camperdown Park sits beyond our area but neighbours us. Unlike Angus Council, Dundee City Council planning do not publish comments therefore it's not possible to determine the feelings of the public and there is no determination date set as yet either. At this time, comments cannot be submitted and it would appear that it is being 'called in' to the Planning Committee (which is normal for a development of this size and scale).
	New Planning Applications	15/01/2024	No update
Social Media and Comms	Facebook insight	15/01/2024	<p>Total Followers 1,479 (up from 1,467 last meeting)</p> <p>Last 28 days (Dec) - Post Reach of 286</p> <p>Link clicks 1</p> <p>ACTION – CC to look at how to make Facebook posts more engaging</p>
	Communication plan Website	25/11/2024	Now available as a Voice template by Hong
		25/11/2024	Will need updated with more contact details
		25/11/2024	Look at moving to a different provider
Defibrillators	Liff Village	17/01/2024	Funding application submitted to National Lottery by Stuart
		15/05/2024	Delayed by 2 months at National Lottery
		18/09/2024	Rejected by National Lottery. Richard Laing has submitted a new request to a different charity
		25/11/2024	No update

	Lundie	15/01/2025 18/09/2024 25/11/2024 15/01/2025	No update Defrib finder not showing the one in Lundie. Action Rose to follow up No update No update
	Piperdam	18/09/2024 25/11/2024 15/01/2025	Piperdam resort has one but it's not public use so we may want to apply for one if Liff is successful No update No update
Community Engagement	Voice	18/09/2024 25/11/2024	Voice Training was completed by Avril on 10 th September. Others can have access to the Voice tool which is used for planning community engagement projects. ACTION – Avril to pass on information to see if it could be used for Resilience next steps Information passed to rest of CC. Decision TBA

Date of next meeting: 19th March 2025 at 7pm (Tom Brown Room, Millennium Hall, Birkhill)

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Useful links and email addresses

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<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk>

There are various ways to contact the police to report anything happening. Via the Community Council report, calling 101 or by emailing the community mailbox directly TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk

Registration numbers of vehicles illegally parked (such as dangerous parking or obstruction) can be emailed directly to TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk.

Please note that if a car is reported as stolen then turns out not to be stolen but just abandoned you will be asked to report it to Angus Council for it to be removed.

https://www.angus.gov.uk/bins_litter_and_recycling/litter_and_flytipping/report_an_abandoned_vehicle

Any road or street issues should be reported via the Angus Portal here

https://www.angus.gov.uk/roads_parking_and_travel/roads_and_pavements/report_a_pothole_street_lighting_or_other_roadstreet_issue or scan the below QR code



Winter Resilience Phone Numbers

Power Cuts call 105

Gas Emergency 0800 111 999

Floodline/Flood Agency 0345 988 1188

Muirhead Doctor Surgery 01382 580264

<https://ready.scot/prepare>

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Priority register – <https://www.ssen.co.uk/psr>

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