

Murroes & Wellbank Community Council,

Meeting held at Murroes Hall on 13th of February 2025 at 7:30pm

Present: S.Anderson (SA, Chair); G. Cowper (GP, Secretary); A. Martin (AM, Vice-Chair); M Went (MW); Cllr H Doran; L Clink (LC, volunteer - Minute Secretary)

Members of the Public: Ian Robertson (Stop the Crem); Angela Fraser; Ian Anderson; Donna Anderson

Apologies: J. Crozier (JC, Treasurer); Jane Bell; H Zhang (HZ, Angus Council, Vibrant Communities team)

SA welcomed attendees and invited introductions

Previous Minutes

Amendments were made based on feedback from H. Zhang, Angus Council, Vibrant Communities team:

- The last paragraph under Matters Arising - Community Speed Watch Programme was amended as follows:

"HZ also suggested other potential funding sources including Hillcrest Foundation, Tayside Contracts (whose funding applications open again in April 2025 and this year had grants of up to £3,000 for goods and services provided by Tayside Contracts), Scotmid Community Grant, and NHS Charitable Foundation. HZ noted that Claire Thompson had said at the Success for Sidlaw group meeting that she would mention this project at the Community Planning Partnership meeting."

The minutes, with the above amendments, were proposed by Stephen Anderson and seconded by Greta Cowper.

Matters Arising

- Speeding

SA expects clarity and an update on local speed data by the April 2025 meeting.

- Community Speed Watch programme.

SA explained the Community Speed Watch programme to new attendees, outlining how it operates and its intended benefits.

IA and DA raised concerns about the solar panel battery on the speed sign at Drumsturdy Road. Cllr Doran noted government funding for speed measures along with a new member and officer group (MOG) looking at speeding and policy. AF supported tachographs on tractors. MW raised the Scottish Government's speed limit consultation.

- Footpath – Kellas to Murroes Primary School Car Park

GC highlighted issues with the path's design and higher specifications required by the Council, increasing costs. GC asked Cllr Doran for assistance in obtaining plans from the Council.

- Footpath - Drumsturdy Road

DA and IA raised concerns over the footpath condition, lack of space for a pram or wheelchair due to mud, and encroaching hedges. SA asked Cllr Doran to address the issue of mud on the pavement.

- Potholes

GC and AM raised concerns over repeated pothole patching instead of resurfacing. Cllr Doran will check with the Roads Department. Cllr Doran also asked residents to continue to report potholes.

- Drain Clearance

SA noted progress in drain clearance, Cllr Doran acknowledged. DA and IA raised concerns about silt buildup on Drumsturdy Road and flooding.

Police Report

SA shared the police report and highlighted the Neighbourhood Watch scheme (see Appendix 1).

Secretary's Report

- Correspondence from Angus Council on funding and training was noted.

Financial Report

SA reported a bank balance of £12,252.66 as of January 2025, including grants and CC funds of £1,211.30. Applications for Seagreen grants (up to £500) are welcomed. DA noted that some residents were unaware of the grant fund. GC will send DA the application form.

Councillor Update

Cllr Doran provided an update on the Council's new Speeding Group and noted the upcoming budget announcement. Cllr Doran also addressed ongoing concerns with paths, speeding, and potholes. LC raised concerns about the Council excluding the public from the consultation on wood burners, noting that only council tenants and staff were consulted, which Cllr Doran agreed to follow up.

Planning Update

SA reported on recent planning applications:

- 25/00033/FULL – West Denside – Proposed agricultural storage buildings.
- 25/00002/LBC & 25/00003/FULL – 1 Duntrune House – Internal and external alterations.
- 24/00768/EIASCR – Laverockhall Barns of Wedderburn – Proposed solar panels and battery storage.
- 24/00687/EIASCR – Blawearie House – Conversion for staff accommodation.
- Proposed Crematorium (20/00830/FULL) – IR provided an update (**see Appendix 2**).

Cllr Doran motioned for ECU/K Lindsay to notify Community Councils of applications in their area, similar to statutory consultees, and to review the current notification process as it is time-consuming for Community Councils to check the ECU website for updates.

IR noted that Cllr Doran had taken a consistent position on both of the crematorium planning applications.

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Wellbank Hall Update

No update from K. Gerrard. SA noted new members joining the Hall Committee.

Murroes Hall Update

GC reported funding for an emergency hub and installation of 75Mb broadband. Plans for a new hall are progressing with hall committee meeting in February 2025 and further community engagement to be arranged. GC expressed concerns about glass recycling bins; if issues persist, the hall committee may ask for the bins to be removed.

MW raised concerns with Spar's Head Office about the unacceptable condition of the area behind the Wellbank Spar shop.

School catchment area – Drumsturdy Road residents

DA raised concerns about children on Drumsturdy Road being required to attend Carnoustie High School instead of Monifieth High School. Cllr Doran will make enquiries.

Next Meeting

Wellbank Hall, Thursday, 24th April 2025 at 7:30pm

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, and the meeting was closed.

Appendix 1



Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – 13th February 2025	
Local Community Policing Area	Murroes and Wellbank Community Council TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk
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To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses a few days before the meeting documenting the previous month's activity.

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Assessment period – 12/12/2024 – 13/02/2025

There were **31 calls** received in the local area during this assessment period.

9 crimes were recorded in respect of your area over this time –

Group 1 – Crimes of violence/threats – 0

Group 2 – Crimes of sexual nature – 0

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty – **4 recorded crimes.**

Group 4 – Crimes involving property damage – 0

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

Group 7 – Road traffic crimes – **3 recorded crimes.**

Further information.

Recorded Crime

Recorded Crime in the area remains low.

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.



Appendix 2

Crem Campaign update to Community Council 13/02/25

Headlines:

- Duntrune crem 2nd appeal legal action lodged, Angus Council attempting to try and explain away its inconsistent treatment of the Duntrune and Carmyllie crem appeals

Update:

- Re Duntrune crem
 - according to a local media report on 11/12/24 papers for a 2nd Statutory Review of the decision to grant planning permission have been lodged at the Court of Session. Ball would therefore appear to be in Angus Council's court to decide if it is going to again concede that it has behaved unlawfully or if it is going to attempt to defend itself at the Court of Session.
 - On 18/12/24 STV news ran a piece on the latest legal action as part of their 6pm news bulletin – this included footage of local objectors and interviews with the landowner, Ian Robertson and the solicitor representing the local resident who has lodged papers for the 2nd Statutory Review. The unsuitability of the local road network to cope with a significant increase in vehicular traffic from the crem was the main point made by the objectors.

- Re Carmyllie crem – no reports in the local media that papers for a Statutory Review of the refusal on appeal have been lodged by the deadline of 1/1/25, so it would appear that that landowner is not going to challenge Angus Council’s refusal decision.
- Re the complaint lodged with Angus Council re the administrative procedural errors made with the Duntrune and Carmyllie crem appeal meetings in summer & autumn 2024 – Angus Council eventually upheld this complaint in full and again promised that ‘lessons would be learnt’. Note: This is the 10th complaint that has been submitted to Angus Council over the course of the last 4.5 years regarding its processing of the Duntrune and Carmyllie crem planning applications & appeals and elements of all 10 complaints have either been ‘upheld’ or ‘upheld in part’ by Angus Council.
- Re 11th complaint lodged re the clear inconsistencies in Angus Council’s DMRC committee’s assessment of the Duntrune and Carmyllie crem appeals (as a reminder the proposed Duntrune site with no bus service nor footpaths was deemed accessible by sustainable modes of transport other than private car, whereas the proposed Carmyllie site with an existing bus service and proposed new connecting footpaths was not):
 - Given the completely unsatisfactory Stage 1 response this regrettably had to be raised up to being a Stage 2 complaint and Angus Council’s response to this was to try and claim that *‘it would be material for Committee to have regard to the fact that one application proposed development close to the edge of a city and an area of population, while the other proposed development some distance from any centre of population. Whilst matters related to proximity to a bus route and availability of footpaths may be an indicator of accessibility, it is not appropriate or unreasonable for Committee to consider other factors including the geographic location of a site and its relative proximity to population centres.’*
 - That as may be, but given that in none of the Duntrune or Carmyllie crem appeal meetings the Committee ever mentioned or considered this particular interpretation of ‘accessibility’ and furthermore in all of these meetings there was no mention or consideration of the city of Dundee (for which Angus Council of course has no responsibility) then sadly this is a very lame attempt by Angus Council to try and explain away clear and blatant inconsistencies in the application of planning policy by the majority of the DMRC members.
 - The First Minister’s and Cabinet Minister responsible for Local Government’s response to all this is that planning appeals are delegated to local authorities and that the process to raise concerns is first via a complaint to the council (done) and then to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman before one can then raise it with the Scottish Government. Due to the current legal action it is not possible at this point in time to raise this matter with the Ombudsman, but when circumstances permit or require this next step to take place then it will be undertaken. Note: Graeme Dey MSP for Angus South is in the loop re all this and is paying close attention which is much appreciated.
- Re Dundee FC stadium and crem planning application still set to be determined – decision now expected in early 2025

Question:

- 2) Has Cllr Whiteside had the opportunity to feed back the concerns raised by the Community Council regarding the Roads Service’s response to the recent complaint or is this something that would need to be taken forward after the conclusion of the current legal action? (open since June 2022)