

# Strathmartine Community Council & Resilience Meeting - Minutes

Date 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Location Strathmartine Bowling Club  
Apologies Graham Robertson, Donna Thain  
Attendees John Young, Norma Munnoch, Fiona Webster, Carla Kelly, Wayne Howard, Alistair Hodnett Gillian Todd, Cari Gaffney, Nadine Farquhar, Barbara Christie, Lee Caswell, Justine Caswell, Lorna Riddle, Paula Robertson, Graham Robertson, Colin Smith, Cllr Lloyd Melville

Unfortunately, the school janitor never showed up again, so the meeting was moved to the Strathmartine Bowling Club at the last minute. Big thank you to those who shuttled people in their cars.

## Previous Minutes

Agreed and posted.

## Community Survey

Colin Smith from The Glamis Consultancy gave an overview of the results from the Community Survey. In summary 58 people responded, which is good for this type of exercise and deemed representative of the overall community. The presentation will be shared via Facebook and if there is enough interest an online session could be set up. Next steps are to analyze the details with a view of creating an action plan which in turn would feed into the Local Place Plan.

Congratulations to Paula Robertson on winning the £50 Amazon voucher.

## Tealing Substation, Battery Storage & Pylon Upgrade, Auchterhouse Solar Panel Farm, Templeton Farm Battery Storage Facility.

The Community Council will continue sharing information via Facebook with updates relating to these proposals, urging people to voice any concerns through the appropriate online groups / links as communicated.

The 12-week consultation period has begun for the **Auchterhouse Solar Panel Farm**, two drop in events will take place **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March between 3pm – 7pm at the Auchterhouse Village Hall.**

## Community Resilience Forum – Update

Sheds and other kit have been purchased and are being delivered in March, with the bases under construction by the Angus community payback team. The old wooden shed at the school needs to be demolished in coming weeks and we'll be looking for volunteers to help with this, watch out for the posts on Facebook.

Once we have the sheds stocked, we will arrange days when we can get the community together to see what equipment is available and how to use it. We will then be looking for volunteers to help maintain/charge equipment and keep track of it as it is used. If anyone needs any equipment before then, please contact Donna or Norma for help.

Discussions ongoing with Angus Council re the park flooding issues. We feel that it needs a small embankment and ditch rather than 80 meters of roll out defenses, we are hoping to pay the council to do this work and have a meeting with them next week.

We raised a complaint with the council about Rosemill Road drains as only about 1 in 5 had been cleaned when the sweeper was round. The roads manager came for a discussion and got the cleaner back. Unfortunately, it looks like many of those not cleaned for some time do not work. The council has made a new channel into Norma's field to improve road drainage- so more water going on to a property that floods!!

River monitoring system close to being fitted near the bridge.

Beaver dams were cleared by the council. Beavers are still there but no new dams have been built.

Please be aware the Resilience Forum meets as part of the Community Council meeting and only have separate meeting when the need dictates. They have a WhatsApp group for resilience updates - anyone who wants added, please email name and mobile to [strathmartineresilience@gmail.com](mailto:strathmartineresilience@gmail.com)

### **Community Speed Watch**

Agreement has been reached that several community council will group together and utilize the required equipment. An application is being made by Monikie & Newbigging CC to The National Lottery Fund on behalf of all the communities. If successful the equipment will be stored at Carnoustie police station.

### **Police update**

**14** calls to the Strathmartine area during this assessment period.

**3** crimes were recorded. A break down as follows: -

**2 crimes recorded** in the category of Miscellaneous/ other crimes including threatening & abusive behavior, offences against emergency workers and retail workers.

**1 recorded crime for a** Motoring offence.

### **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.

Local Community Policing Area [TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:TaysideMonifiethSidlawCPT@Scotland.police.uk)

National and local campaigns and messages <http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

## **Treasurers Report**

### Community Council

February OUT £2,122.80 Consultancy, plus monthly fee of £4.25

**Balance- £1,606.22**

### Resilience Group

January/February IN £14,800 Angus Council Resilience Grant  
£12,080 Scottish Hydro Electric Resilience Grant  
OUT £18,058.72 for various equipment

**Balance- £8,821.28**

## **Planning report**

No planning application

## **AOCB**

Issue was raised for the need for more Dog Pooh bins and Signs near the park area and Craigmill as well as the path at The Old Railway Line. An email has been sent to Cllr Lloyd Melville asking for his help in the matter.

**Next Meeting - 24<sup>th</sup> April at Strathmartine Primary School**

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