

AUCHTERTOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY 8/2/2015 @ 19:30

Auchtertool Village Hall

Those Present: Tom Lochhead (Chair), Kevin Carter (Vice Chair), Freda Biddulph (Treasurer), Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr George Kay, Audrey Duncan (Member), Mark Armitage (Secretary), Peter Mitchell (Representing Clentrie Farm), Brian Schultz (4 Winds Trust), Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Peter George, Adele Seath (Member), Community Police Officer Ross Masterton

Minutes of Meeting

1. Welcome and introductions

Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The previous minutes were proposed by TL and seconded by KC.

3. 4 Winds Overview

Brian Schultz provided an overview of the 4 Winds Trust Fund. He encouraged us and other community groups to apply for grant funding via their website <http://www.4windstrust.com/>.

How to apply and the criteria on which applications are scored against are available on the website and application form.

4. Clentrie Farm Wind Cluster update

Peter Mitchell provided an update on the access road which is being built. The road is being constructed just to the North of the village on the Lochgelly Road (near the old rail viaduct). It utilises local plant machinery, rock from the farm and locally sourced materials. All construction of road is taking place from within the farm itself to minimise impact. Once complete, this will allow the turbine construction to commence. It is anticipated the turbines will be completed by the end of the summer.

ACTION POINT: TL will find out whether there was any community contribution from Beverkae Turbines.

5. Treasurers Report.

FB confirmed a small change this month. After recent expenditure, the balance in the account is £1707.08.

5. Community Policing update

Community Police Officer Ross Masterton was not present. 2 reports of unsolved vandalism have been reported. Local resident Ross Mitchell mentioned an attempted break in to his house and asked whether this was being regarded as vandalism. This will be checked with PC Masterton.

ACTION POINT: MA will write to PC Masterton regarding attempted break in for clarity.

5. Planning applications and issues

No new significant developments to report.

6. Village issues

6.1 The dog mess in village continues to be an issue. All residents are encouraged to challenge anyone over this and/or contact police.

ACTION POINT: Kevin and Adele to highlight on Facebook

ACTION POINT: Audrey will raise awareness at the school

6.2 It has been reported that the park lights are still out.

ACTION POINT: MA will chase Chick McPhee as raised previously

6.3 Speeding in the village.

ACTION POINT: Cllrs Kay and Leslie to discuss with Ian Smith at Ward Meeting, raising again the planned reduction in speed limit on the Lochgelly Road as a result of the new access road for the Clentrie Wind cluster, as well as the wider issues in the village.

6.4 Auchtertool Primary School - Farmer has raised concern about the amount of playground litter in his field.

ACTION POINT: AD will take this up with Mrs Bell

ACTION POINT: AD will invite Mrs Bell to a future meeting to see how the ACC can help school.

6.5 Village Engagement - We agreed that a separate meeting is required to discuss holding some form of village meeting to engage with the wider community on a number of issues.

ACTION POINT: All.

6.6 Fly tipping - This is particularly bad north of the village on the Lochgelly Road.

ACTION POINT: MA will write to Chick McPhee to see if signs can be put up warning people not to tip.

6.7 Village Broadband. The upgrade is planned for Spring 2016.

ACTION POINT: MA will seek an update from Jonathan Parker Economic Adviser for Broadband Fife.

7. Future meetings

14th Mar @ 19:30

11th Apr @ 19:30

9th May @ 19:30

13th Jun @ 19:30

Actions Log

Item	Description/Action	Status	Comments
Fly Tipping on Lochgelly Road	MA will write to Chick McPhee	New	
Village Event - Engagement	A separate meeting will be held to discuss possible event to engage with the wider community.	New	All
APS Playground Litter	Farmer has complained about litter from school	New	AD will raise with Mrs Bell
Community Policy	Clarity being sought over 2 recent acts of unsolved vandalism	New	MA will write to PC Masterton

Floral Enhancement	2016 Budget	pending	Application submitted
Clentrie Turbines	TL will speak directly with Tom Mitchell for an update on progress	open	<p>Peter Mitchell provided an update. We will need to start thinking about how the community benefit is set up and managed.</p> <p>TL to look into potential Beverkae Community Benefit</p>
Council Insurance	MA will contact Bill Welsh regarding insurance options covering loss of Acc assets & PL insurance.	pending	MA will check the renewal is in place for 2016
Old Millennium Bench	Morris Biddulph to repair	pending	Winter project - ongoing
Community Fund Raiser	Ideas are being sought for fund raising events - ALL	carry forward	
Broadband Speeds	Although the upgrade now looks likely, we still want to establish when	Pending	We will leave this open, but indications currently suggest Spring 2016. MA will chase on progress.
New Community Notice Board	Kenneth Hallet has confirmed that we can fund part of the cost from the locality budget if the Acc make a contribution towards cost.	Pending	TL will look into constructing one himself.

Speed in Village	MA to raise this matter with Cllr Leslie/Kays	Pending	Data now available. Cllrs Leslie and Kay will take the matter up with Ian Smith.
Dog Mess	This is getting more problematic	Pending	AS/Kev to highlight on Facebook Audrey to raise with school also
Park Lights	These are not working	Pending	MA to chase Chick McPhee
Renewable Energy Planning Applications	Given the difficulty in keeping an oversight on all existing, pending and new applications, we will write to Stuart Wilson to see if this can be made clearer/easier	Pending	MA will write to Stuart Wilson/ Alastair Hamilton
Mossmoran/Braefoot	1. TL will write to Exxon exploring additional funding opportunities.	closed	
Project Funding	The Community Settlement Trust	closed	MA will pass the application form to KC for the £55 p.a settlement trust going to the Youth Club
	Community Council Admin Budget	closed	TL will write to Linda Bissett with confirmation of audited accounts being available
Community Policing	Parking Concerns in The Maltings	closed	MA will write to PC Masterton