

STRATHMARTINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2013

At Strathmartine Primary School

Councillors present: Jean Dykes, Betty Green, Andy Angus (Acting Chair), Donald Fraser

Apologies: Fiona Reid,

Absent: Dave Smith

Also in attendance Cllr Fotheringham and around twenty members of the community.

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes read and accepted.

Matters arising

Although the previous meeting felt that the community council would have to wind up, no councillors formally resigned, and as at least one member of the community had expressed interest in the intervening period, leaflets were distributed to all households announcing the February meeting to gauge interest in keeping the council functioning.

The large attendance at this meeting allowed a formal request for new members to be made. Three new candidates came forward for co-option and were appointed as community councillors: Duncan McCabe, Rod Ingram and Douglas Hume.

Duncan McCabe was appointed secretary to the community council. Proposed D Fraser, Seconded A Angus.

It was agreed to have a rotating chair for meetings until the position could be filled. The council now has a full complement of councillors although the intentions of Fiona Reid and Dave Smith need to be clarified.

Local Issues

A discussion of local issues followed in order to assess the needs of the community and how the council could address these needs.

1. Strathmartine Hospital : ongoing issue regarding potential development of the site. The community council position has been presented formally in response to the Proposal of Application Notice. No further developments at this time.
2. Dundee Northern Relief Road: concerns have been raised as to the imminence of a formal proposal following press speculation. It was agreed to invite a representative of TACTRAN to address concerns at a future meeting of the community council. **Action DMcC.**
3. Flooding: becoming a major concern throughout the community. It was agreed to try to build up a picture of local hotspots by residents contacting the council via the website or directly. **Action All.** Drainage on Castlebrae and on access to Balmydown Farm inhibited by blocked drains. **Action contact Angus Council DMcC.**
4. Bus service: routes and timetable viewed as suitable and the service was much valued and appreciated. **Action none.**
5. Wildlife protection: Deer and Duck signs were now in place (or replaced) Awareness of bat colonies and otter habitats in the area. Problem of large grey squirrel population noted. Suggestion of implementing a wildlife survey of area possibly through Strathmartine Nature Action Group if it is still in existence. Police wildlife protection officer to be invited to a future meeting. **Action deferred..**

6. Police matters. New contact number is 101. **Action Cllr Fotheringham** will contact them to inform that our meetings have now restarted.
7. Fun Days: discussion regarding problems involved in organising these events although it was agreed that they were important in bringing the community together. Agreed to try to revitalise these events. **Action deferred**
8. Noticeboard: no noticeboard in place in village. **Action Cllr Fotheringham to investigate position with Angus Council.**
9. Website: need to be regularly updated with community news and information. **Action All.**
10. Fly-tipping: problems in a number of locations identified. Residents encouraged to use Angus Council Access Line to report problems as they arise. Concern expressed re closure of Marchbanks Recycling centre in Dundee potentially exacerbating this problem. **Action DMcC to contact Angus Council re existing problems and Dundee Council re Marchbanks.**
11. Dog Fouling: problem on Sidlaw Path Network at Rosemill as no dog waste bin. **Action DMcc to ask Angus Council to locate dog bin at this site.**
12. Street lighting: lights out of order on access road to Balmydown Farm. Responsibility unclear as route may be in Hospital site. **Action DMcC to investigate and contact Angus Council.**
13. Waste recycling: multi-bin recycling scheme currently being piloted in parts of Angus. To be rolled out everywhere if deemed successful. Opinions mixed, with some glad to have doorstep facility while others did not want lots of bins which were unsightly, and would cause problems for residents taking bins to roadside pick-up points in the more rural areas with long farm tracks. **Action none**

Date of next meeting 28th March 2013