

STRATHMARTINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY 25th MARCH 2013

At Strathmartine Primary School

Councillors present; Douglas Hume (Acting Chair), Jean Dykes, Betty Green, Rod Ingram, Donald Fraser, Duncan McCabe, Fiona Reid.

Also in attendance Cllr Fotheringham, Rachel Green (Angus Council) and twenty members of the community.

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes read and accepted.

Matters Arising

1. Councillors Smith and Angus have formally tendered their resignations.
2. Strathmartine Hospital. Discussion deferred to agenda item Planning
3. Flooding. All drains cleared by Angus Council as part of their regular maintenance.
4. Noticeboard. New application being pursued. **Action DMcC**
5. Website. Mr McNicoll will invoice SCC for his services as webmaster for a further year.
6. Fly-tipping. Domestic tipping now of concern following Marchbanks closure. Direct action by residents prevented illegal dumping in Pitempton Road area. **Action All residents urged to report such instances immediately to the Access Line.**
7. Dog Bins. Awaiting dog bin at Rosemill. Park bin now added to uplift schedule by Angus Council.
8. Street lighting on road to Balmydown part of Strathmartine Hospital. Angus Council will insist developer provides adequate lighting and drainage here if significant development approved..
9. Transport Sub group (success for Sidlaw) Attended by D Hume. Flooding and pothole issues at Rosemill raised. **Action DH to attend next meeting.**
10. Loop system in School – awaiting response from Education Dept. **Action DMcC**

Induction Talk from Rachel Green.

Rachel outlined the roles and responsibilities of Community Councils and councillors, laying particular stress on the need to be proactive in engaging and consulting with all sections of the community. She highlighted the importance of standing orders and codes of conduct to ensure open and successful meetings and indicated the ways in which Angus Council can assist through training as well as funding. Rachel also clarified the distinctions between Community Planning Partnerships and Community Councils.

Police Report. Noted

Correspondence. Bi-annual meeting with Angus Council in June. D Hume and J Dykes to attend. Decided to ask for flooding to be an agenda item.

Planning Report.

TAYPLAN Big ideas portal open till 11 June.

Strathmartine Hospital Development Applications. Three separate applications:

- * listed building consent

- * Full application for change of use to 24 flats, including new rear extensions. Conversion of Chapel of Rest to Community Building and demolition of listed Laundry Building.

- *Planning permission in principle for site redevelopment up to 198 units of new build housing, with associated access, landscape and infrastructure works.

Fiona Reid outlined the proposals and made the meeting aware of the clear and consistent views of the Community Council, as expressed to the developers agents as part of the PAN process, to only support conversion and new build up to a maximum of 40 units of housing in line with the local plan.

Most of the residents present were able to participate in the discussion, but only one person was in favour of the proposals.

Concerns raised included:

Impact on roads infrastructure and road safety,

Capacity of school to absorb increase in pupils,

Impact on local drainage and existing flooding problems,

Loss of character of village as population likely to treble,

Loss of amenity, open space and habitats,

Area becomes part of 'Greater Dundee' and loses it's rural character,

Development, outwith the local plan provision, may encourage more speculative bids for further developments.

The Community Council agreed to submit objections in line with the above views as expressed by the community at this meeting, and in line with the community Council's existing position, whilst also seeking to gauge opinion more widely via a questionnaire to be delivered to all electors in the Strathmartine Community Council area prior to the submissions deadline. This will also provide information on how individuals may object or otherwise comment on the proposals.

Treasurers report, Accepted

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 30th May 2013 at 7.30pm