

# **Minutes of Meldrum Bourtie & Daviot Community Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

**7.30pm**

**Room 111, Meldrum Academy**

**DRAFT**

**CC Members Present:** - James Milton, Andrew McCartney, John Pirie, Irene Dunbar, Kaye Cowie, Jan Chalmers David Clare, Willie Sinclair, Jeff Goodhall, Simon

Kilkerr, Patrick Sleight, Alice Hill, Densie Forsyth, Kevin Douglas and Shona Presly

**Apologies:** - Cllr Gifford, Cllr Johnston and Stuart Baird

**Aberdeenshire Council:** - None

**Member of Public:** - Kevin Glennie and Gary Oliver

**Councillors:** Cllr Shand and Cllr Hendry

**Police:** Graeme Penny

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## **Minutes of October 2016**

Proposed: Andrew McCartney

Seconded: Irene Dunbar

### **Matters Arising**

Andrew asked if there was any further development with Station Lane and James replied he needs to source contact details for Mr Alan Burnett. Kaye stated that Mr Burnett lives next door to Camwater Yard and James will now make contact with him. **ACTION JAMES**

James also stated that he believes Station Lane is not on the approved list of adopted paths and asked the councillors if there is anything they could suggest to help it onto the approved list. Cryle suggested contacting Ian Daniels/Elaine Brown regarding this matter and James agreed to send an email. **ACTION JAMES**

Andrew asked if the issues William Scorgie has raised regarding parking outside his house had been resolved. Kaye relied that the lines still hadn't been repainted but Ian Daniels had stated they would be repainted as soon as the weather improves and there is no frost on the ground. Kaye said she asked Ian Daniels if any grass could be taken away from the side of Westbank Care Home to make more car parking but is awaiting a reply. Alan suggested contacting Ian Daniels and asking for some No Parking cones to be put in place by the police until it is time for the lines to be repainted. Kaye/Jan to email Ian Daniels **ACTION KAYE/JAN**

### **Police Report**

Please see attached

Graeme Penny is now in charge for our area. Allan stated the Local Area Command has now fallen to Chief Inspector Lough in Peterhead and therefore overall command for the whole of Formartine will now be run from there.

### **Items from the public**

Nil

### **Treasurers Report**

Willie reported the account balance to be £8498.00. This includes the funds that was paid out to replace the defibrillator that was stolen together with the funds that were received in from a family in the community who wanted to pay for this replacement defibrillator.

Kaye stated discussions have been started regarding the site for another defibrillator in Bourtie. The church does not have electricity on at all times so therefore is not a viable option. Andrew suggested Hillhead Farm and Kaye agreed this could be a possibility.

Kaye also stated the Committee who organised the Afternoon Tea that was held in the Square for the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday would like the community council to decide what the proceeds are spent on. The amount is £950.40 and any ideas would be welcome at the January meeting.

### **Secretarial Report**

Please see attached.

Jeff proposed a vote of thanks for hard work and dedication shown by Kaye during her time as secretary.

Andrew asked if there could be a deep clean around the town again. The person to be contacted for this is Brian Shand and Jan to send an email.

#### **ACTION JAN**

Andrew also asked for a if there is going to be a letter sent from the Community Council regarding the possibility of an another traffic survey for the square being carried out. James will compose and send the letter.

#### **ACTION JAMES**

Willie asked if it was possible to have an updated spreadsheet on the Developer Obligations. Alan suggested writing to Donna McDonald to ask for this.

#### **ACTION JAMES**

## **Planning**

John gave a very detailed report on the planning. He reported that the application for the shop and flats at the garage within the square has been withdrawn. John also stated the minutes from the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September which included the Chapelpark development were now available to view online. It showed that 37 councillors voted to grant this application and 21 councillors voted to refuse it.

Irene asked if the hub was shown on the plan and John confirmed that it was. Kaye asked if the council have to buy this land for the hub and Alan replied yes probably. Andrew felt this community council may not have voted the way it did if this information was made available at the time. Jeff stated it was said the land was going to be gifted and he believes this is still the case.

Andrew asked if David has had a reply to the email he sent to the council regarding the stone dyke that has yet to be built at the front of a newbuild in Daviot. David replied he hasn't received an email yet and Alan confirmed the council has up to 21 days to reply to any email sent regarding planning.

## **Reports from Elected members**

Alan stated the main thing on the agenda for the next meeting taking place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November is the suggested move for the council headquarters to Inverurie.

Kaye reported that Ian Daniels had stated that the new link road opening has been pushed back as the surface of the road has failed and asked the councillors if they knew of a proposed opening date for this road. Alan replied there is lots more work still to do and he hasn't heard of a new date being fixed as of yet. Willie asked if it was the roundabouts or the actual road that was the issue and Kaye stated it was the road as the anti-skid had failed.

## **Standing Committees**

### **Future Vision**

Andrew stated the last meeting of Future Vision didn't take place and was postponed until 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## **Community Organisations**

### **Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group**

Andrew reported MAIG attempted to plant 500 lupins on the bank on Urquhart Road however they would require the use of a machine to dig out ground as it was too steep to do by hand. They received a quote for £36 per hour but there had to be a minimum of 4 hours work for the contractor to commit to the job. MAIG have now been in touch with the Heritage Society and are meeting with them next week to discuss a suitable site for planting round the bypass.

Andrew also gave a reminder about the Christmas light switch on from 3pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Willie reported that 400 broad leaved trees were planted in Daviot on 11<sup>th</sup> November. There was 25 volunteers there and the trees were all planted within 3 hours.

### **Sports Committee**

Denise reported the tennis courts have now been resurfaced with the court nearest the bowling club also having lines painted for a basketball court. Kaye asked what would be happening with the old pavilion and Denise replied it has gone back to Property Services to get new plans finalised. Kaye asked whether there is still going to be a toilet facility and Denise said it was still up for discussion as there is significant costs for cleaning and maintenance. Kaye then asked if development obligation money has been allocated to a project and the work has not yet been started how long does that project have before the money is lost. Alan replied that it is a 5 year period and also confirmed the Formartine Area Committee are in favour of the toilet facility still being there.

### **Correspondence**

Nil

### **AOCB**

Patrick stated there has been 87 missed GP appointments and 62 missed nurse appointments at the Meldrum practice in October and Alan said this is on the agenda for the meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November as there has been an ongoing conversation with the NHS for some time to try and tackle this problem.

Gary reported that path group are going to be looking at the possibly of a cycle path to Rothienorman in the future.

Andrew stated that Piers Blaxter had intimated previously this community council could possibly lay claim and access some of the development obligation money from other towns if there is a direct link

between them. Andrew asked if it was felt we could write and ask for some funds with the current infrastructure that has been taking place in Inverurie recently. Alan suggested writing to Adam Sim regarding this.

Willie stated Eileen Arthur has completed the yearly audit once again and asked if it was ok to purchase a voucher as a thank you gift like previous years. All committee members agreed and Willie to arrange to purchase a voucher from Presly Butchers. **ACTION WILLIE**

Kaye reported an ongoing problem with parking in the square and in particular parking in front of the Greengates. She stated the police has said they do not have the time to deal with this and the parking attendant is not allowed to issue a ticket for this. There are continuous repairs needing to be done by the council to the slabs on the pavement that is being parked on.

Graeme Penny from Police Scotland then introduced himself and stated he is aware of the parking situation in Oldmeldrum and will have a look at the issue.

Kaye stated that Oldmeldrum was still waiting for a portable speed camera to be set up on Kirk Brae and up past the golf club. Graeme replied both of these cameras are currently committed in Turriff and Ellon at the moment however as soon as one becomes available he will arrange for it to be sent to Oldmeldrum.

Jan asked the councillors if they knew of any way Oldmeldrum could have a paid village orderly for 6 months in 2017. Alan stated that Oldmeldrum is already allocated £500 towards this and Kaye replied this doesn't even cover two months work for the orderly and the community council has to then go and ask community organisations if they would be willing to fund the other months so we can keep employing the orderly. Alan said he would ask at the next area committee and see if there is any way an advance can be made on the £500 Oldmeldrum is already allocated.

### **Time and date of next meeting**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in the New Sports Pavilion, Oldmeldrum