

Minutes of Meldrum Bourtie & Daviot Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th February 2019

7.30pm

New Sports Pavilion, Pleasure Park, Oldmeldrum

CC Members Present: - Irene Dunbar, Jan Chalmers, Willie Sinclair, John Pirie, David Clare, Alistair Massey, James Milton, Jeff Goodall, Simon Kilkerr, Lloyd Duncan, Kevin Douglas and Joe Greener

Apologies: - Patrick Sleight, Shona Presly, Von Webster and Yvonne Oliver

Members of Public: - Sheila Reid, Stephen Reid, Andrew McCartney, Marion Fryatt, Bob Fryatt, Marjorie Miles, Gordon Miles, Ray Allan, Cath Allan, Elizabeth Pirie and Gordon Pirie

Lippe Architects: - Lesley Tierney

Kirkwood Homes: - Allan Rae

Councillors: Cllr Hassan, Cllr Johnston and Cllr Gifford

Police: PC Jayne Forman

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Proposed: Jeff Goodhall

Seconded: Simon Kilkerr

Matters Arising

David advised he has contacted Rod Gunson and he has still work to do however the full report will be finalised and sent to us by the end of March.

Jan confirmed she has now added James's name to the list of attendees at the January meeting.

Jan also confirmed she has spoken to the police regarding the lack of police presence and reports at our meetings. Sergeant Andy Sawyers has advised this will be changing very shortly and we should have a police presence at every meeting but if that is not possible a report will be sent.

Newbarns, Oldmeldrum

Kevin Douglas declared an interest at this point and left the room to allow the discussion to take place.

Lesley advised they have entered two bids into the LDP bid process. The council has issued a report supporting the first bid which Lippe Architects and Kirkwood Homes requested 88 homes on however the council have now increased capacity to maximum of 146 homes.

The second bid has been rejected by council officers at the moment. Lesley advised further representation will be made by them to request both bids are added to this next LDP.

Allan advised there will be no more than 200 homes built on the whole site and the current layout he has is for 180 homes.

Allan confirmed that 40% open space is still required for developments at the moment. Allan stated there may be a possibility of some of the open space land which could become an extension to the pleasure park but this could only happen when the whole site is developed.

He also confirmed there would be a mix of 2 bed – 4 bed houses.

Lesley advised Scottish Water will be realising some capacity this summer but only for sites that are already allocated to the current LDP.

Jeff asked Allan if Kirkwood is planning on building any bungalows.

Allan replied they will be looking at this as bungalows are asked for on a regular basis.

Jeff asked who will maintain the land that will create an extension to the pleasure park. Allan advised there is a number of possibilities and nothing has been decided it. He said it was very much open for discussion. Jeff also noted there could be significant costs required to maintain this land.

Cllr Johnston commented there are a lot of things the community would need to discuss on this and suggested a separate meeting could be set up to discuss this.

Lesley stated further public consultation will need to be done but would ask for the community council's support in the whole site being developed.

Lesley commented the primary school is over capacity just now however will fall by 2021 and the academy will be over capacity by 1% by 2022. Allan advised that developer obligations would be allocated to whatever the council feels is most needed in the town.

Cllr Johnston once again reiterated the need for a separate meeting to be organised to discuss the land which could be an extension to the pleasure park.

Elizabeth Pirie asked if there will be any pedestrian crossing being put in place from this development

Allan advised they will be required to make a contribution to a new pedestrian crossing as the council have asked them to do this.

Police Report

Pc Jayne Forman read out the following report:

Between the dates of 1 January 2019 and 26 February 2019 the following crimes/offences or incidents have occurred within your community.

13 Crime Files have been raised with 5 Detected, 6 Enquiry Ongoing and 2 Undetected.

THREATENING AND ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR

1 x S38 Oldmeldrum – Undetected - insufficient evidence to profer charges.

ASSAULT

1x Domestic Assault - Oldmeldrum – Undetected - insufficient evidence to profer charges.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFENCE

1 x Communications Offence – Oldmeldrum – Detected - report to Procurator Fiscal
CARRY A KNIFE ON SCHOOL PREMISES 1 x Carry a Knife on School Premises – Detected – report to Procurator Fiscal and Childrens Reporter

THEFT

1 x Theft of Gas Bottles – Barra Castle – Oldmeldrum – Undetected – enquiry ongoing

1 x Theft of Oil – Balcairn Cottages, Oldmeldrum - Undetected – enquiry ongoing

HOUSEBREAKING

1x Attempted Housebreaking – stable had lock prized off – Bourtie Oldmeldrum – Undetected - enquiry ongoing

ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES

1 x failing to stop Tillycairn Road, Oldmeldrum - Undetected – enquiry ongoing

1 x dangerous driving A947 Newmacher to Oldmeldrum - Undetected – enquiry ongoing

1 x drive without a licence A920 Oldmeldrum – Undetected – enquiry ongoing

1 x No Insurance and MOT – B9170 Inverurie to Oldmeldrum – Detected - report to Procurator Fiscal

DRUGS

2 x possession of cannabis - Detected – Oldmeldrum - 2 x report to the Youth Justice Team.

15 STORM incidents were raised mostly relating to cattle on the road or abandoned vehicles.

2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Speeding – Speed checks carried out by Roads Policing Officers – National Campaign And by Response Policing Officers – local campaign

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Local Initiative to carry out speed checks by response and roads policing officers

4. ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Current operations ongoing C.E.D.A.R - Challenge, educate, Detect and Reduce roads Policing team. An operation was conducted in the Formartine Area on Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 February 2019. Nine conditional offers were issued for speeding, one person was reported for speeding and an unrelated charge and 29 Warnings were issued. Parking

tickets were also issued and drivers educated. Winter Safety Campaign - vehicle stop checks. MARCH/APRIL 2019 – Police Community Surgeries will be commencing within the Formartine area. These will be led by Police Scotland however will include representatives from Aberdeenshire Council attending at local venues and providing advice to residents. Further details regarding these surgeries will be released in due course.

Jeff said he thought oil had gone missing at his house and he lives beside Balcairn. Pc Forman advised him to call in to the police station and report this.

Andrew asked if the police have managed to identify anyone who caused the damage to the baskets in the square. Pc Forman advised she will take a look at the CCTV and try to identify.

Members of the public

Nothing

Reports from Elected members

Cllr Johnston advised the council has taken a decision on garden waste and a skip will be available in Oldmeldrum on Saturdays going forward.

Cllr Hassan he had a very successful surgery at Meldrum Academy at the end of January. He also advised the next area committee meeting will be held on 5th March.

Cllr Gifford advised the council has now passed its budget and this had been committed.

Andrew McCartney asked how much winter maintenance will cost this year. Cllr Gifford replied that it will be exactly the same amount as last year.

Treasurers Report

It was reported the Bank Balance as at 26th February 2019 is £6.300.10. David advised he applied for a sweeper and plough to help keep the streets clean however the council has misplaced the application so he will re apply in April. Cllr Johston advised to put the application in now and David agreed to do this.

ACTION DAVID

Secretarial Report

See attached.

Planning Report

John gave a report on the planning applications for February.

CC Forum

David and Jan attended the February CC Forum meeting and both agreed the talk given by fire officer Willie Chisholm was very informative and useful.

Jan advised Willie told them it will be part of the law by 2021 that smoke detectors are hard wired in all houses and will no longer just be a rule for landlords.

MAIG

Andrew read out the following report:

The Group have registered this year for the first time with “Beautiful Scotland” part of “Britain in Bloom” the rules of engagement for this scheme are wide ranging e.g. working with community organisations, involving youth etc.

Judging will take place between 29th. July and 11th August.

We submitted an application under the Town & Village enhancement scheme on 29th January but to date have had no word to say if the application has been successful.

The Grant was to assist in purchasing further Barrier containers for Market Square.

There will be a litter pick on Saturday 6th April meeting at the Meadows Veterinary Centre at 09.45 am for a 10 am start. It is hoped we have a good turn out and that we will be able to cover the whole of the town. Approaches to community organisations for assistance have been circulated and we have already had a good response from the Scouts. We hope that some representation from the CC will join with other volunteers

On the day. It would be appreciated if anyone can identify a deeply contaminated area to let MAIG know so that we can delegate sufficient pickers to that area. Equipment will be supplied but volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves.

It is proposed to have an official opening of the Meldrum Petanque & Croquet Club on Saturday morning 27th. April at 11am. The facility will be

open for all members of the public free of charge. The new outdoor facility will be notified on the Community Notice Board and there will also be a press release.

We have saved all the begonia tubers from last year and have now brought them out of their winter storage and planted into the growing pots and growing well,

In addition to the pansies in the barrier baskets in the town square we will shortly be hanging baskets with tulips in Market Square.

The bulk of the plug plants for summer displays will arrive towards the end of March.

Our towing tractor which is fairly reliable is 17 years old. We have looked at the Vattenfall “Unlock our Future Fund” and it would appear we tick all the boxes for funding a replacement Utility Electric vehicle. We have to submit 3 quotes and are currently fact finding what options we might consider for submitting our application.

The MAIG support fund continues to support the Groups activities with a current membership of 130. In the 5 years it has been in operation the Group have paid out in prize money over £7,000.

We are always looking for new members and when one considers you pay £1.20 for your P & J at £1 per week would seem good value whilst at the same time giving invaluable support in making Meldrum Beautiful.

We are currently looking at Scottish Scheme called “Cycling without Age Scotland” and to see what interest there might be from the elderly and residents of the nursing home and say residents of Wyverie Court.

Cllr Johnston advised Andrew to email the council and give a specific date MAIG would like the deep clean done to tie in with the judging. He also asked Andrew to copy all four elected members into the email too.

Daviot Community Trust

Willie advised the maintenance facility foundations are in, the building will arrive on 11th March and will be erected in 7-10 days.

Heritage Society

Alastair stated the heritage society is currently looking at the Whin Roadie and how to manage it in the future. He said a sub group of the heritage society has been set up and its first meeting is Wednesday 27th February. Alastair added the group would like dog owners to be more

responsible however the council will not provide dog waste bins as the Whin Roadie is private land.

Alastair informed the committee their group now has a website and they are hoping to attract new interest and possible new members through this.

John advised the final details are now coming together for the time capsule and it shouldn't; be too long until it is ready to be buried.

AOCB

Daviot Estate is looking for donations to purchase three defibrillators for their area.

Cllr Johnston informed the committee that the Legion are looking at re-purposing the old building they have that sits near the entrance to their car park. James asked if they knew what they wanted to restore it to and Cllr Johnston advised this still needs to be looked at but was hopeful it could be brought to a standard the whole community could use.

Cllr Johsnton asked if the community council would consider looking at any proposal and potentially supporting it. All members present agreed they would look at any proposal the Legion may have.

Date and time of next meeting

26th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the New Sports Pavilion, Oldmeldrum