

Minutes of Meldrum Bourtie & Daviot Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 28th May 2019

7.30pm

New Sports Pavilion, Pleasure Park, Oldmeldrum

CC Members Present: - Shona Presly, Irene Dunbar, Jan Chalmers, John Pirie, Willie Sinclair, Alistair Massey, Stuart Singer, Von Webster, James Milton, Lloyd Duncan, Kevin Douglas, Simon Kilkerr, Yvonne Oliver,

Apologies: - Patrick Sleight, Jeff Goodhall and Cllr Gifford

Members of Public: - Kaye Cowie, Andrew McCartney, Marjorie Miles, Gordon Miles, Cath Allan, Bill Duncan, Gary Oliver, Karen Forbes, Nick Forbes and Nicola Currie

Councillors: Cllr Hassan and Cllr Johnston

Police: PC Alan Mitchell

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Proposed: James Milton

Seconded: Willie Sinclair

Matters Arising

Jan went through all matters arising from the previous minutes. She advised she has emailed Ian Daniels to ask for the speed reminder signs to be placed on Urquhart Road and Commercial Road. Jan also stated she has spoken to Olly Deeming regarding the illegal substances into mole holes and assures us that it's not the council doing this but he will have landscape services investigate and report anything he finds out back to us. Jan also confirmed she spoke to Pam Baird on 21st May 2019 regarding the broken windows at the Town Hall and Pam has agreed to get these fixed.

Jan and Shona both confirmed they had submitted representation to the planning department regarding the splitting of a unit at the co-op.

Shona advised she has spoken to Andrew McCartney regarding the plaque for the sailor statue. Andrew stated he is waiting for the Heritage Society to hand him all the information to go onto the plaque before he gets quotes for it. Andrew also made the comment he thinks this statue should be floodlit.

Police Report

Pc Mitchell read the following report from PC Donald:

1. The issue had been brought up in relation to motorcyclists speeding on the A920 Oldmeldrum to Ellon road at weekends. Saturday lunch time and Sunday being the worst affected in the mornings and evenings. I can confirm over the last few weeks we have had dedicated Police patrols in the area, including unmarked Roads Policing vehicles, with nothing of any real issue found. Will continue patrols in the area.
2. Speeding in the village, with the A947 running through the village as being the worst affected. I can confirm we have been completing speed checks at various times of the day and evenings. A large number of motorists have been warned, a number of fixed penalty notices issued and there were two drivers reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
3. The meeting was looking to clarify laws in relation to local 20mph limits on Commercial Road next to the primary school. I can confirm that these 20mph speed restrictions are enforceable. Officers have been conducting speed checks, with drivers being stopped, warned, quite a few issued with fixed penalty notices and two reported to the Fiscal here also.
4. The mobile speed signs were brought up again. I had promised to get them by this meeting, but unfortunately the previous officer that dealt with these is no longer with us. I have since traced one of the signs, which I will put on the A947 at the south end of the town and thereafter move it to the north end of the village.
5. Things that were brought up at this meeting were lack of signs on Millburn Road and it was requested to have speed signs installed on this street. I informed the meeting that this is a roads department responsibility and CC were to contact them direct.
6. The only other issue was a blue jeep parked in the car park off Baker Street with no MOT /insurance, unfortunately no one would pass the details of the vehicle so I attended after the meeting and recorded the vehicle as blue Mitsubishi Shogun registration number HG05 UJZ. I have begun enquiries to trace the current owner, but unfortunately it has changed hands a number of times and DVLA have not been updated. I will get there and have the new owner educated.

Kevin asked if the statistics from the mobile speed checkers could be made available to us. PC Mitchell agreed to this and will send us the information as soon as they can. **ACTION PC MITCHELL**

Stuart asked if there will be extra policing during Meldrum Sports weekend. Pc Mitchell advised there will be an extra police presence on this weekend.

Nicola Currie asked if a speed checker could be set up beside Daviot Primary School as there is an ongoing issue there and has been for some time. Pc Mitchell agreed to put this on their list for the speed checker. **ACTION PC MITCHELL**

Community Empowerment Day

Shona and Jan gave a detailed report around the Community Empowerment Day they attended on Monday 20 May 2019. This event was a full day event run jointly by the Formartine and Garioch Partnerships and was held in the Axis Centre in Newmachar. James asked if there were any notes from the meeting that could be distributed around the members to look over at their leisure. Jan advised they were told this would be emailed to them and when they arrive she will forward to all members. **ACTION JAN**

Oldmeldrum Coat of Arms

James advised the otter on the design represents Meldrum, the crescent represents the Seatons, the standing stone is Bourtie and Daviot, the Boars head is the Urquharts and the Stag's head is the Duffs.

James asked to set up a small sub group which will decide how to promote this new coat of arms and the following people stated they would like to join this sub group: James, Alistair and Nick. James will organise a meeting and let these people know when it is. **ACTION JAMES**

Members of the public

Kaye Cowie stated she was horrified to see an Oldmeldrum Community Improvement Survey posted on Facebook via Aberdeenshire Council when the Future Vision sub group still have not received the finalised glossy brochure from Aberdeenshire Council with the results from the survey we carried out 2 years ago.

Cllr Johnston explained this delay has been raised several times by many people and we are not the only community council having this issue. Jan and Cllr Johnston also both explained that this Community Improvement Survey is only asking questions about the Pleasure Park as this is where the Developer Obligation money available was allocated to at the time. They also advised that the Formative Partnership is being chased for a completion date for the brochure on a weekly basis, again by many different people. Jan advised Rod Gunson stated the brochure would be with us this week but hasn't received it yet.

Andrew McCartney advised the Balcairn Road beside his house is in worse state than a farm road and the residents there shouldn't have to wait until 2021 for this to be fixed properly. Willie agreed that it is in a very poor state. Kaye Cowie also advised of two huge potholes down the Mill Road.

Cllr Johnston advised the best way to get any pothole or road defect fixed is to report it online on Aberdeenshire Council's website and also on the website "Fix my Street". Each report will be logged on the systems and any member of the public can see when the reports were made. If a member of the public reports something on fix my street it has the facility to pinpoint on a map exactly where the problem lies and this will then be emailed to the Council. The Council then has a duty to respond to this and the response will go online.

Kaye Cowie stated the pavements in Oldmeldrum are still in a very bad state with litter and weeds growing everywhere. She asked if the community council had managed to get the cleaning schedule from Ellon Waste Services yet detailing the days and times the sweeper will be in Oldmeldrum etc. Jan has asked for this before and didn't receive it so she will ask again and report back to the next meeting. Cllr Johnston said he can try if Jan can get no answer. **ACTION JAN**

Cath Allan asked how long grass verges have to get before are they cut as the Oldmeldrum relief road is really bad just now. Cllr Johnston advised they will be cut once and this will be sometime between May and July.

Andrew McCartney advised the judging of the competition is on 9th August so would like to request a deep clean of the town at the beginning of that week. Jan will email Philip Leiper and ask for this. **ACTION JAN**

Treasurers Report

It was reported the Bank Balance as at 28th May is £5952.90.

Secretarial Report

See attached.

Planning Report

John gave a report on the planning applications for May and also advised the next Formartine Area committee meeting is on 11th June.

Reports from Elected members

Cllr Hassan read the following report –

Actions from the Previous Meeting:

Uplighters – I’ve been informed that installing the uplighters are “not a high priority” for the service and it’s limited resources – there has been no one free to implement the lights. Now the department is into surface dressing season, which lasts 12 weeks, the Uplighters are likely to be installed towards the end of the summer months.

Daviot – Tor Ecosse were conditioned to provide a footpath directly outside the newly constructed houses, however this did not (could not) extend beyond the frontage of their site. However, any future development on the site next to the Tor Ecosse one would be similarly conditioned.

Road Issues – Ian Daniels has looked at the original Millburn Road planning application (APP/2016/2444) - the new access roads have been assessed for visibility coming on to the Millburn Road 30mph, and further to this a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit undertaken which has not identified any issues Millburn Road already has a 30mph speed limit, and this is in keeping with its status as a distributor road - A larger development with more crossing demand may have required the installation of a crossing point for residents. In reference to the speed bumps on Commercial Road, they are designed to allow public transport to “straddle” them so as not to cause a discomfort to passengers. However, this can allow larger cars to straddle them also. But also remember, Commercial Road has a 20mph speed limit. Commercial Road would benefit from some enforcement action perhaps, unlike the square the geometry leads to increased vehicle speeds.

The service have received complaints regarding HGVs driving on Mill Road as Sat navs take them there, Roads Dept have agreed to erect “No HGV” signage at either end of Mill Road.

Cllr Johnston went back to the Oldmeldrum Community Improvement Survey and encouraged everyone to complete this survey. He also spoke briefly about the dualling of the A96 and advised he would like to continue to press for a rail extension and add in extra commuter lines.

CC Forum

Jan reported she attended the CC Forum on Wednesday 15th May. There was a presentation from Kat Laasko from Waste Services on the new plans they have for kerbside collections as well as a brief talk around participatory requests from Amanda Roe. Amanda stated she was looking for some cc members to join a small working group whilst the council sees through their first participatory request. Any interested can pass their names to Jan who will then forward to Amanda. **ACTION JAN**

MAIG

Andrew McCartney confirmed they have entered the town into the National Competition which will be judged the first week of August. He also advised their plants arrived but they were not informed they were ready for collection so they are now battling to nurse them along. This will mean a delay in putting out the baskets so they are planning to have the ones in the square out just before Meldrum sports with the rest out by end of July.

Daviot Community Trust

Willie advised the new facility opened on 1st June after the Taste of Grampian event. He also advised they are about to start work on the Chesnut path walk which will link to Daviot Estate. This will provide a safer and more sheltered route. They have received funding from the Lotto to cover the materials and the work will be undertaken by volunteers.

Heritage Society

John confirmed the time capsule will be buried on Wednesday 12th June as planned and they group has a meeting on Saturday 1st June to get the wording for the sailor statue plaque sorted.

AOCB

It was reported there are now nine banners on the fence beside the NRC roundabout once again. Cllr Hassan will look into this.

ACTION CLLR HASSAN

The extension to Barra Berries shop was also mentioned and concerns raised about the entrance and exit once again. Cllr Johnston advised a stacking lane would be the best option here if space allowed it and this was raised by the elected members at the time however was objected to by the planners.

Bill Duncan gave a brief report the current activity between the Episcopal church and Chapelpark. He also advised he has now received an acknowledgment of his planning objection.

John asked if there is a programme for the cleaning of drains or should he report any clogged ones. Cllr Johnston advised the Council's policy has been to inspect twice a year but now it is only once a year so best to report these and then the team can go and deal with them.

It was asked why there is a coned area in Baker Street car park just now. Cllr Hassan and Cllr Johnston will check and report back.

ACTION CLLR HASSAN/CLLR JOHNSTON

Date and time of next meeting

25th June 2019 at 7.30pm in the New Sports Pavilion, Oldmeldrum