

Minutes of Meldrum Bourtie & Daviot Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th September 2019

7.30pm

New Sports Pavilion, Pleasure Park, Oldmeldrum

CC Members Present: - Shona Presly, Jan Chalmers, David Clare, Simon Kilkerr, Lloyd Duncan, John Pirie, Kevin Douglas, Alastair Massey, James Milton, Nicola Currie and Yvonne Oliver

Apologies: - Jeff Goodhall, Stuart Singer, Willie Sinclair and Nick Forbes

Members of Public: - Andrew McCartney, Gordon Miles, Marjorie Miles, Bill Duncan and Gary Oliver

Councillors: Cllr Hassan, Cllr Johnston and Cllr Gifford

Police: None

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Proposed: David Clare

Seconded: Lloyd Duncan

Matters Arising

Jan went through all matters arising from the previous minutes. Shona advised she would like to introduce some protocol for members and members of the public to follow to our meetings. The main points are - Please speak through the chair by raising your hand and if a person fails to do this the chair may have to warn them or ask them to leave the meeting.

Graeme Webster, Parcock Quarry

Shona asked the members present for any declarations of interest. No one declared any interests.

Graeme advised there is not only one point Aberdeenshire Council are unhappy about with regards to his LDP bid for houses at Parcock Quarry. That is there is no safe route to school. Graeme stated he had lengthy discussions with the roads department when the relief road was constructed and at the time they advised the island would be sufficient for people to cross the relief road. Graeme wanted to reiterate the development would still be all bungalows if allocated and he would like to consult with the community and the community council throughout the process if his site was allocated. Yvonne asked if a zebra crossing has

been thought about. Graeme advised roads have said the island crossing is enough but there is room for a zebra crossing if required. Lloyd asked what would make it a safe crossing. Cllr Johnston stated there is a big problem with speeding on the relief road and this makes it very unsafe. He also commented the recommendation that has been given is not to take this site forward in the next Local Development Plan.

Statement of Outstanding Business

Jan went through the statement of outstanding business. There were no questions on the report this month.

Police Report

None. Cllr Gifford and Cllr Hassan suggested emailing the police to ask for the report as we are not receiving it again. **ACTION JAN**

Members of the public

None

Treasurers Report

Willie emailed a report to Jan which stated the bank balance as at 24th September is £10,053.71. Lloyd suggested we take a look at the money that is sitting in our bank account and think on ideas to spend it on.

ACTION ALL MEMBERS

Secretarial Report

See attached. Nicola advised Jan the person from Daviot she needs to speak to regarding the new estate's defibrillators is Murray and Valerie Tennant. **ACTION JAN**

Jan asked if all members present were happy for her to order new pads for our 4 defibrillators at a total cost of £158.96 and all members present agreed. **ACTION JAN**

Planning Report

John gave a report on the planning applications September. Shona then asked for any declarations of interest from any member for Chapelpark. Kevin declared an interest as a neighbouring land owner. All members present agreed he should stay and take part in the discussions. The members then went on to discuss the letter we received via email from Scotia Homes regarding Chapelpark. Alistair commented he felt the updated letter doesn't say what Scotia have actually done to sort the drainage problems, nor what the drainage problems actually are. Bill Duncan stated that as the sites nearest neighbour (The Episcopal Church) he knew there were at least 5 wells there which could cause problems.

Marjorie and Gordon Miles asked if it could once again be noted that they would like to see bungalows directly opposite their home to secure privacy.

Cllr Johnston commented this application will come to Formartine Area Committee so the majority of members present agreed to let our objection to this application stand at present.

Reports from Elected members

Cllr Hassan gave the following report -

30th Aug – Police & Partner Surgery at Balmedie, poorly attended by residents, next one in Ward 8 likely to be nearer Oldmeldrum 3rd Sep – FAC: * Awarded a delegated Grant for Planning Permission in Principle for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Land at Ivy Cottage on Gas Street. *

Gave feedback to the Infrastructure Services Committee on the proposed Litter Prevention Action Plan – including a request for strengthened measures on dog fouling and litter prevention, consideration to litter picking prior to the roadside verges being cut, and ensurance that litter collection vehicles are properly covered to avoid loss of waste during transportation.

10th Sep – Long Meeting of Formartine Area Committee to discuss Local Plan (ended up being done in one day with me returning home after 9pm)

Decisions made as follows: Daviot - The Committee agreed to approve the officer recommendation that the Vision for the settlement is promoted to reflect community aspiration. Oldmeldrum –

(1) to modify the settlement Vision significantly to reflect community aspiration, with other minor changes promoted to improve readability;

(2) to take cognisance of wastewater constraints in Oldmeldrum and highlight this for all developments;

(3) to continue to pursue existing and preferred sites; with bid sites FR068, FR069, and FR119 to be retained; the new site FR061 added, to provide an indicative 146 homes; and the encouragement of the develop the context of a masterplan to encompass FRO62, (already including the entirety of bid site FR061) as a whole, on the basis of the work being phased;

(4) the addition to the allocation summary for Site OP4: “A buffer is required along the eastern boundary to protect the trees along the boundary”; and

(5) that additional developer contributions be sought, if possible, in respect of the core path network for bid site FR119.

There were no recommendations for either Bourtie or Drum of Wartle.

24th Sep (today) – Formartine Area Committee MAIG request for funding of £5,000 from the Area Committee Budget was discussed. Coming up: 26th Sep – Meeting of Full Council & Formartine In Bloom Awards Evening

27th Sep – Millburn Road Social Housing Opening 1st October – (at long last) My Driving Re-assessment in Edinburgh

Issues on the Statement of Outstanding Business:

Westbank Care Home: * Kathy Davidson , the Business Services Manager for the Health & Social Care Partnership gave me reassurance that there are no plans to close or demolish the Westbank Care Home in Oldmeldrum.

Property works have been ongoing to address the issues raised in the Fire Risk Assessment, including the compartmentalisation of the roof space. *

Piers Blaxter also offered his sincerest apologies for giving incorrect information at a previous meeting – which was done in good faith. He has now been advised the Care Home is not to close.

Tor Ecosse Footpath: * Ian Daniels advised the Roads department will not formally adopt the footpath until the BT poles are relocated to the back of the footpath (from the centre) – and the top wearing coat is applied.

With the demise of Tor Ecosse, the footpath is the responsibility of the individual householders on that frontage.

Meldrum Academy Signing-in Procedure: * No further Update

Advertising Banners at NRC Roundabout: * Will be an on-going issue until there is a change of behaviour. Banners should always be reported to the Council if anyone is aware such owners do not have permission to erect them from Aberdeenshire Council.

British Legion Hall Noise Pollution: I am still awaiting a member of the public willing to act as the complainant with the Environmental Health Service.

Cllr Johnston stated he is aware there is still a speeding issue on the A947 and he will continue to monitor this. He will also ask for more speed cameras to be placed on this stretch of road to check average speeds etc

ACTION CLLR JOHNSTON

MAIG

Andrew reported MAIG received a silver gilt from the Keep Scotland Beautiful awards as well as an award for best new entrant. Formartine in Bloom has also been judged and the results will be given out this Thursday (26th September). Andrew wanted to congratulate all at MAIG on their success and hard work. He also commented they are in the process of purchasing a steel container to keep their Christmas lights in.

Daviot Community Trust

Willie emailed through the following report:

The scouts did a litter pick in Daviot this afternoon. Twelve counts with a few leaders did the usual areas. They usually get a donation of £250 from Daviot's tidy village grant for their work and I shall be pleased if

members can approve this at the September meeting so a cheque can be forwarded to the new treasurer. All members present agreed and Jan will send the cheque.

ACTION JAN

Heritage Society

Doug Smith has been working hard on the border round the Sailor. It needs a rail to protect it. The plaque, "Sailor Mannie" should also include reference to Meldrum and Bourtie Heritage Society in Dougie's opinion. We agreed that the information board should not be too brief or too long. I would put forward a suggestion that would include photos of the previous site at Craigievar and Commander Kidd's naval display. This could be discussed at the next MBHS committee meeting. The Heritage Society had a successful and well-attended Coffee Morning on Saturday, 21st September.

DAIG

The AGM was held on 9th September Office bearers re-elected and will remain the same as last year. We have begun the process of having general members in our committee with a good number of willing volunteers. Xmas light switch on was discuss and will be held on the 30th of November this year 4pm to 6pm at Daviot hall.

Daviot play park fundraising continues with events currently being organised for this.

Speeding in the village was also discussed as being a major issue with everyone. This is something we would like to continue to receive support from the CC if possible. The Current position of speed monitoring device we feel is not showing how bad the speeding issue is.

Karen Forbes who is involved with DAIG had arranged to talk with the council to discuss having wild flowers planted in areas of the village and continues to look into this further.

Paths Group

Gary commented he is pleased to see the Future Vision document is finally moving on. He was also pleased to inform us the paths group now has a 95% agreement for the path from Inverurie to Lethenty.

AOCB

Shona asked for the member's present support in the following –

1. Resurrect the Business Group
2. Start a Meldrum Magazine
3. Look at starting a farmers/craft market in the sqaure

The members present agreed to all of the above with the outcomes as follows: -

1. Shona will contact Robin and Kaye about potentially starting up the business group again. **ACTION SHONA**
2. James and Lloyd both felt an online magazine would be best with a few copies available in the town. All members present agreed and Shona and Jan will look into this. **ACTION SHONA/JAN**
3. David thought it would be sensible to approach some stall holders at our markets and gain their thoughts. Lloyd thought the new business group could help facilitate this and we could possibly charge the stallholders for a stall with the money going back into the community. Nicola Currie advised she has a contact for someone from the Inverurie Market and she will forward these details to Jan and she will contact them. **ACTION JAN**

Jan read out the following email from Irene Dunbar:

I wish to thank the Community Council for recognising my time spent on it. Thank you for the afternoon tea which I will enjoy. I wish you all success in your future projects.

Date and time of next meeting

24th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the New Sports Pavilion, Oldmeldrum