



Aberlemno and District

Community Council

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Meeting held online

1. Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies.

In attendance:

Community council members: Russell Bruce (RB), Isabelle Davis (ID) Katherine Thomson (KT), Robyn Calder (RC), Jelle de Bruin (JB), Fiona Cameron (FC).

Councillors: Gavin Nicol (GN), Jill Scott (JS) and Chris Beattie (CS)

Members of the Public: x2 DB

Apologies:

Community Council members: Raymond Kennedy, (RK)

Councillors: Sandra Livingston

2. Approval of previous minutes.

Proposed: KT

Seconded: ID

3. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Request for dog waste bins awaiting update from Angus Council

Request for instillation waste bins in laybys either side of Aberlemno Village awaiting update from Angus Council

No through road sign for School Lane awaiting an answer from Angus Council

Standing orders approval SL is on annual leave RB will follow up on her return and will update the community council on the outcome via email.

ID advised there is a Community Resilience Flood Planning meeting open to all 27th October 2024. ID will circulate the information.

4. Police report.

No report available. FC raised question regards the recent traffic collision fatality, if it had been related to local residents' previous concerns over the national speed limit on these roads. RB advised with the limited information available it was not currently being linked to the concerns previously raised.

Report supplied post meeting added to minute for information.

5. Secretary's report and correspondence.

Verbal update: The main theme of communications relates to the ongoing SSEN consultations for the East Coast 400kV Phase 2. There were meetings at the end of September in Forfar and Brechin to update on planned positions of the new pylons. This remains a controversial issue.

Other communications related to Angus Council consultations.

Post meeting information: Angus Council Plans and Budget Setting 2025-26 Consultation - residents are encouraged to take part in the survey. Link to the survey on Engage Angus: <https://engage.angus.gov.uk/angus-council-plans-budget...>

The consultation is open until 14th October 2024.

6. Treasurer's report.

Verbal update: KT advised she still doesn't have access to the community council bank account. Previous post holder has advised it is a work in progress to transfer the account access. Reimbursement to KT for the hall booking fees for Farnell meeting on 1st August 2024 remain outstanding. RB advised LB still has access if required. KT advised happy to wait until access resolved.

7. Planning report.

The full planning representative's report can be found at Appendix 1 of these minutes.

24/00500/FULL

Proposed replacement of existing dwelling and Ancillary Works Muirside of Melgund, Brechin DD9 6TA

24/00530/FULL Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling, change of use of a wooded area and ground used for agricultural purposes to residential garden ground and erection of personal ancillary swimming pool and leisure outbuilding Craig Ask, Aberlemno DD8 3PF

No concerns raised on either application.

BSR - Craigo Glenskinno Solar Farm. Planners have offered to meet with representatives of A&D CC to discuss any potential impacts for district. ID and FC will attend.

SSEN Request for Scoping Opinion for Proposed Section 37 Application for Kintore to Tealing 400kV overhead line.

Key headings as per full report appendix one. FC noted food security should be considered as the plans affect prime agricultural land. ID noted risk of land cross contamination with organisms such as potato blight. ID preparing a draft response for comment noting short time line as responses required by 9th October 2024.

8. Continuing Matters

Farnell defib – DB - local resident suggested the ideal spot would be the village hall she has agreed to raise at the next village hall committee meeting.

The Farnell Pictish Stone: Costings and details are being sought for housing to protect the stone. Norman Atkinson former Director Museum Services Angus Council .is a good source for guidance and support. ID agreed to supply information on grant support and other possible sources for Farnell to take this forward. Costs to move the stone have been in the region of £7,000. RB suggested once location established possibly approach 45 Commando or 212 Royal Artillery reserves both I based in Arbroath as they may be willing to assist as a support to the community Historic Scotland may help with building footing on which to base stone and information boards.

9. AOCB

Mairi Gougeon MSP for Angus North and Mearns (Constituency) will be providing an MSP surgery in Aberlemno Village Hall on Mon 7th October between 12 & 1pm.

Repairs at the entrance to Aberlemno Village Hall car park have been undertaken by Tayside Contracts

As part of the changes to Angus Council waste collections they have suggested a glass recycling point be placed in the car park at Aberlemno Village Hall. Representatives of the village hall committee are meeting with the council to discuss this proposal.

Farnell residents have not had communications regards any similar proposals for Farnell area. DB will follow this up.

FC noted that Angus Council environmental officers were posting labels on bins in the area. Labels state no food waste to be placed in the purple general waste bins. The rural properties out of the main village do not have a food waste collection. KT advised it is possible to get a 150-litre brown bin which could be shared with group of properties

but this would have to be put out to main road for collection as will not collect from private roads.

RB recommended viewing the council meetings online. He expressed concerns at what he considered money wastage at a time when councils are stretched. He gave the example of £17,000 per school to install safe spaces area in every school for a trial period and then £9,000 to remove at end trial. JS advised this had been funded from a Scottish Government initiative grants and not local council. JS encouraged others to view the council meetings and suggested doing a web search for 'Angus Council forthcoming meetings' for links to watch live or watch as available on YouTube post meeting.

Farnell residents noted there will be a Harvest thanksgiving service 20th October 2024 at Farnell Church to thank farmers. Leaflets are available with more information. KT to post information online.

RB stated he had joined to help get the A&DCC established when there was low level of volunteers and there was a risk of the community council being disbanded. He feels his role is now complete. he will continue to complete current actions but as he now believes his role is complete, he asked the meeting to accept this as his formal notice of resignation.

Thanks conveyed from the group to RB for the work he has done and best wishes for whatever his plans are going forward

10. Date of next Meeting.

It was agreed that holding this meeting online had been useful and attendees supported the ongoing provision of online for the winter meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th December 2024.

Location: Online Microsoft Teams

11. Close.

The meeting was closed at 19:56

Planning Report

Planning Report - 3 October 2024

Planning Applications

Two Planning Applications have been received since the last meeting: -

24/00500/FULL

Proposed replacement of existing dwelling and Ancillary Works
Muirside of Melgund, Brechin DD9 6TA

Response

AADCC have no comment to make on this application. It is replacing a previous house within the original garden ground.

24/00530/FULL

Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling, change of use of a wooded area and ground used for agricultural purposes to residential garden ground and erection of personal ancillary swimming pool and leisure outbuilding
Craig Ask, Aberlemno DD8 3PF

Response

AADCC have no comment to make on this application. It is within the footprint of existing development. The site and shed has had no agricultural use for many years and is well screened by established woodland.

Glenskinno Solar Farm

BSR are developing proposals for an 84MWp Solar and Wind Farm with co-located 60MW BESS at Craigo Glenskinno, Montrose, Angus, DD10 9LG. <https://craigo-glenskinno.com>

Happy to meet with Nathalie Helene re Craig's Glenskinno Solar Farm. Well outwith our area but could be interesting to see what they have to say.

Request for Scoping Opinion for Proposed Section 37 Application for Kintore to Tealing 400kV overhead line.

SSEN are required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment for this project. Basically, this will identify and assess negative impact of the development and suggest modification/adaptation to ameliorate such impacts. The Scoping Report will identify what should be considered in the assessment. Both will be made public and submitted to the Scottish Government.

There is a well-established format and headings (listed below). What we can do is identify any potential impacts we wish them to consider. I will draft and circulate a response over the weekend.

Both these documents will be one but will include a summary and should have tables identifying severity of impact.

Topic headings

1. Landscape and visual amenity
2. Cultural Heritage
3. Ecology and Nature Conservation
4. Ornithology
5. Hydrology; Hydro geology; Geology and Soils
6. Traffic and Transport
7. Land Use
8. Socio-economics; Recreation and Tourism
9. Population and Human Health
10. Air Quality and Climate Change



Tayside Division
 Angus LPA
 LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – September 2024	
Local Community Policing Area	Community Policing team, Montrose and District/Brechin and Edzell
Local Area Inspector	Inspector Martin Pattie
Local Community Policing Team	<u>Community Sergeant</u> Sgt Caroline Patullo <u>Montrose and District:</u> Con Alistair Hutchison Con Mark Garnes <u>Brechin and Edzell:</u> Con Nicholas McKendrick <u>Community mail box :</u> taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk taysidemontrosedistrictcpt@scotland.police.uk

To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses a few days before the meeting documenting the previous month’s activity.

PART A

NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES



Check out our web page:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>



RURAL CRIME

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland's mission:

Safer neighbourhoods, stronger communities..

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland will:

- Collaborate with partners to develop community resilience.
- Grow partner and community use of Neighbourhood Alert and Scotland's Neighbourhood Watch network.
- Enhance a sense of wellbeing by encouraging community cohesion.

What is Neighbourhood Watch Scotland?

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland is a Scottish charity which helps promote safety and resilience in our communities.

It circulates safety messages using the Neighbourhood Alert system (<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/sign-up-for-alerts/>), which comes from trusted sources keeping the neighbourhood alert.

It currently supports around 1,700 Neighbourhood Watches across Scotland, bringing people together in local and themed groups. This helps communities become safer and more resilient through awareness, advice and communication, sharing key crime and other safety-related news quickly.

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

A Neighbourhood Watch is a community led initiative bringing local people together to address crime and other community safety issues in their area. Watches often liaise with local police and local authorities to raise concerns in their neighbourhood.

There are many benefits to becoming a coordinator or member of your local Watch including:

- Access to the Neighbourhood Alert system which distributes safety information from a trusted source.
- Membership improves community spirit, resilience and a feeling of wellbeing in communities.
- It provides access to Community Policing forums and sources of support.

How can I join my local Watch?

To find out if there is a Watch in your area and join an established Watch go to <https://schemelookup.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/Content/SchemeLookup> and enter your postcode. You can click on each Watch to check the encompassed area and find out if it covers your street.

What if I don't live in a Neighbourhood Watch area?

If you do not live in a Neighbourhood Watch area you might like to consider starting your own. If so, go to <https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/> and select Sign up for Alerts.



Sign up to receive safety alerts and information at our website: www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

For further advice regarding protecting your personal belongings, please see <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/personal-safety/theft> and <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/personal-safety/mobile-phone-safety>

Recent crimes/issues in the Brechin area:

Assessment period - 29.08.24 – 29.09.24

Police dealt with approximately 658 calls within the Montrose, Brechin and Edzell wards area during this period, of which 268 were pertinent to the Brechin, Edzell, and Aberlemno area.

In addition, there were a total of 38 crimes recorded within this time frame, of which 0 were specific to the Aberlemno district area.

The following is a breakdown of crime category in relation to these crimes:

Group 1 - Crimes of violence, including murder, rape, extortion, serious assault, robbery – 0

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 0

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty – 0

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 0

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 0

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking - 0

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 0

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 0

Emerging issues:

Speeding:

There continues to be concerns reported regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the Local area, in particular 20mph speed zones.

Local Speed Initiatives will continue to be planned where possible and Road Policing Departments have been notified of these continuing issues for extra attention.

Motorists will be warned regarding their use of speed and reported if necessary and further Initiatives will be planned in the future.

In addition, Speed deterrent measures will continue ('Pop up Jim and Jane' signage) to be used.

The following is guidance received from Road Policing Department as regards 20mph Police enforcement,

(as provided by Traffic Scotland Good Practice on enforcement of new 'Safer for People' 20mph zones).

Any further information on 20mph zones or additional safety measures should be referred to Angus Council):

Enforcement

37. Any decision to lower the speed limit to 20 mph should seek to avoid the need for extensive police enforcement, as 20 mph limits will not be routinely enforced, unless it is absolutely necessary and in the interest of casualty reduction.

The only exception to this is the enforcement of 20 mph speed limits outside schools, which takes place on a regular basis.

38. A range of other measures should be employed. These might include marketing and behaviour change initiatives, vehicle actuated signs and traffic management and other traffic calming measures.

39. Any changes should be monitored, and where compliance levels are not at an acceptable level, consideration should be given to the addition of traffic calming measures or reverting to a 30 mph limit, if necessary.

Other topics of note or messages:

Understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities is fundamental to how Police Scotland responds to the needs of the public. Please take a moment to participate in a survey where you can give your views and opinion to help us improve how we deliver our policing services. The survey is anonymous and should only take approximately 10 minutes to complete. To access click on the link [Your Police - Police Scotland](#)

SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

Officers have been engaged in various events and initiatives during September within the community. PC Hutchison along with other Police Scotland officers attended the Veterans Support Event at Forfar Legion Club, 1 Academy Street, Forfar. This was open to all veterans and their families from the surrounding area. The event was well attended and we hope to hold a similar event in Brechin in the future.

Ongoing work by Community Officers during October 2024

PC McKendrick is working with JARS community Hub to carry out partnership working events such as coffee with the cop and a young drivers initiative.



If you think someone is in immediate danger, phone the Police on **999**.

If you need to access help or support or you are concerned about someone else in Angus, do not hesitate to seek support.

Concerns about an adult at risk:

Angus Council ACCESSLine: **03452 777 778**
This service is available Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 5pm

Concerns about a child at risk:

Angus Council ACCESSLine: **03452 777 778**
This service is available Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 5pm
#KeepingKidsSafeC19

Support for children:

Childline offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help: **0800 1111**
www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/message-from-childline/
NSPCC Helpline - If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact our professional counsellors for help, advice and support: **0808 800 5000**

Out of hours:

Contact outwith daytime hours can be directed to: Social Work Out of Hours Service: **01382 307964**
(evenings between 4.45pm and 9am, weekends)

Substance use:

Please see online for the wide variety of resources available:
www.angus.gov.uk/alcoholanddrugpartnership

Support for women:

Angus Women's Aid (AWA): **01241 439437**
Tayside Domestic Abuse Service: **0771 447 4112**
Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (WRASAC), Dundee and Angus: **01382 201291**
Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline: **0800 027 1234**
Scottish Women's Aid: **0800 027 1234**
National Rape Crisis: **0808 801 0302**
Rape Crisis Scotland Textline: **07537 410027**

Support for men:

Respect, Men's Advice Line (Scotland): **0808 801 0327**
Survivors UK: **0203 598 3898**

Victim support:

Angus: **01241 878507**
National Helpline: **0800 160 1985**

Additional information:

Angus Council Housing: **03452 777 778**
Voluntary Action Angus: **01307 466113**

Suicide Prevention is Everybody's Business
Visit the website or download the free app

www.suicidehelp.co.uk

Samaritans: **116 123**
Breathing Space: **0800 83 85 87**



Police Officer Recruitment campaign



Our new police officer recruitment campaign has launched.

The campaign is fronted by our officer colleagues and is mainly digital, with a focus on social media advertising.

Help us to spread the word by liking and sharing our recruitment posts on social media.

If you know someone who has the potential to become an exemplary police officer, please direct them to the updated [recruitment section](#) of the Police Scotland website

PART B

Feedback from Community Council

(Issues raised worthy of police interest for feedback)

	E mail with this document attached sent by PS Caroline Patullo Caroline.Patullo@scotland.police.uk as non-attendance due to shift patterns.	Raised by
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IF ANY ISSUES OR FEEDBACK PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM – to Local Community Policing Team Montrose and Brechin, Section2, Angus LPA