



Aberlemno and District

Community Council

6th February 2025

Online

1. Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies.

In attendance:

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

Councillors: Gavin Nicol (GN) joined meeting 1930

Members of the Public: 3: RB, CO, MH

Apologies:

Councillors: Chris Beattie, Sandra Livingston

Police: Sgt Patullo

2. Approval of previous minutes.

Proposed: KT

Seconded: ID

3. Matters arising from previous minutes.

- a. Chairperson & Membership: Confirmation acceptance RB resignation at meeting 3rd October 2024. RC welcomed as interim chairperson. RC has agreed to fulfil the role as interim chairperson until the next AGM.
- b. Constitution: Revised constitution to meet the Angus council requirements approved. RC to sign, FC to submit to Angus Council.
- c. Continuing matters Farnell Stone/Farnell Defibrillator no update
MH noted he has experience setting up and maintaining community defibrillator and would be happy to discuss with the Farnell community if required and would be helpful. If Farnell community resident contacts the community council MH approved sharing of his contact details with them.
- d. Treasurer access to account: In progress Phone call with RBS on 06 February 2025 to chase up change of position holder on account. A successful application to change the postal address for the account has now been made. A second application has

also been submitted to request access to online banking. Once both have been actioned then a bank card for the account should be able to be applied for.

The only creditor outstanding is to the treasurer for hire of Farnell Hall on 1 August 2024 for GBP31.25. Additionally, the previous treasurer highlighted that the annual grant the council receives may be withdrawn for 2025/26 if the 2024/25 grant is not spent. May need to discuss further with the council.

POST-MEETING UPDATE: Following discussion with the bank, the signatories require to be updated whilst the existing authorisations are in place. As such, permission has been granted via emails that ID and RC are to be added to the bank to allow for the removal of Russell and Lynn Bruce, neither of whom are still on the Community Council board. In line with the constitution, these post-holders do not reside at the same address and therefore can be added without issue. This will be ratified at the next public meeting however, requires to be resolved urgently.

4. Police report

The Police report can be found at Appendix 1 of these minutes.

Request for increased police patrols Montreathmont Forest area

MH raised the issue of local concerns in the Montreathmont Forest area. Increased number of cars and youths parked up in unlit areas. There are concerns drugs may be involved and drivers may be driving whilst under the influence or over limits. FC had passed on concerns prior to the meeting. Sgt Patullo confirmed via email she had sent communication to all local officers making them aware of this issue and providing them with the map. She has asked where opportunities are available officers drive past the area and when she is on late shift at the weekends, she will also do patrols. Sgt Patullo asks that if anyone sees anything ongoing if they can call in at the time and then they can get officers out to the locations. MH agreed for his contact details to be passed on to Sgt Patullo. FC to send them on.

5. Planning report.

The **Common Good** consultations received for information only as out with Aberlemno and Farnell District

Planning applications

24/00631/FULL - (Pitkenney) approved

Possibly of interest - 24/00765/FULM - battery storage Carseview Road Forfar

Farnell 24/00544/FUL - Demolition of steading buildings and erection of 5 dwellinghouses and ancillary works - missed date

Tealing substation 24/00699/FULN

The construction and operation of a 22 bay, 400/275 kV Air Insulated substation located on a level platform and the formation of associated earthworks, access,

drainage, landscaping, and security, including the creation of temporary construction compounds

Training opportunity: Community Councils Scotland have teamed up with Place at the Table and Imagine If to offer free training to Community Councils on Local Place Plans. This six-week series will introduce what Local Place Plans are, talk about project management, engagement and data processing and look at the importance of National Planning Framework 4. The sessions will take place online at 5:30pm every Wednesday night for six weeks from 12 February. ID has signed up and recommend other members consider. Information available in committee emails.

6. Updates from Angus Councillors

A new housing committee has been established to focus on voids and re-lets. Angus council performance on this aspect of housing management has deteriorated. There are 338 current voids not including the flood damaged properties at Brechin resulting in rental losses for the council.

The level of the rates rise for 2025 not yet decided but is likely to be more than 5%. 12.5 % is required to fully balance without using reserves. Therefore, rise is likely to be somewhere in between.

Out with area but of interest to community: Proposals for solar farm Denfield Farm Arbroath 60 plus acres and Kirkton of Auchterhouse coming In near future

Brechin old community centre & piping hall along with some houses being demolished to increase flood plain. Consultations with owner occupiers on going.

Licencing board to review applications for dog sanctuaries particularly related to the XL Bullies in line with national legislation

7. AOCB

Fly Tipping: Community residents have raised the issue of fly tipping again. They note there is a good response when issues reported. Residents asked if a mobile camera in known hotspots would be an option. GN confirmed removal of waste is responsibility of land owner and that a camera unlikely as the council don't have access to these resources.

TKUP Community Consultations Pathway to 2030 400Kv Overhead Lines: SSEN held a webinar on the 4th February 2025. Below are links to the recording and written report.

<https://vimeo.com/1053688686?share=copy>

<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/projects/kintore---tealing-400kv-ohl-downloads/alignment-report-on-consultation/kintore-tealing-report-on-consultation-january-2025.pdf>

Open public consultations sessions will be held during March 2025 to inform the public on the power line alignments and pylon positions. Dates posted on Aberlemno Community Council web page <https://aberlemno.org/community-council.php>

Individuals are encouraged to attend and submit comments via the SSEN project web pages

<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/kintore-tealing-400kv-ohl-connection/>

Speakers & Presentations: It is proposed that local community interest items become part of the meeting with short presentations and/or speakers. KT to add public request for topics of interest to the community council web page and Aberlemno Village Hall Facebook. It was agreed to try this at the meeting on 3rd April 2025 with a presentation from a representative of the Aberlemno Village Hall on the installation of the Pictish stone within the hall entrance. Other suggestions – Red squirrel watch, Guide dogs, Farm horses.

Speed limits: Question from member of the public had the Community Council been approached regards a working group to deal with speed limits as this is being looked at e.g. speeds on U graded roads GN advised he has not been involved in such discussions so unable to comment. The committee is aware of a Scottish Government online consultation. Scottish Police have noted previously unlikely to police these except outside schools' previous discussions regards this for Aberlemno rejected as didn't meet criteria also recall being told would be looked at as part of SG initiative.

8. Date of next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on; 3rd April 2025 Location: Farnell SWI Hall

9. Close.

The meeting closed at 2036



Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – January 2025	
Local Community Policing Area	Community Policing team, Montrose and District/Brechin and Edzell
Local Area Inspector	Inspector Martin Pattie
Local Community Policing Team	<p><u>Community Sergeant</u> Sgt Caroline Patullo</p> <p><u>Montrose and District:</u> Con Alistair Hutchison Con Mark Garnes</p> <p><u>Brechin and Edzell:</u> Con Nicholas McKendrick</p> <p><u>Community mail box :</u> taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk taysidemontrosedistrictcpt@scotland.police.uk</p>

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 - 31.12.24 – 31.01.25

Police dealt with approximately 510 calls within the Montrose, Brechin and Edzell wards area during this period, of which 193 were pertinent to the Brechin, Edzell, and Aberlemno area.

In addition, there were a total of 154 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](#)

JANUARY 2025 EVENTS

Constable McKendrick worked with Junior Road Safety Officers at Andover Primary school and discussed road traffic offences and issues surrounding their school.

Constable Garnes attended at the Montrose Befriending Service along with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and discussed safety issues in the home, security measures for homes and community issues.

Constable Garnes also attended the Montrose Academy Careers Fair where he engaged with pupils and answered questions surrounding being a Police Officer.

Ongoing work by Community Officers during February 2025

Community officers are to carry out a roads policing day within the Montrose/Brechin and Inveresk area along with focused speed checks.

Community officers are working with Junior Road Safety Officers at Edzell Primary School.

Constable Garnes is commencing the Pitchin In Programme at Montrose Academy which works to reduce youth offending behaviour and promote individual and community wellbeing, both in relation to football and more widely. It utilises a collaborative approach to prevention, diversion and education based upon building decision making skills and resilience.

Constable Garnes and McKendrick will also be attending the Brechin High School Careers Fair.

NEIGHBOUR HOOD WATCH/RURAL WATCH SCOTLAND –

Please see below links to neighbour hood watch alert schemes/rural watch schemes for the area. These are invaluable in alerting people to local crimes and emerging trends, guidance on online safety and doorstep scams, advice on how to secure your property and belongings, information on community resilience and wellbeing, approved “secure by design” products and recommendations, sharing best practice on how to protect you, your family and the community and advice on how to secure your property, machinery and equipment.



Sign up to
Neighbourhood Wa



Sign up to Rural
Watch Scotland - wl



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

Suicide? Help!
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