

Minutes - Auchtertool Community Council Meeting

7.30pm, 15th November 2022

Present:

Tom Lochhead (Chair)

Tracy Lambie (Treasurer)

Gillian Cura (Secretary)

Kevin Carter (Member)

Debbie Scollay

Andrea Cail

Cllr Lesley Backhouse (CLB)

Cllr Julie MacDougall (CJM)

Apologies:

Audrey Duncan (Member)

Iain Martin

Ross Mitchell (Member)

Cllr Kathleen Leslie (CKL)

Mike Smart (Member)

Chair's Welcome

The Chair confirmed that he was back in Auchtertool on a permanent basis until next April, 2023. Meetings will be monthly as planned previously. TL will retain his position until next CC elections and is waiting to understand timescales for same.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting of 18th October 2022 were circulated by email prior to the meeting. Proposed: TL; seconded: KC.

Treasurer's Report

It was confirmed that the monies owed for the village play park had not yet been taken from account, c.£35k – the Chair confirmed this should have been deducted by Fife Council Environmental Trust. CJM agreed to chase up FC to ensure the monies are taken as required.

Online Banking Application ready – details taken from TLa at the meeting to complete and will be sent to the bank on 16th Nov. Signatories will be TL, KC and TLa.

Police Report

1 reported crime but no further details available. Chair plans to invite officers to the next meeting(s) to introduce them to the CC members.

Planning Applications

Nothing of any note.

Solar Farm Projects update

No updates of note. An email has been received from Locogen to say they were about to begin survey stage.

CJM contacted Alex Rowlie who responded re SG's targets (see email update) however it did not provide much useful information. Key points are that up to 50MW can be applied for without exceeding targets. Planning regulations are that green arable land should not take up any more than 20% of any project.

Complaints re contractors speeding were raised; contractors committed to speaking to drivers responsible.

Weight on bridge – planning dept say it's for the roads department however they feel that the roads dept will have already reviewed this and put measures in place.

The Chair confirmed he plans to go back to contractors to ask if they are adhering to the specific part of the planning conditions regarding arrangements to ensure no 2 lorries will come head to head on the roads surrounding the project

Floodlights at battery storage area at night when security are in situ. TL to contact to request lighting adjustments are made to reduce glare issues for those driving during the hours of darkness. Potential to cause an accident.

Floodlights at village play park are now not working; park is now pitch black after dark and is unusable. CLB took an action to follow up on this matter

Speed reduction – sign is now operational again. Meeting with council departments still to be arranged; still awaiting response. CLB to chase.

Response from Alan Macrae received from regarding footpath at Puddledub Road end however this requires to be investigated further as part of the visit.

CLB highlighted rumble strips being smooth to Fife Council and they have committed to adding repairs to their work plan.

Pub – pub was bought several years ago by Mr & Mrs Crawford and has lay unused since. Caroline (SURNAME) has spoken to Wendy Crawford and there was some discussion that they would perhaps be willing to sell the pub back to the village. WC has clarified to Caroline that the pub is still for sale; and she has researched how to pay for the pub and has been signposted to the Land Fund; and later viewed the pub

Chair advised that the CC needs to be looped in and asked that it be added to the agenda for meeting of 17 November. TL to email Susan Leslie to ensure ACC are included in any discussions on this matter

Christmas

KC to contact school to ask if they can get involved in a carol concert/light switch-on again; and discuss date options.

Attendees agreed to buy a tree for this year and attempt to plant one in Spring for Xmas 2023. May also need new lights depending on condition. Plan to apply to Fife Council's Development Fund.

Boxing Day/Twixmas walk for community get-together hosted by the Chair to be discussed further – village hall suggested as a location dependent on numbers.

AOB

Updates from ACT

Film Night planned for end Nov will move to end Feb

Resident suggested that trust fund is used to help alleviate heating bills. Cllrs raise point of FC website can do cold weather benefits checker - £10m unclaimed in Fife – ACC to add reminder to FB page and website

Mossmorran – plans to change ground flares being signposted by Shell. Updates to follow.

ACC should consider hosting events themselves to raise funds for ACC – add agenda point for discussion at December meeting

Date of Next Meeting

730pm @ 13th December 2022 was proposed as the date of the next meeting.