

## **Draft Minutes of Meldrum Bourtie & Daviot Community Council**

### **Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2014**

**7.30 pm**

**Meldrum Town Hall Lower Room**

**Present: K Cowie, I Dunbar, D Forsyth, A McCartney, J Milton, J Pirie, W Sinclair.**

**Councillors – A Hendry, P Johnston, C Shand**

**Apologies: K Gordon, A Presly, P Sleigh, A Simmers & Councillor J Gifford**

**In attendance: Mrs I Page, Mrs T Petrie, G Oliver & I Milton**

**Minutes of May Meeting Proposed W Sinclair Seconded J Milton**

#### **Matters Arising**

Planning report no more than 50 houses could be occupied as this is the designation at the moment. Mrs Page reported that she has read the Issues and Recommendations report and reads that Aberdeenshire Council do not envisage a need for any more houses.

A McCartney to write a letter on all outstanding issues, namely signage on road at front of Berry's stating no left turn. The flashing sign on the A947 entrance to Oldmeldrum from the east is not working properly. The chevrons we were promised on the A947, at the same area, when are they being put on. The anti-skid surfaces on the A947 Mosshead to Meldrum House first entrance and the area on the A947 before the A920 junction is very dangerous and motorcyclists say that they experience vibrations on their machine when they go over them what is going to be done and when? JG letter to Martin Hall not Knight Frank as Martin Hall issued the letter to the Community Council re the hub.

#### **Police Matters**

No Police representation.

Members of the community council brought forward the problems in the square again when large vehicles continue to navigate through the town centre this is further exasperated when buses arrive from North & South at the same time at the Town centre bus stops, this adds to the Market Square gridlocked. The A920 is still signposted down South Road off the A947. Various pictures have been sent and telephone calls made so the police are being informed.

Flower tubs were upturned in the Square and have been reported by A McCartney, he is to email the reference number to Cllr Hendry who is to take the matter up with the police.

#### **Treasurers update**

The current balance is £6089.48 Allocation of the funds = Oldmeldrum £3,160.02 and Daviot £2,929.46.

### **Meldrum Town Centre projects update**

Public Notice Board is up and is being used regularly.

### **Consultation on the Community Empowerment Bill**

Sub-committee to be formed to look at how Community Council can best implement those parts of the Bill which would devolve more empowerment to the Community Council.

### **Long term outlook**

In preparation to conduct a public fact finding survey exercise, members are asked to give consideration to headings such as traffic management, housing, schools - future capacity, public transport, waste water treatment plant and employment locally.

Following the Infrastructure Committee's meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014, a review across Aberdeenshire has been carried out and a report will follow from that meeting.

Planning policy team is in control of the 7 year Land Supply which can be viewed on the website. We are trying to Draft a consultation paper to have it in the August/September issue of Meldrum Matters. A public meeting would have to be arranged after the initial release.

### **Reports from Standing committees & community organisations**

**Area Committee** – Final Report of the Local Development Plan is due out in October, 2014.

**Area Bus Forum** – No report

**Formartine Community Council Forum** - No report

**Formartine Partnership** – no need to attend this as this is members only meeting.

**Community Development group** – Lengthy meeting awaiting minutes from K Cowie/N Ironside

**Safety Group** – K Cowie attended meeting, AGM, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014 which was poorly attended by all Community Councils

**Business Group** – Changes to Off-Street Parking Statutory Consultation – it is proposed to introduce a new waiting restriction of 2 hours instead of the originally 1 hour in Market Square & the small Market Square council members voted 5 for the proposed change with 2 members voting against any change.

J Goodhall has asked for prices for Granite Plinths at the entrances to Oldmeldrum the cost for this was to be £1500.00 each plus the cost for any lettering such as Welcome to Oldmeldrum..

The group are also convening a meeting in preparation for the forthcoming referendum to debate the in or out question, he will put up posters once the principal speakers have been identified.

**Heritage Society** – Bygone Meldrum will run again in September, 2014 and plans for the Parcock Tree Area walk still being looked at, The Meldrum Paths group representatives said they would help if they could.

**MAIG** – The Flower tubs and baskets have all been put out and up and pleased to report no vandalism to the flowers. MAIG had a stand at Meldrum Sports and this proved very successful.

**Access Group** – No report

**Daviot Community Trust** - W Sinclair reported there is to be a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

**Meldrum Park Upgrade** – No Report.

**Community Empowerment.** See above re sub- committee.

**Broadband** We are waiting to hear when Oldmeldrum area is to be rolled out still no word.

**Community Wind Turbine.** No report

**Meldrum Paths Group** Letter attached

**AOCB** Roadside verge cutting, Cllr Johnston pointed out owing to budget constraints it was not possible to carry out full roadside cutting, policy is that 1 metre of the road verge should be cut, this does not allow for additional cutting at road ends or corners where more clearance is required. Members elected that it was more important from a safety aspect to have visual clearance at junctions and corners at the expense of leaving long straight areas.

Village orderly, following discussions with the Machinery ring it was considered that the rates were prohibitive. Contact has been made with Meldrum Academy to see if anyone involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards might consider carrying out village orderly duties during the summer months. A poster is to be put up in the Notice Board advertising the Town Orderly position. An honorarium of £1,000 for Oldmeldrum & 3500 for Daviot has been allocated to the Council to cover a Town Orderly.

Investigate who is responsible for the hedges which are overhanging Mill Road, if necessary contact Aberdeenshire Council to have a look and advise what steps can be taken. Similarly Station Lane is overgrown and ownership responsibility to be identified.

The town requires signage to direct visitors to the Public Toilets, apparently shopkeepers are frequently asked where public toilets are located in the town.

What steps are planned to repair the vandalised Cycle Racks are they going to be repaired replaced or removed?

Signage which should have been installed with the new traffic management in the town centre have not been implemented, awaiting response from roads department.

Loose slabs in front of Greengates, are to be re-fitted when is this being done? **K Cowie letter**

**Minutes are to be put on the web Cllr P Johnston agreed to do this.**

### **Correspondence**

W Sinclair has volunteered as a marshal when the baton goes through Oldmeldrum on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Date of next meeting** 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. 7.30 In the Lower Hall, Oldmeldrum Town Hall.