

# Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council

## Meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2001, Town Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Stanley Glennie, Paul James, Wullie Law, Accie Manson, Mike Newman, Stanley Niven, Senga Penman, John Pirie, Gordon Stephen, Mark Young

**APOLOGIES** Irene Dunbar, Margaret Green, Frank Mathers

**MINUTES OF MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2001:** These were approved with the addition of Stanley Niven to those present.

### MATTERS ARISING

#### 1 The New Constitution

- (a) John Pirie reported that he will shortly meet with Frank Mathers to discuss the final drafting of the new constitution. He asked opinion on the following matters
- (b) The size of the new council - ? minimum 10, maximum 17 – agreed
- (c) The split of members between the various areas – agreed
- (d) Should the AGM be in November? – agreed
- (e) What should represent the quorum? – 6 agreed
- (f) How many members are needed to call a special meeting – 4 agreed
- (g) Should a ‘rolling membership’ be used? The council noted that this could lead to an election every year, which would be a real waste of effort and resources. John Pirie agreed to question this with Aberdeenshire Council.
- (h) It was agreed to accept John Pirie’s suggested voting system and to reject the ‘single transferable vote’.
- (i) It was agreed that co-optees over and above 17 could be used
- (j) It was agreed to allow a member to hold two positions at once
- (k) Proposed new financial arrangements were accepted
- (l) The proposed voting scheme at AGMs was agreed.
- (m) It was agreed that no one should be allowed to nominate or second more than one candidate for the Community Council.

#### 2 Just Bin It

John Pirie reported that he had ordered skips at the dates previously agreed.

#### 3 Gardening Competition

Jim McColl had agreed to judge the gardening competition in Meldrum but had asked for more details. Senga Penman showed a mock-up of both the poster to advertise the competition and the entry form. These were approved with only very minor amendments. Accie Manson reported that he had an old ‘Floral Competition’ cup and was willing for it to be used. It was agreed that it should retain the name ‘Kilblean Cup’ but that new lettering was also needed. Stanley Niven agreed to investigate the costs for this.

The competition will be advertised in June, with a closing date for entries at the end of July and judgement in August.

#### 4 Change of Registrar

John Pirie reported that he had written to express regret at the loss of a local registrar and suggesting that at the very least a separate entry book should be kept for each district. No reply yet received.

- 5        Local Leaflets  
John Pirie reported that he had revived the Oldmeldrum script for the new area leaflet, to be produced by Formartine Area Committee.
- 6        Fire Brigade  
John Pirie reported that the Fire Brigade had replied to our letter of concern and had agreed to consider our views.
- 7        Formartine Area Plan  
John Pirie reported that the first meeting had failed to complete discussion of all the many issues raised and that a new meeting had been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> May. Paul James may attend and will receive information about the meeting from John Pirie.

#### **REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**

- 1        Formartine Area Committee  
John Pirie reported on the matters raised at the last Formartine Area Committee. None require further action from the Community Council
- 2        Community Council Forum  
John Pirie and Mike Newman had attended the Community Council Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> April – Many matters were raised of which the following were of note.
- (a)      Most training offered to Community Councillors may be beyond requirements but it was noted that the ‘Web Authority’ course could be useful.
  - (b)      Great stress is put on involving more young people in Community Council affairs and John Pirie reminded the Council that we must consider whether we can contact youth groups to facilitate this.
  - (c)      Concern was expressed that we had not been able to attend recent ?Safety Committees. This has been because of clashes of dates and poor advertisement of meeting times. Our representatives are Paul James and Stanley Niven and it was agreed that Mike Newman and Senga Penman should act as substitutes if necessary. Paul James will inform Stanley Niven of meeting dates as they arise.

#### **NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1        Aberdeenshire Council Transport Policy has now been adopted and it and a booklet detailing all comments received are available for consultation. John Pirie has copies.
- 2        The annual report of the Grampian Health Board had been received and was noted.
- 3        Thanks were expressed to Colin Munro who had scanned in Stanley Niven’s picture of the Meldrum ‘Sailor’, had stripped out extraneous background and prepared the picture for use in the booklet to be prepared by the Formartine Area Committee.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(It was noted by John Pirie that he would in future include Daviot applications in his report).

- 1        9 Rosebank – extension. Noted.
- 2        Ladyleys – Indoor Riding School proposed. Noted.
- 3        Meldrum House Golf Club – alterations to windows and extension. Noted.
- 4        11 Cowgate – application for listed building consent for internal work. Noted.
- 5        Rainbow Fabrics, 7a Urquhart Road – change of use for 1 Chalmers Buildings from residential flat to fabric retailing unit. Noted.

**A O C B**

- 1 Paul James reported a safety problem at the Primary School. During current building work no access is available at the back of the school. This results in all pupils having to use the front entrance and this greatly increases the safety hazard associated with traffic. It was agreed to write to the Formartine Area Manager requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 20mph in front of the school and that it should be requested that this be made permanent. John Pirie agreed to write and request this.
- 2 Mike Newman reported that he had received the Deed of Trust for Daviot Community Trust. He now intends to ask Frank Mathers to provide informal legal advice on the wording of this.

**Date and Place of Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2001 at 7.30pm  
In the Town Hall, Oldmeldrum**