

Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council

Meeting Tuesday 27th February, 2001, Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Irene Dunbar, Stanley Glennie, Margaret Green, Paul James, Wullie Law, Accie Manson, Frank Mathers, Senga Penman, John Pirie

APOLOGIES: Kevin Douglas, Stanley Niven, Mark Young

MINUTES OF MEETING 23rd January, 2001: These were approved.

PRESENTATION BY TAMSIN MORRIS, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

An informative presentation was given on behalf of the Formartine Partnership by Tamsin Morris on the subject of funding sources by way of partnership funding, community council project grants, environment grants and rural youth transport grants. The Chairman mentioned three ongoing possibilities which may be worth attempting to obtain funding for, namely re-positioning of the Bruce's Seat stone on Barra Hill, an indicator plaque on Barra Hilltop and some commemoration of the Battle of Barra.

MATTERS ARISING

1. The New Constitution. We require to consider for the next meeting (a) the name of the Community Council - should it be "Meldrum, Bourtie & Daviot" or some other name; (b) the total number of members and also whether these should be split into sub-units. At the moment the split is Bourtie - 3 members, landward Meldrum - 3 members, the Burgh or built up part of Oldmeldrum - 6 members, and with 3 floaters, a total of 15; (c) do we use a single transferable vote system in the event of there being elections.
2. Photos of Meldrum - it was agreed the appropriate photograph would be one showing the sailor outside the Meldrum Arms.
3. Formartine Area Education Forum is due to have a meeting tomorrow night.
4. Continued problems of dog fouling. The Chairman has received a letter and advised the lady complainer to approach the dog warden.
5. Mr. Accie Manson gave a brief resume of how our successful Heritage Society is progressing. Equipment is there worth over £2,000 and 6 members have been trained to use the software which has been obtained. There has been a meeting with other Heritage Societies and also a useful meeting with staff from Museums & Libraries in Aberdeen. These bodies have large quantities of material, such as postcards. It is noted a CD can hold 10,000 photographs with wording. Mr. Manson asked that sincere thanks was due to the British Legion both by the Heritage Society and by the Community Council for its provision of the space presently in use.
6. While no firm commitment was given towards taking part in the Keep Scotland Beautiful scheme the possibility of skips being in position for a period would be explored. Wullie Law suggested the best kept garden competition be revived. After discussion this was agreed, sometime in August for the judging being appropriate. Senga Penman has volunteered to make up an entry form and possible support poster and will bring this along to the next meeting. It was agreed that Sue Webster, the Head Gardener at Pitmedden Gardens, be approached by Stanley Glennie to see if she would be prepared to be the judge. Tracey Stuart, a Reporter for the Inverurie Herald who was present at the meeting, agreed to try to assist by seeing if an entry form could be put into the paper in addition to local entry forms being available. It was suggested the Advertiser be approached as well.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. A newsletter from the Association of Scottish Community Councils - extending to 16 pages - was passed to Paul James.
2. The Chairman reported we have funds of £762. A new scheme for community councils comes into force in April and a 17 page document has been received detailing comments on the proposed scheme.
3. A letter has been received from the Chief Executive of NOSWA explaining of the need for an increase in water and sewerage charges.
4. A 59 page document entitled 'Joint Community Care Plan' as a consultation draft has been received together with a 19 page consultation draft entitled 'Modernising Community Care - an Action Plan'.
5. It was noted that the gas pipes have started arriving for temporary storage at the Colpy Industrial Estate.
6. The Chairman reported on the Formartine Area Committee Meeting which was postponed this morning. It was due to discuss community education facilities, the retiral of Mrs. Ann Durkin as Registrar - with the registration district probably to be amalgamated with that based in Inverurie, the capital plan including the £13.77 million funding for the new Aberdeenshire Headquarters with around £4 million listed for roads near Oldmeldrum in the 2004 onward period with a Kingoodie re-alignment included.
7. The Formartine Area Partnership is due to meet this Thursday and the Chairman is to attend. There is to be a discussion on proposed mandatory measures in the Ythan nitrogen vulnerable zone.
8. A letter has been received from Grampian Fire Brigade regarding difficulty in recruiting retained firemen with a suggestion of an audible siren being sounded when the fire engine goes out to try to generate interest in the Brigade. This was not considered helpful and the Chairman is to reply in suitable terms.

9. As for suggestions in connection with the Formartine Area Plan Frank Mathers mentioned "Welcome to Village" signs, possible Robert the Bruce Centre for tourism and the swimming pool. A complete bypass, the swimming pool and refurbishment of the Town Hall and its Coat of Arms have been passed to the Council for consideration.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. The planning application adjacent to Auquharney on South Road was recommended for refusal but has been withdrawn.
2. Greenford application - the Chairman read out the details of the refusal.
3. Mr. McCulloch, 2 Provost Florence Drive - for change of use public open space to a garden and garage.
4. Mr. Gibb, 36 Rosebank - for alterations, extension and garage.
5. Stan McKenzie, The Lonnon, Gas Street - for an extension.

A O C B

1. Mr. Accie Manson informed the meeting that a lady had drawn to his attention the hazardous icy state of Meadowbank outside the School. Rosebank is also a difficult area. Paul James is to speak to Councillor Loveday and also to the School. The meeting recognised these should be priority areas given their use in connection with the School and the Medical Centre.
2. Mrs. Margaret Green mentioned the lack of salt or grit available for use in the area of Bourtie Church.

**Date and Place of Next Meeting:
Tuesday, 27th March, 2001 at 7.30pm
in the Town Hall, Oldmeldrum**

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Tuesday, 27th March, 2001 at 7.30 pm
in Oldmeldrum Town Hall**

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising from Minute of previous meeting
4. Reports from other Meetings and Groups
5. New Business
6. Correspondence
7. Planning applications
8. A O C B
9. Date and place of next meeting