

# Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council

Meeting Tuesday 23rd January, 2001, Town Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Irene Dunbar, Stanley Glennie, Frank Mathers, Stanley Niven, John Pirie, Gordon Stephen, Mark Young,

**APOLOGIES:** Margaret Green, Wullie Law, Mike Newman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor John Loveday, Arthur Williams from Daviot

**MINUTES OF MEETING 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2000:** These were approved.

## MATTERS ARISING

1. The Chairman noted that as Mrs Dunbar is on the draft Electoral Register, she can now formally be a member of the Community Council. This was agreed.
2. New Constitution. Still to be worked on by J Pirie and F Mathers. The Model constitution is now on PC.
3. Christmas Lights. The Secretary is to send letters of thanks to Colin Bain for supplying the electrician to put up the Christmas lights and to Gordon Presly and George Ross for allowing the lights to be hung on their shop fronts using their electricity. Possibility of additional lights for next Christmas is to be looked at by the Secretary. Existing ones to be stored ready for use this year.
4. The Chairman reported on the position regarding the Public Inquiry into CALPs and a decision on the Intervale appeal concerning the non-determination of their planning application. The result of the CALPs Inquiry was that the Wimpey development was preferred and, in respect of the non-determination appeal, Wimpey's proposal was seen as vastly superior to that of Intervale. It was noted that Intervale's appeal to the House of Lords may still be ongoing.  
As regards the application for the commercial, retail and industrial site by Intervale, the retail element has been removed. The application was before the Formartine Area Committee and outline approval was granted subject to several conditions, a number of them seeking to safeguard the completion of the road link from the Colpy road to the Inverurie road.
5. Photos featuring Oldmeldrum have been received from Stanley Niven. Payment for the cost of the film, the developing and printing was agreed. A suitable one will be forwarded to the Formartine Area office.
6. Questionnaire on access - this has been answered by the Chairman.
7. Rural resource management projects referred to in the letter from Dr. Hazel Carnegie - the Chairman has responded to this by letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> December and a reply is awaited.
8. A brief discussion took place over the pros and cons of a swimming pool for Oldmeldrum.
9. Community Education Forum. The next meeting of the Forum is to take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm in Fyvie Primary School, two of the items on the Agenda being the Meldrum Academy and Meldrum Primary School extension. The Chairman and Secretary expect to attend as may P James.
10. Talk by Tamsin Morris, the new Development Officer for the Formartine Partnership - she has indicated that she will be able to attend the next Community Council meeting which will be on 27<sup>th</sup> February. She will talk on sources of funding.
11. Dogs - the ongoing problem of dog fouling was discussed.

## REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS AND GROUPS/NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

1. Community Council Forum. There have been two meetings of the Forum, one being attended by J Pirie and F Mathers on 6<sup>th</sup> December entitled 'Council Finance'. Councillor Loveday clarified that press reports of a 15 million pounds bonanza are inaccurate as 12 million pounds of this has already been taken up by Scottish Executive requirements. Essentially there is only a 1½% increase and this before having to cater for inflation of perhaps 5% to 6% in the case of the council. Health & Safety legislation and other burdens are causing an increase beyond normal percentages. Central government authorised pay rises have also to be paid for locally. For the coming year an additional 6 million pounds of cuts will be required. There will now be a 3 year budget in operation which should assist forward planning. However, in this 3 year period there will be increasing burdens of 16, 18 and then 20 million pounds. The budget will be set in a few days for the next 3 years which will also include setting the Community Charge for the next 3 years. The Chairman emphasized the gearing effect in relation to the Council's income and expenditure and the Community Charge aspect of that. Councillor Loveday was requested to prepare a short report to be sent out with the Minutes.
2. Youth Rural Transport Grant. This relates to money to pay a proportion of transport costs for youth group outings. Funds are still available, members should notify any group who might apply.
3. Community Safety Group. The next meeting is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January and either P James or S Niven may be able to attend.
4. Community Safety Awards. The Chairman passed documentation on this to S Niven.
5. Community Council Forum. The Forum discussed the Formartine Area Plan. Suggestions are needed of suitable projects for Oldmeldrum. The Chairman suggested one would be the completion of a bypass round Oldmeldrum from A947(N) to A947(S). Other suggestions were the building of a swimming pool and the refurbishment of the Town Hall including the repair of the Coat of Arms. It was agreed that a copy of this document would be circulated with the Minutes so that suggestions could be made by members at the next meeting. The Secretary indicated that any sort of suggestions would be welcome, hoping members would not feel embarrassed to raise any matter as there would be no judgement or criticism of any suggestions. Councillor Loveday mentioned that one community has a very successful dog walk.

6. Formartine Area Partnership Meeting. This included discussion of tourism promotion for Formartine. Innes Stephen from Tarves had suggested F Mathers as the Oldmeldrum representative. He agreed to follow this up.
7. Formartine Area Committee. This dealt with several matters including the following of interest to Oldmeldrum:-
  - (a) public response to the AASP and ALP. This related to the draft we saw at the Public Meeting organised by the Community Council in Autumn time. Noting from Councillor Loveday that these plans will almost certainly go to a Public Inquiry.
  - (b) Roads and footpaths in the Meadows have now been adopted after a puzzling number of years.
  - (c) Greenford Planning Application. There was a long report into this at the Area Meeting. Councillor Loveday made plain at this evening's meeting that he was unable to make any comment and he indicated that Mrs. Dunbar should make no comment either. She was in agreement. There is to be a site visit on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm and members of the Community Council may attend. The matter will next be before the Area Committee on 6 February.
8. Community Initiative from the Scottish Executive. The Chairman indicated this is a 62 page document and it was decided to make no reply.
9. Rural Strategic Support Fund. It is more appropriate for the Formartine Partnership to apply and then trickle down funds, if any, to the Community Councils.
10. Sustainable Waste Management Strategy. The Chairman has responded to this.
11. Strategy for Older People - Living Life to the Full. This strategy document runs to 31 pages.
12. Heritage Society. It was noted that £5,000 has been received from a Lottery Fund.
13. Keep Scotland Beautiful - Just Bin It. Documentation for the 2001 campaign has been received, sponsored by McDonalds. The CC would register.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. Mr. Davidson, Albert Terrace - for a double garage.
2. Meldrum House Golf Club - to extend clubhouse.
3. E Webster - erection of outbuildings at Lochter.  
**These three have been passed.**
4. E. Paterson - for new house in the grounds of Auquharney, South Road/Mill Road. Main access will be taken off Mill Road. It is in the garden of a listed building and in the conservation area.
5. W. Milne, Moulin, Albert Terrace - extension to house.
6. NACAP/Lawrence - this is for temporary pipe storage on Council owned ground in Colpy Industrial Estate. Permission has already been granted for this. This relates to the Transco pipeline soon to be laid from St. Fergus to Garlogie. There are other storage sites at Longside Airfield, and at McIntosh of Echt. The pipes are 40 feet lengths, 1.2m diameter, transported three per arctic lorry load. Their arrival is imminent. The permission lasts for only 6 months. The pipes are coming from Italy by ship. Discussion over some concerns ensued. In particular that the application may have been dealt with by the book but it was approved less than 14 days after outsiders were aware of it. There were some concerns over the number of loads going through the village, 176 transits per mile of pipeline.
7. Daviot - A Williams, Daviot Community Association, indicated that the House of Daviot development has begun. There is concern however that the formation of the Trust, which was due to take place before any development started, is still outstanding. The November issue of the Daviot Community Association Newsletter was circulated.

#### **A O C B**

1. There was a discussion over lighting of premises with lights which may be regarded as intrusively bright - for instance at the Monyana yard and at Hillhead of Lethenty. Elsewhere triggered lights have been known to cause accidents. Councillor Loveday indicated that there are likely to be changes in regulations which will control the configuration of many of these lights.
2. Town Hall - G Stephen asked about painting of the Town Hall. Councillor Loveday gave a review of the repairs required - costing £35,000 in total. This has been put into the Formartine Area Plan with the work being done according to the urgency or importance.
3. Battle of Barra Commemoration - The Chairman indicated someone was seeking information on Robert the Bruce in the North East 1307/1308. A commemorative site is on the CC's agenda. Intervale may contribute to this via the "percent for art" and archaeological survey requirements in the planning approval for the 'carrot field' area.
4. S Glennie, (Gritty Glennie ?), reported choked drains in Rosebank and in the corner of The Square. Councillor Loveday noted this for action.
5. Blocking off of Kirk Street - cones are there at the moment and Councillor Loveday indicated that the vanished vandalised barrier is awaiting replacement.

**Date and Place of Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2001 at 7.30pm  
in the Town Hall, Oldmeldrum  
Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council**

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on  
Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 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