

# Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council

## Meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2000, Town Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul James, Wullie Law, Alex Manson, Frank Mathers, Senga Penman, John Pirie, Mark Young, Mrs. Green (joining meeting at 8.15pm).

**APOLOGIES:** Stanley Niven, Gordon Stephen

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor John Loveday, Mike Newman (Daviot CA)

**MINUTE OF MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2000:** Were agreed to be a true record apart from dealing with the AASP and ALP. The Daviot meeting is to be 1<sup>st</sup> August not the end of August.

**NEW MEMBER:**

The meeting was delighted to co-opt Miss Senga Penman, 2A Albert Road, Oldmeldrum, AB51 ODB, as a new member.

**RETIRAL OF MINUTES SECRETARY**

The meeting unanimously agreed the Secretary write to our former Minutes Secretary Martin Wallace expressing our thanks for his services.

**MATTERS ARISING**

1. Barrahill Walk - matter is ongoing. Letter has been received from the Council and a reply awaited from Gordon Stephen in relation to the scope of liability to be covered by his insurers.
2. Heritage Project - the Constitution is ready for approval at the next Project Meeting and will then be passed for final approval by the Inland Revenue. Funding sources look encouraging, possibly from Shell.
3. Public Inquiry - it is to be postponed again when it comes up on 8<sup>th</sup> August. The CALP Reporter had wished to report in October or November. Intervale has not yet indicated if it is to appeal to the House of Lords or not.
4. Meldrum Academy Consultative Group - plans for the extended Meldrum Primary School and the new Academy have been lodged with the Council.
5. Town Hall Coat of Arms - the matter of a door-to-door collection was discussed. Wullie Law suggested it would be better to try local organisations or businesses. John Loveday indicated Common Good Funds may be able to be used but there are competing claims. Any depletion of the Common Good Fund should be of such amount that with the interest accrued on the remainder, the shortfall could be made up within a reasonable time. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting.
6. Churchyards - comments from various members on its disgraceful state were made, not only in relation to long grass and weeds but positioning of certain stones.
7. Formartine Area Committee - it was noted today's meeting considered the Intervale Industrial Estate application. It was decided to defer the matter to have a departure meeting which will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> August in the Town Hall at 7.45 pm. Thereafter the Committee will deliberate on the matter. This process allows all parties to have their comment. The application does not comply with CALP as it relates to part of the area of ground which is earmarked for the linkage road between the Colpy Road and the Inverurie Road.

**AASP and ALP CONSULTATION**

Arrangements were discussed for the 31<sup>st</sup> August meeting, the final arrangements being made at the next meeting. The Daviot Community Association Public Consultation Meeting will take place at 8.00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> August. The Community Council will make comments to the Council after the Public Consultative Meeting has taken place, though there is a very short time scale within which that can be done.

**REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS**

1. Formartine Area Partnership - the Partnership produced the Ythan Project Document. Another document has come out called 'Forward Strategy for Scottish Agricultural - The Way Ahead'. The Partnership has asked for comments on this by 14<sup>th</sup> August.
2. Community Council Forum - the next meeting is tomorrow night.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mrs. Carnegie, a Project Officer with the Council, is now dealing with walks around Inverurie. She had asked if there were any Oldmeldrum walks dovetailing with those around Inverurie, it would appear not.
2. Mrs. Green mentioned that the Oldmeldrum Parish Church gate needs repair by way of painting. This is apparently a Council responsibility. John Loveday is to deal with it.
3. Park Lane - the spruce trees are now to be taken down. It was noted from Councillor Loveday the trees were only there in the first place as a temporary screen until the deciduous ones grew sufficiently.
4. Com.Com.Hollyrood - Computers from Scottish Executive. The computer offer is apparently more related to Hall Committees or Associations rather than Community Councils and Oldmeldrum Hall belongs to the Council. Paul James is to look at this.
5. John Pirie indicated a leaflet had been produced concerning Aberdeenshire historic churchyards. John Loveday emphasised the leaflet production had been paid for by Central Government.
6. Barra Walk - it is overgrown. Comments were made about past clearance and possible future clearance.
7. John Pirie mentioned a large book had been produced being a local democracy report.
8. Link Road - John Pirie raised the matter of the Link Road between Colpy and Inverurie Roads and commented that in the report issued by the Reporter in relation to the Wimpey Housing Application, Wimpey had to show that it could complete this Link Road before the houses could start to be built. There may be doubts about this as it may be in the control of Intervale.
9. The matter of block insurance for Community Councils was mentioned. Block membership of the ASCC was also in place.
10. Wall in Cowgate - Wullie Law mentioned that a representative from the Council had been monitoring possible movement or cracking in the wall - there is no sign of movement or cracking at this time.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

This has been dealt with under New Business.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. It was noted from John Pirie the application in respect of 27 King Street had been refused.
2. 6 Ardconnon Cottages - extension approved.
3. 18 Kirk Street for an extension and Conservation Area Consent - noted.
4. Bellevue, Albert Road - garage and wall approved.
5. Howe of Blair - conversion of steading to house - approved.
6. Druim Cathan, South Road - extension applied for.
7. Plans for Primary School and Secondary School - John Pirie reported he had inspected these and gave the meeting a brief outline.
8. Leaflets issued by Aberdeenshire Council on Planning Enforcement and commenting on a Planning Application were distributed.

## **A O C B**

1. Kevin Douglas raised the matter of the GM crop trial site at Daviot. He suggested the Community Council write to Aventis and the Scottish Office to complain regarding the continuation of the trial and in respect of the cost of policing the recent demonstration. Mike Newman mentioned that more local people in Daviot were in favour of the trial going ahead than against, it being a farming community. It was decided no action should be taken.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2000, Town Hall, 7.30pm**

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**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 in Oldmeldrum Town Hall at 7.30 pm**

## **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising from Minute of previous meeting
4. AASP and ALP consultation
5. Reports from various meetings
6. New business
7. Correspondence
8. Planning applications
9. A O C B
10. Date and place of next meeting