

Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council

Meeting Tuesday 27th March, 2001, Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Irene Dunbar, Stanley Glennie, Paul James, Accie Manson, Frank Mathers, Mike Newman, Senga Penman, John Pirie, Gordon Stephen, Councillor John Loveday

APOLOGIES: Wullie Law, Mark Young

MINUTES OF MEETING 27th February, 2001: These were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

1. The New Constitution. After discussion the following was agreed:-
 - (a) Name - Meldrum, Bourtie & Daviot Community Council;
 - (b) Number of members - 3 from Bourtie, 3 from Daviot, 3 from landward Meldrum and 8 from Meldrum Village. The proviso being if co-options are required then they would not have to be bound by retaining the specific numbers for the given area.
 - (c) Voting system - traditional, not single transferable vote.
2. Formartine Area Education Forum - attended by John Pirie and Frank Mathers on 19th March. The management structure for Oldmeldrum Academy has still to be decided and John Loveday indicated there is to be a meeting in May solely to discuss that aspect. Paul James indicated the questionnaire issued to School Boards was confusing. John Loveday added that the Consultative Board had a meeting last night. Contractual problems have been resolved and the contracts are now signed. It is anticipated the Academy will finish on time.
At the Forum it was revealed there has been a large re-organisation of the administrative structure of the 'Shire's Education Department. It also now includes recreation. Mention was made of community school project at Peterhead and also now one at Turriff.
3. "Just bin it" by Keep Scotland Beautiful. The Chairman indicated we can receive one skip at a time, i.e. Bourtie for a week, then Meldrum. It was decided Bourtie would have the week commencing 16th April with Meldrum the week commencing 23rd April. Tracey Stuart, the Reporter present, will have it mentioned in the Inverurie Herald.
4. Gardening competition. Senga Penman produced useful styles of an entry form and possible support posters and these were, subject to certain amendments, approved. Format of the competition was agreed. The Chairman is to speak to Jim McCall to ask him if he would be available to judge.
5. Retiral of Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths for the Village - a general discussion ensued. We are to be consulted and we await further news.
6. Formartine Partnership - meeting to discuss nitrogen free zone. The Chairman will be there representing certain angling interests. Gordon Stephen gave his view that the rules are horrendous and there are large cost implications.
7. Fire Brigade - the Chairman confirmed he had sent a letter back as directed at the last meeting.
8. Formartine Area Plan update for Meldrum - The wish list includes completing the bypass, erection of a swimming pool and refurbishment of the Town Hall. The Secretary is to speak to Keith Newton, the Area Manager, about "Welcome to Village" signs and a Robert the Bruce Centre for tourism.
9. Intervale appeal - it was noted from the Chairman the case is due to be heard in the House of Lords on 20th/21st June this year. It was noted Wimpeys are pressing ahead with their detailed plans which they hope to lodge within three months. Councillor Loveday indicated that the first aspect to be dealt with will be the commencement of the bypass which will have to be completed before 100 houses are occupied. The next step is the Colpy link which has to be completed before a certain number of additional houses are occupied. It was further noted the line of the Colpy link is shown further out in the Wimpey plan - to avoid the ransom area under the "control" of Intervale. This means the link will come out nearer North Mains Farm, the down side of this being it leaves a far larger area for "in-fill".
10. Greenford application - the Chairman read out a letter received from Aberdeenshire Council indicating an Enforcement Notice had been served. An appeal has been lodged against the Enforcement Notice and against the Planning Permission refusal. It was agreed the Community Council has no further comment to make at this stage.

REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS AND GROUPS - These have been noted above as relating to the Formartine Area Committee which sat on 6th March, the meeting regarding nitrogen free zone which sat on 7th March and the Community Council Forum which sat on 7th March. At that Forum meeting the Chairman raised the huge amount of consultative papers now being issued.

The Formartine Area Tourism Group met on 12th March when the Secretary was in attendance. The Secretary gave a summary of the meeting content.

Formartine Area Committee Meeting on 20th March - this discussed the Academy management structure and toilets within the area. Councillor Loveday indicated the high cost of manned toilets which need to continue to be manned because of vandalism problems.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Land Reform Bill - this relates to the access code, the local Access Officer for the Council being Linda Mathieson. A questionnaire is to be filled up for the Scottish Executive and also for Aberdeenshire Council, the response being required by 13th April. After discussion it was agreed the Chairman would put in a balanced response.
2. GM Trials - there was distributed at the meeting a Scottish Executive leaflet on this.
3. Letter from the DTI regarding rural Post Offices - there is to be £2 million given in assistance as a one-off capital payment to rural Post Offices - broken down this means each Post Office would only receive around £2,900.
4. A letter has been received from the Council regarding the foot and mouth outbreak and the meeting noted its contents.
5. A letter has been received from the Council concerning the blocking off of Back Wynd which will now be a dead-end. Far greater use has been made of Back Wynd following upon the blocking off of Kirk Street. This is required to stop people using this awkward back road and it will essentially then be a dead-end.
6. BT Community Connections letter - this relates to offering computerised equipment but it is of no real value as any group using it would have to pay the service costs for the line, etc.
7. Village Halls National Lottery Charities. Grants are available for Village Halls and other community facilities. Matched funding is not needed for this grant scheme but Meldrum Town Hall is not eligible as it is owned by the Council. Daviot Village Hall would be eligible.
It was noted from Councillor Loveday commencement of repairs of the Town Hall should start during the Summer.
8. A letter has been received indicating the Council is deliberating whether or not to charge for parking at Country Parks.
9. Race Relations Amendment Act 2001 - a response is required by 15th May. This was noted. No action to be taken.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 7 Barravale - an extension.
2. Colliehill House - extension.
3. 4 satellite dishes to Corehill mast. The meeting noted these applications.

A O C B

1. Accie Manson, Chairman of the Heritage Society, mentioned that on Saturday 7th April, 2001 the room in the British Legion in Oldmeldrum for the Heritage Society will be open between 10.00 and 12.00 for interested members of the public to go along.
2. The recent explosion at the Chain Lodge in the grounds of Meldrum House - Stanley Glennie asked who would tidy up the mess. This is understood to belong to Bob Edwards in Meldrum House Estate.
3. Mike Newman from Daviot indicated a Trust had not yet been set up in relation to the recently commenced major development there. Councillor Loveday indicated that legal action was going to be taken against the developer in this respect.

**Date and Place of Next Meeting:
Tuesday, 24th April, 2001 at 7.30pm
in the Town Hall, Oldmeldrum**

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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