

Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council

Meeting Tuesday 22nd May 2001, Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Margaret Green, Stanley Glennie, Wullie Law, John Loveday, Frank Mathers, Stanley Niven, Senga Penman, John Pirie, Mark Young

PRESENT: Mike Newman - Daviot Community Assoc. and Mrs Alison Leith – Secretary Udney C C and Ellon Times Reporter.

APOLOGIES: Irene Dunbar, Accie Manson, Gordon Stephen.

MINUTES OF MEETING 24th April 2001: These were approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

1 The New Constitution

It was agreed a copy of the proposed new constitution and the CC Scheme be distributed to all members, it being anticipated an Extraordinary General Meeting would be held along side the August monthly meeting.

2 Just Bin It

Oldmeldrum and Bourtie have had their skips and 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' has been notified. Daviot will now have a tidy up event during the week commencing 29th May.

3 Gardening Competition

The poster, entry forms and advertising form were produced by Senga Penman. Stanley Glennie will arrange their distribution to shops and the Secretary is to speak to the Herald. Deadline for entries is 31st July. Preparation of the Kilblean trophy is ongoing.

4 Change of Registrar – No reply to letter, present arrangements as announced.

5 Formartine Area Plan

The Chairman highlighted once again what is on the Oldmeldrum “wish list”, viz a A947(N) to A947(S) bypass in due course, a swimming pool, Town Hall refurbishment and 'Town Centre' improvements after traffic reductions, features to attract tourists, elimination of vandalism, littering and dog and cat annoyances. Senga Penman enquired about the possibility of an archaeological dig by the Time Team at the Barra Hillfort. It was suggested that because of its designation as a Historic Scotland site and as an SSSI and possible land owner reluctance this would be unlikely. The placement of the Bruce's Seat stone at a suitable place may be possible.

6 Safety at the Primary School

The meeting noted John Pirie wrote to the Council on 25th April and is awaiting a reply. Councillor John Loveday informed the meeting of the Police's power of veto in relation to a 20 mph permanent zone though the police might agree to a zone which had 30 mph but 20 mph during certain periods, similar to Kintore and as has been recently agreed for other places. However, on Commercial Road, there is to be a modified gate and barrier for the primary school and new signage. It was further noted from Councillor Loveday that bids coming in from all parts of Aberdeenshire for 20 mph zone have been made. There is limited money but the Oldmeldrum one has been successful. This will mean permanent 20 mph zoning for most through roads around the village. They will be quickly put in place when the Traffic Order goes through. The budget is there and signs are in stock

7 Deed of Trust for Daviot Community Trust

There is to be a meeting between the developers and some Daviot community members on 31st May. The Secretary indicated he had been contacted in his Solicitor role to give advice on the Deed of Trust. It was noted from Councillor Loveday that money cannot automatically be made available to the community by the Council for maintenance of the area covered under the Deed of Trust but there can always be annual grant applications made by the community to the Council.

REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS AND GROUPS:

(a) Formartine Area Committee

The 15th May meeting dealt with various matters including safety at the Primary School and speed limits. It also dealt with the proposed Community Council Annual Grant. This was based on 5p per head of population and will presumably increase once Daviot is incorporated into the Community Council area. The payment excluding Daviot will amount to £528.95.

(b) Community Safety Group

The next meeting is tomorrow night, 23rd May, 7.30pm in the Primary School. Senga Penman is to go along to represent us.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) On the initiative of Cllr Loveday the name of the new Academy will be 'Meldrum Academy'.
- (b) The Intervale appeal – Noting the House of Lords Appeal was withdrawn yesterday. Possible implications and rumours were discussed.
- (c) Building Networks Seminar on 2nd June at Inverurie Town Hall – no attendee identified.
- (d) Gordon Rural Action on 26th June at Garioch Community Centre regarding substance misuse - no attendee identified.
- (e) Victim Support – noting there is an Awards ceremony tonight and volunteers are required for the Inverurie Office.

- (f) Website questionnaire – Rural Community Website – John Pirie to complete and return.
- (g) Policing plan for next year has been received. It will be passed to Stanley Niven.
- (h) Association of Community Councils – we are now members routinely via Aberdeenshire Council payment. The AGM is at Dumfries is on 9th June.
- (i) Final version of Aberdeenshire Integrated Waste Management Plan has been received.
- (j) Woodland Grant etc Scheme – documentation received.
- (k) The next Structure Plan, AASP, now titled ‘North-East Scotland Together’, as submitted to the Scottish Executive has been received. John Pirie read a section of it noting the number of new houses ‘allocated’ for Oldmeldrum. There is nothing surprising in this as it allows for Wimpey to build 100 houses then 300 houses. Before more than 100 can be built, an appropriate relief road needs to be in place.
- (l) Land Reform Bill – deadline for responses extended until June 30.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 Rainbow Fabrics – listed building consent for new doorway. Councillor John Loveday indicated the planners are happy with the proposal (this is Chalmers Building on Urquhart Road where there is the curved window at present.)
- 2 Garioch Glazing, Meldrum Meg Way – extension.
- 3 8 King Street – front porch.
- 4 Greenford Farmhouse - extension.
- 5 Education and Recreation Department of the Council in respect of Community Education – increase from 4.30pm to 8.30pm on certain evenings at the temporary port-a-cabin.
- 6 16 Commercial Road – replacement store.
- 7 15 Albert Terrace – garage
- 8 Corehill – 2 dishes on existing mast and another to another mast.
- 9 It was noted in response to a query by Mike Newman that an application to site a temporary caravan in Daviot at Skellarts Croft had been refused.

AOCB

- 1 Cllr Loveday confirmed legislative changes were on the way which would assist in dealing with intrusive lighting.
- 2 Mrs Green indicated Bourtie Churchyard had been looking a lot tidier of late in relation to grass cutting.

***Date and Place of Next Meeting
Tuesday 26th June 2001 at 7.30pm
In Bourtie Hall, Bourtie***

Please note the next meeting is in Bourtie not Oldmeldrum