

# Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council

## Meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2000, Town Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stanley Glennie, Mrs. Margaret Green, Paul James, Wullie Law, Frank Mathers, Senga Penman, John Pirie

**APOLOGIES:** Kevin Douglas, Stanley Niven, Mark Young

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor John Loveday, Mrs. Irene Dunbar

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND MEMBERS**

The meeting noted that Mrs. Carol Elrick and Mr. John Main have indicated since the date of the last meeting that they are not seeking re-election. Given that in February 2001 Mrs. Irene Dunbar will be welcomed onto the committee, there are two places available.

**MINUTES OF MEETING 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2000:** These were approved.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. New Constitution. John Pirie and Frank Mathers to consider this over the next month or two.
2. The Chairman reported that the audited Accounts had been sent off. £932.35 was now in the bank account. This included the recently received Council administration grant, a small rebate and a payment from the Common Good Fund. After discussion it was agreed a sum of £150 be paid to the Secretary to defray his expenses over the past year.
3. Christmas Lights. The Secretary reported Neil Cruickshank is no longer available as an electrician but Colin Bain of Bain Glazing has kindly agreed to arrange for his electrician to put up the Christmas lights. The Secretary is to make necessary arrangements.
4. Kirk Street - this is now one way. There has been vandalism to the non-solid barrier which has cost the Council £400. The Council is considering an alternative structure.
5. The Chairman reported that the Public Inquiry re-commenced on 31<sup>st</sup> October. There was a site visit on the Friday of that week with final submissions made on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Woodhill House. The Reporter will be issuing a recommendation on CALPS and a decision on the Intervale appeal concerning the non-determination of their Planning Application for housing. Councillor Loveday indicated the Reporter will be indicating his decision on Friday of this week.
6. The Chairman gave a summary of his understanding of the current position, namely Wimpey and the Council have agreed on Planning gain aspects in respect of affordable housing. Intervale is still at the House of Lords. The link road between the Colpy Road and Inverurie Road is an important aspect and the Reporter was involved in detailed probing in this respect. Wimpey appear ready to progress barring the House of Lords appeal and confirming their ability to create the link road. Intervale have had to put £50,000 in as a Bond to the House of Lords for costs in case the decision goes against them.  
Councillor Loveday indicated that Wimpey already has Outline Planning Permission for its housing site and has lodged a detailed Planning Application. A decision by the House of Lords may prove to be in the nature of referring matters back to the Reporter.  
Councillor Loveday indicated the "industrial" application by each of the developers was scheduled to be dealt with in December but because of a legal threat from Wimpey in the form of an Interdict to stop the Council considering matters until after the result of the CALP Inquiry is known, it will now be dealt with at the January 2001 meeting.  
Councillor Loveday pointed out that never at any of the meetings, including public meetings over the years, has there until very recently been any discussion concerning the Wimpey industrial/commercial site.
7. Transport strategy - Paul James reported on the sub-committee's meeting and a copy of the questionnaire completed by him as a result was laid before the meeting.
8. GM crop trials - it was noted that no-one from the Community Council was able to attend the meeting.

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

1. Paul James reported on his attendance at a Police meeting at which it was made clear there is a chronic shortage of policemen, at times only two to cover a wide area of Aberdeenshire. Underage drinking, vandalism and speeding were also referred to with Kemnay being a particular problem area. Oldmeldrum in comparison is apparently not nearly so bad.
2. A newsletter has been received from the Association of Scottish Community Councils.
3. The Chairman reported he attended the Community Council Forum Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November which was followed by a Bus Forum. The meeting itself was brief. Photos of communities are still awaited. Noting photos of Oldmeldrum Square are being taken by Stanley Niven. The meeting was followed by the Bus Forum at which young people had mentioned problems with transport to and from college and there were examples given of the subsidised cost per passenger on certain routes, some of which were reasonable, others were sky high but enabled journeys, otherwise impossible, for a number of senior citizens. Despite possible media reports of severe cut-backs in bus routes, Councillor Loveday indicated the Council is not actively looking at cut-backs at the present time.
4. Formartine Partnership meeting - the Chairman reported this group supervises the allocation of Grants for projects and had distributed papers detailing the criteria for Grants.

5. Strategy Booklet on "Integrated and Sustainable Waste Management" - a 23 page booklet from the Council requiring a response by 31<sup>st</sup> December. The end of the document indicates various commitments and targets by the Shire. The Chairman is to respond.
6. A Community safety document has been received.
7. A document entitled "Community Planning in Aberdeenshire" has been received. Three copies were distributed and Councillor Loveday may obtain more copies to be distributed by the Secretary.
8. Questionnaire on Access - this dealt with access strategy, e.g. paths in the countryside round villages, etc. The Chairman is to respond. Noting from Councillor Loveday that there appears to be a keenness to have an Inverurie/Oldmeldrum pathway along the line of the old railway line and this is an ongoing matter.
9. Community Educational Facility - noting from Councillor Loveday this is ongoing with the preference being for the portacabins to be relocated within the grounds of the Primary School, rather than the Town Hall being used, while extension works to the Primary School are taking place.
10. Letter from Dr. Hazel Carnegie seeking possible projects for Rural Resource Management students. Noting from Paul James it may be possible for the Oldmeldrum Swimming Pool initiative to be seen as a suitable project. The Chairman is to refer Dr. Carnegie to the Secretary.
11. Letter received from Tamsin Morris, the new Development Officer with Formartine Partnership. She is involved in explaining funding sources for projects and the Chairman is to invite her to one of our meetings in the New Year to give a 15 or 20 minute talk.
12. Community Council Forum - the next meeting is to take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Gordon House, Inverurie 7.00-9.00pm. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary are to attend.
13. Dogs - the meeting discussed the ongoing problem of dog fouling. At the suggestion of the Secretary it was agreed that a press release be issued confirming the Community Councillors are on dog alert.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. Mr & Mrs Hogg, Greenford Farmhouse - extension to house.
2. Conversion of Steading to house - Smithy Croft. Owner Mr Duffus.
3. 6 King Street - Mr & Mrs Royce - alterations.
4. Old Mill at Foresterhill - replacement staircase.
5. Scoutbog Steading, Mr & Mrs Suller - change of use from agricultural to garden ground.
6. Extension to workshop and general purpose building at Bourtie Works.
7. Building Warrants sought for Primary School extension and erection of the new Academy.

It was agreed no replies to any of these matters were required.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that planning application lists were passed on to the Library in the Town Hall.

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

1. Mrs. Green mentioned that part of a tree had blown down in Bourtie Churchyard and wondered who was responsible for removing this. Councillor Loveday is to investigate.
2. Councillor Loveday reminded the Secretary that the Minutes of the Community Council can be put onto his website, oldmeldrum.org.uk, and he welcomes any other Community related Minutes, topics, etc. being forwarded to him for insertion onto the website.

**Date and Place of Next Meeting: Town Hall, Oldmeldrum,  
Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2001 at 7.30pm**

**APOLOGIES** given by Mrs. Margaret Green and Wullie Law for the next meeting.

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**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on  
Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2001 at 7.30 pm**

## **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