

# Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council

## Meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2000, Town Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Douglas, Stanley Glennie, Wullie Law, Accie Manson, Frank Mathers, Stanley Niven, Senga Penman, John Pirie, Gordon Stephen

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs. Margaret Green, Paul James, Mark Young

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. Irene Dunbar

### **ELECTION OF OFFICEBEARERS AND MEMBERS:**

1. Six nominations for membership were received by the deadline 14 days before the meeting. These were from Stanley Glennie, Mrs. Margaret Green, Frank Mathers, Accie Manson, John Pirie and Mark Young. Co-opted were Kevin Douglas, Wullie Law, Stanley Niven, Senga Penman and Gordon Stephen, and in his absence Paul James was co-opted.

Clarification of past members, Mrs. Elrick and John Main is to be made as to whether they wish to continue in the Community Council in which case they can be co-opted on. The Secretary is to clarify the position with them.

Mrs. Irene Dunbar whose nomination form was lodged will be welcomed in as a member in February 2001 on the basis she will by that time be onto the Electoral Roll for the area but given that she is not yet on the Roll it was confirmed she was welcome to attend and participate in meetings but would be unable to vote until then.

2. Appointment of Officebearers:-

Chairman - John Pirie was proposed as Chairman by Stanley Glennie, seconded by Stanley Niven. Paul James was proposed as Vice Chairman by Wullie Law, seconded by Stanley Niven and Frank Mathers was proposed as Secretary by Kevin Douglas, seconded by John Pirie. With no other proposals, the above will be the officebearers for 2000/2001. As to the position of Treasurer, it was noted that under the present Constitution a member can hold more than one office. On this basis John Pirie, proposed by Frank Mathers, seconded by Gordon Stephen, indicated his willingness to continue to act as Treasurer. With Aberdeenshire Council changes to the way the Community Councils are run, it is likely that such a dual role will not be able to continue throughout the year. Senga Penman indicated the possibility of being prepared to become Treasurer if a dual role cannot be continued.

Recognising the Community Council should speak with one voice to the press, the Secretary indicated he would take on the informal role as Press Spokesman for the Council.

**MINUTES OF MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2000** they were approved on motion of Senga Penman, seconded by Stanley Glennie.

**MATTERS ARISING** - This will be dealt with under other business.

### **REPORT FROM OTHER MEETINGS AND GROUPS**

1. Sub-Group dealing with the traffic survey - The Group had been unable to meet before this October meeting and are instructed to send off its draft comments once these are formulated at the Sub-Group meeting.
2. Tourist attractions - A Tourism & Marketing Group has been set up as some have argued tourism in Formartine is grossly undermarketed. The deadline for submission of comments is 7<sup>th</sup> November. On a letter being received from Aberdeenshire Council, the meeting went through the form and it was duly completed by John Pirie for submission.  
**8.30 pm - Councillor John Loveday joined the meeting.**
3. Councillor Loveday confirmed that the outstanding money for last year's Christmas lights coming from the Common Good Fund should be along shortly. On the matter of the transport strategy consultation document, Councillor Loveday confirmed that even although the Community Council's response may be late, this would not be a problem.
4. New Community Council arrangements. This was discussed in some detail, the concerns centring around -
  - (a) the future area of the Community Council. It was agreed to include Daviot and the surrounding area given there was no enthusiasm in Daviot to set up its own Community Council. It was also recommended that an area generally along the Banff road should continue to be within our Community Council area. It was suggested that it may be appropriate to have the Community Council area consistent with the Meldrum Primary School catchment area in that respect. John Pirie is to write to Aberdeenshire Council regarding the matter.
  - (b) Draft/proposed Constitution. It was indicated that while the model Constitution provided by Aberdeenshire Council was the basis for the future, it is quite in order for us to have our Constitution based on the model. The matter will be looked at in greater detail by the Chairman and Secretary in the forthcoming period.
5. Christmas lights. The Secretary is to contact Neil Cruickshank to clarify where the lights are and to see if though he is no longer working as an electrician he may be prepared to put up the lights providing he is suitably insured. An alternative may be John Fullerton of Hunker Hill. The Secretary is to speak also to Mark Young regarding this. Councillor Loveday confirmed that the Christmas Lights with the Council are still available.

6. Planning application regarding Greenford. The Chairman read out the letter which had been sent to Aberdeenshire Council. Mrs. Irene Dunbar made comments. Gordon Stephen suggested that the Council should try to foster local employment. It was agreed the Community Council was not the appropriate forum to go into matters further in this respect.
7. Intervale Industrial Estate application. The Chairman read out a letter which had been received from Bob Edwards of Scotframe of 19<sup>th</sup> October which indicated that if an early decision was not reached, his company would probably be forced to relocate to the south. Noting there had been a meeting today of the Formartine Area Committee at which the first item related to what was happening in Oldmeldrum. The Chairman who had been at the Committee Meeting reported on the position regarding the competing developers' applications.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) It was noted the Public Inquiry is due to commence again on 31<sup>st</sup> October. The matter is highly complex with the possibility still of both developments gaining approval. The industrial applications both from Intervale and Wimpeys are being "pulled in" as well. Mr. Chree of the Council wants the Industrial Development applications dealt with only after the Public Inquiry is completed. Councillor Loveday indicated at the Formartine Area Committee Meeting his objection to this. The result meant that both Intervale and Wimpey came before the meeting for discussion and he has persuaded his colleagues to seek to get an early decision on the industrial aspect. His one concern is that there has been no full discussion of the Wimpey industrial application and there has never been a departure meeting on that. His only rider which he mentioned at the Area Committee Meeting was that the land required for the link road be made available for whatever developer won. The matter is next coming up at the December meeting of the Council.
- (b) Meadowbank one way - this is proceeding.
- (c) Kirk Street one way - noting this starts on Monday of next week.
- (d) Meldrum School - the contract for the extension was signed last week and it is noted that the Secondary School is due to start on the construction phase at the beginning of January 2001.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Chairman reported there is a meeting regarding paths in and around Inverurie on 26<sup>th</sup> October if anyone wishes to attend.
2. Another letter has been received from Aberdeenshire Council in connection with a beacon in Oldmeldrum - it was agreed this be passed to Euan Webster at Lochter.
3. Rural Challenge Fund - this invites applications for grant, either of a capital or revenue nature.
4. SCARF (Save Cash and Reduce Fuel) - this is sponsored by Scottish Gas and there is a meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the Patio Hotel in Aberdeen.
5. Community Care Plan Review - this is a review by Grampian Health Board and Aberdeenshire Council. The brochure was passed to Kevin Douglas.
6. Ythan Project - noting a £500,000 application has been lodged.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. Greenford - already dealt with earlier in the meeting.
2. Oldmeldrum Golf Club extension to tractor shed - looks okay. No comment.

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

1. Accie Manson indicated that the Heritage Group is still awaiting the result of its lottery application for heritage funds. Security aspects of the material being compiled or collected is being considered.
2. Councillor Loveday reported on new policies on speed limits for the roads. A 30 mph speed limit from the current 40 mph for the A947 will shortly come in. 20 mph for much of the rest of the village is all part of a package but there is a money problem in implementing this at the present time.

**NEXT MEETING:** 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2000 at 7.30 pm

It is unlikely a meeting will take place in December unless issues are raised in the meantime. This can be determined at the November meeting.

Note: Kevin Douglas gives his apologies for the November meeting.

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The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on  
28<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 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