

Mearns Community Council Meeting

7:00 Monday 26th May 2025 – Mearns Community Campus

Present: Andrew Macdonald (AM) Alasdair Schiach (AS) Chris Rushbridge (CR) Carol Medlock (CM) Dave Stewart (DS) Janette Anderson (JA) Ken Williams (KW) Phylis Bruce (PB) Kevin Todd (KT)

Apologies: Gordon Reid (GR), John Lovell (JL) Paul Green (PG) Cllr Smith

EX Officio: Cllr Carr, Cllr Evison

Minutes: Emma Murray (EM)

1. Declarations of Interest

None

2. Approval of minutes

Approved by Carol Medlock, seconded by Dave Stewart

3. Matters arising

Not heard from Andrew Tatton about the waste and fly tipping

Weed killing – provision in the Aberdeenshire budget work has started

Sheltered housing – no decision, review still underway

Response from Tim Stephen re Luthermuir issues, slow, steady progress, the matter is with the legal dept.

There are no formal expectations of employees outwith their working hours

It was agreed that Crown Hotel to be paid £50 for use of its meeting as a result of the unexpected school closure.

Pothole on school road Luthermuir – Cllr Carr to raise this

4. Police Report

Circulated as received, taken as read

5. Correspondence

Circulated as received, taken as read

Ffion Pirie sent in email that everyone has seen –about changes to nursery provision for 3-year-olds, this is not within the CCs remit and the matter rests with the Scottish Govt.

6. Settlements:

Auchenblae: Nothing new to report

Fettercairn: Roundabout raised by Cllr Carr and street lighting policies. Planters at the Arch, in discussion to see if they can have them any lower. Bollard has been requested to be repaired. Tennis court repairs are in hand as the council own it but the people using it are responsible for the playing surface.

Fordoun: No report

Edzell Woods: Gannochy bridge – raised concerns with Angus Council – Aberdeenshire Council are aware of the increased traffic; it has been highlighted.

Glenbervie: No report

Laurencekirk: Recycling centre – urgent clarification needed about the arrangements for pre-booked slots. Does the person who made the booking have to attend with the vehicle? The staff on site insisted that the booker accompanies the waste and sent a pre-booked vehicle away.

Lily Barnet (96) making scones for the local coffee mornings and Carol just wanted to have some recognition for her.

Rusty broken grids down Blackiemuir Ave still have cones on them, but nothing has been done for months.

Luthermuir: Dave has sent an email to Tim Stephen regarding the hedge in park close. Tim replied saying they are taking legal advice; this has been going on for 19 years. Writing to Tim asking for dates to see when we can get some clarification.

Residential caravan been parked near Luthermuir for over a year, what is the planning status? – Cllr Carr to investigate.

Marykirk: Residents had contact from Scottish Water advising that they come in June to have a site visit to see what the problems and the maintenance that is needed.

West Cairnbeg: Cairn O Mount – the drawings that have been done are being sent to Alasdair and he will send it over and it will then be sent to the manufacturer we will keep the print for future.

7. Roads, Planning & Landscape Services

Planning permission at Poppies – people are concerned about traffic congestion – Chris to write to council regarding this

8. Treasurer's Report

£8375.37

9. SSEN –Round table update

Environmental assessment has been published

10. Future of MCC, relevance to communities. Debate on way ahead.

Aberdeenshire Council place planning services – going on now for Mackie catchment area. It is looking at things that affect the whole area. Individual settlements are being asked to do their own plans and what they want for their area. Example St Cyrus are doing their own action plan now and had quite a lot of feedback doing it via Facebook and the local school. In June they will have an event to present their findings.

Local development plans – bids coming forward for who wants to develop what. We need to make sure if there are bids for most villages, we need to have a roadshow to see what looks to be the best for the community. Climate not as good as it was 10 years ago so there are concerns about how we go about doing things.

Place plan in place for the Community Council, Carol to research work previously carried out.

11. Briefing / update from Councillors / ex officio attendees

Aberdeenshire Council is very grateful for Mearns Community Council to get Abbeyton Bridge up the priority list.

12. AOB

We have had feedback that people are unable to access the Mearns Community Minutes Emma to set up a business Facebook page before the next meeting
Grit bin at West Cairnbeg has been sent back to Philip Mackay to see if we can get some progress

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