



**WEDNESDAY 06 December 2017 MEETING, 7:30pm, Friockheim Primary School**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Barbara Thompson, Chairperson  
Dougie Pond, Secretary/Vice Chair  
Paul Hartley, Treasurer  
Pauline Hartley, Minute Secretary/Planning Contact Officer  
Inspector Gary Aitken, Police Scotland  
Mhairi Dickson, Angus Council  
Cllr Richard Moore  
Alan Watt, Resident  
Nannette Torfs, Resident  
William Perry, Resident  
Andy Vinten, The James Hutton Institute

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**1: Apologies:**

Ashley Neate, Member  
Anne Watt, Resident

**2: Minutes** of the meeting of 01 November 2017 were presented. These were proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by the Secretary.

**3: Matters arising**

**Speeding and other Concerns.**

There were still concerns about the excessive speeding and the need to drop the speed limit to 40 mph coming up to the Friockheim junction from the main Road. Cllr Moore informed the CC that these issues were decided at a Group consisting of members from the Roads Department and Police Scotland. Mhairi Dickson suggested she could contact Douglas Hill from Roads and ask whether a representative from his Department would attend a CC meeting to discuss residents' concerns. She also said that she was asked by the Roads department where we would want the electronic speed indicator to be placed. It was suggested this should be placed at the entrance to the village at the Toll end.

**Drain**

Mr Perry again raised concern about the state of the drain at the north east corner of Westgate, which has the potential for a serious accident. Cllr Moore said he would look into this and report back.

**Pressock Farm**

The Secretary informed the CC that he had still not had a response to his numerous communications. Cllr Moore said that he would look into this and report back to the CC.

#### **4: Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer circulated copies of the statement of accounts as at 6 December 2017. The balance as at that date stands at £1,226.08. Some discussion took place as to whether the installation of the Pooh Bag Dispensers had helped with the problem of dog fouling in the Village. It was agreed that there has been some improvement but it was still a problem, especially along parts of Gardyne Street. Suggestions included linking with Friockheim Primary School, making enquiries to Park Rangers re spraying the dog fouling areas and putting signs up throughout the Village, making people aware of the problem.

#### **5: Planning Report**

The following applications were received:

Proposed change of house design by Guild Homes (Tayside) Ltd  
Nos 32, 27, 8 and 23 Heather Bank, Friockheim and 2 Fir Way, Friockheim

The CC did not wish to respond.

Mr Perry asked whether applications received by F&DCC could be displayed on the Village Noticeboard. It was agreed that this would be arranged.

#### **6: Monthly Police Report**

Inspector Aitken gave a summary of the latest Police Report. The following were the main points:

- Launch of the One Punch Can Ruin Two Lives campaign with the aim and objectives to communicate the consequences of losing control through alcohol consumption.
- Operation Monarda – Financial abuse of the vulnerable – continues. The need to remind residents to be vigilant in making sure their property is as secure as possible was reiterated during the dark winter nights.
- 18 calls made in the last month. 5 x miscellaneous related, nothing of great significance; 3 x youth related calls re ringing door bells; 3 x communication calls – domestic related and telecommunications; 7 x miscellaneous – concern calls, false alarm, medical matters, youths ringing door bells.
- Hare coursing by owners of lurcher/greyhound dogs is particularly prevalent at the moment. Rural crime is always something to be alert to, particularly outbuildings, sheds containing tools and machinery are always a draw.
- Violence Reduction Unit – successful operation which took place over four days in Angus South.
- Consultation regarding 53 premises being considered for disposal throughout Scotland. Three offices are in Angus, namely Friockheim, Letham and Muirhead. No decision has yet been made.

Inspector Aitken was thanked for attending and left the meeting at this stage.

#### **7: Village Developments**

##### **FriockHub**

Dougie Pond reported that the Hub is progressing well and it is hoped it will be ready in September 2018.

#### **8: Angus Health and Social Work Partnership – Dates for December**

Further dates for consultation meetings to continue conversation about the Angus Care Model have been announced. These are as follows:

Monday, 11 December 2017 at Whitehills Health and Community Centre, Station Road, Forfar 4pm – 6pm.

Tuesday, 12 December 2017 at OT Room, Links Health Centre, Marine Road, Montrose, 10am – 12 noon.

Thursday, 14 December 2017 at Seaton Grove, Seaton Road, Arbroath, 2pm – 4pm.

Friday, 15 December 2017 at Kinloch Care Centre, Kinloch Street, Carnoustie, 10am – 12 noon.

## **9: Review of Local Bus Services Contract**

The Chair read out an email received from Douglas Hill, Transport Manager, Angus Council, regarding a review of local bus service contracts in the Friockheim and District areas. Further information can be found at [PLNTransport@angus.gov.uk](mailto:PLNTransport@angus.gov.uk) or by phone to Sharon Bennett on 01307 473369.

## **10: Consultation – Review of Angus Licencing Board Statement of Licencing Policies**

The Chair read out an email from Shona Hunter, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Angus Council, regarding the review of Angus Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policies relating solely to the issue of localities. Consultation in respect of the Statement of Licensing Policy itself will follow in due course.

## **11: Angus Schools for the Future**

Mhairi Dickson informed the CC that members of the public have been invited to go along to various drop-in sessions to give their views about Angus Council's entire school estate. All parents of pupils currently attending schools have been sent letters informing them accordingly. Further information can be found at [www.angus.gov.uk/futureschools](http://www.angus.gov.uk/futureschools).

## **12: AOCB**

### Complaints Policy

Mr Perry asked whether F&DCC had a written complaints policy. The Secretary said that he would look this up and email him a copy.

### Litter Prevention Action Plan

The Chair informed the CC that she had attended a litter prevention conference where the East Haven Action Plan was discussed amongst various other subjects, the aim being to identify any gaps in existing activity locally and identify opportunities to align activity across the area in order to maximise impact. Issues such as Marine litter, farming debris, roadside fast food related litter, dog fouling, etc., were mentioned. The Chair said that there was an appeal for local communities to set up a litter action group and asked whether anybody had any ideas how Friockheim and District could achieve this. It was suggested that residents could be encouraged to adopt a street and work together to keep their street tidy. Another suggestion was to get the local school involved and to get in touch with other Community Councils to find out their ideas. After some discussion, it was agreed that a leaflet will be circulated informing residents of the intention to set up a litter prevention action group and to invite anybody interested to attend the February meeting. It will also be circulated via FB.

Mr Perry asked whether it was possible to provide a litter bin near the new bus stop as a bin was not provided when the bus stop was moved. Mhairi Dickson said she would find out and report back at the next meeting.

## **The James Hutton Institute**

Andy Vinten spoke about the James Hutton Institute and the research they are undertaking with the stakeholders in the Lunan Water catchment to develop ways of tackling water quality, flooding and water scarcity issues. This work is part of a wider project on water management, funded by the Scottish Government Strategic Research Programme and more details can be found at: <http://www.hutton.ac.uk/research/projects/payments-ecosystem-services-lessons>.

Mr Vinten circulated questionnaires and said he would be very grateful if these could be circulated around Friockheim and the surrounding area and completed and returned to the James Hutton Institute in the self-addressed envelopes provided. An online version of this questionnaire can be found at <http://surveys.hutton.ac.uk/lunanwatermanagement>

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 07 February 2018, Friockheim Primary School, at 7.30 pm. There is no meeting in January 2018.**