

# MBCC

## Mount Blair Community Council Minutes

26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7:00pm at Netherton Church, Bridge of Cally

**Present:** Chair – Colin Murdoch (CM) , Treasuer - Robert Brawn (RB), Secretary -Ali Petrie (AP)  
Cllr Caroline Shiers (CS), Donald Cameron and Bernard Noonan

**Apologies:** John Manning (M) & Bob Ellis (BE)

**In Attendance:** 7 members of the public

1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>  Proposed RB, Seconded AP	
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b>  AP said that she felt the MBCC was in need of some additional members. Two members of the general public attending the meeting came forward and were voted on. They were Mr Donald Cameron and Mr Bernard Noonan. Both were voted on by AP and RB with thanks.	
4.	<b>Report of the Chair</b>  Nothing to report at this time.	
5.	<b>Report of the Secretary</b>  Nothing to report at this time.	
6.	<b>Report of the Treasurer</b>  RB advised that The Mount Blair Community Council bank balance at the time of the meeting showed a balance of £700.  The balance on the Drumderg account was showing as £2,771. There are no applications pending at this time.	
7.	<b>Road Maintenance and Closures – A924</b>  At the time of the meeting it was announced that the road would be closed to all traffic for a period of two weeks whilst drainage/resurfacing works were carried out (Kinnaird to Moulin). The primary reason being the installation of a new sewer. A member of the	

	<p>public mentioned that it could stop visitors passing through to locations like the Enchanted Forest and also for locals getting to work outside the restricted area. It would also affect local businesses, not to mention those with dental, doctor or hospital appointments.</p> <p>With regard to works at Kirkmichael, the general public were unhappy with the length of time it was taking. Tayside Contracts council lorries were parked in the car park, leaving no spaces for the general public to use. However, it was voiced that the road is in serious need of repair and there was nothing that could really be done to get around the problem.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Green Space and Maintenance</b></p> <p>It is happening!! Petrina Menzies has been keeping a record. Two visits were made to put down weed killer. Also, cutting the grass at the car park had also been done. The Council have not mended the bench and fence and some hedges are in need of cutting back.</p>	PM
9.	<p><b>Defibrillators</b></p> <p>The MBCC announced that all the defibrillators are now in place. There is now one unit at Bridge of Cally Village Hall on the wall near the kitchen.</p> <p>Gary West is to organise more lessons to locals showing how to use the equipment safely.</p> <p>A bank account will be opened in order that donations raised may be securely deposited. This account will be for the sole use of maintaining the defibrillators.</p>	AP  GW
10.	<p><b>Broadband – BT Proposed coverage and White Areas</b></p> <p>With the ongoing saga of broadband and how much longer is it going to take and who will get it. AP mentioned that there was possibly another option to look out. Apparently, Broadband by Microwaves is currently proposed for Butterstone.</p> <p>A member of the public was curious how much this would cost and AP advised that whilst she did not have the facts and figures in front of her, she'd heard that there would be a Start Up fee of £149.99 and then approximately £40 per month to give a speed of up to 50().</p> <p>The microwaves will need to pick up from a receiver attached to the customer's property. AP volunteered to look into this and report back when all the information is known. She also advised that this would not be quick and will take some time!</p>	AP
11.	<p><b>Public Transport</b></p> <p>A member of the public mentioned that the bus service had not improved. In the past 30 seater buses were being sent to Tarvie but now larger 55 seaters were being used on this route. They are much larger and it is difficult to overtake and jams occur when meeting other large vehicles. Also, they are not equipped to take buggies and the 3 steps to enter the bus makes it difficult for those who are frail/disabled to travel anywhere. It was also mentioned that the smaller 30 seater buses are to be phased out. Clr Shiers volunteered to contact Stagecoach and report back.</p>	CS



	<p>A member of the public mentioned the problem of litter. CS is to look into this to see whether we could organise a quarterly pick up by members of public in the community.</p>	
16.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>ABO is holding a meeting and exhibition in the Bridge of Cally Hall, 12:30pm to 6:30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 regarding revised planning submission for the Green Burn Windfarm.</p> <p>Books and CD's are available at Kirkmichael Shop and Bridge of Cally Post Office. The planning of the windfarm is open for the next 28 days. The books can be taken by any member of the general public who wish to study this in more detail.</p> <p>Planning should be back on the Agenda of the MBCC's next meeting.</p> <p>With regard to the number of Council Meetings, it has been agreed that the MBCC will hold quarterly meetings from now on. This was proposed by AP and seconded by CM.</p>	JM
17.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings</b></p> <p>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Session House at 7:30pm</p> <p><b>New Year 2017</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March 2017 – Session House at 7:30pm  2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in June 2017 - Netherton Church at 7:30pm  2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September – Netherton Church at 7:30pm</p> <p>AGM to be held ? AP to ask Christine</p> <p>The meeting then closed</p>	