Chairperson: Sheena Cochrane.
Present; Graham Webster, Stewart Ellis, Ben Nicoll, Rob Crossland, Frank Chalmers, John Thornton.
Others: Councillors Sheila Hands and Rob Murray, P.C Steve Wilson, Beth Whiteside, Ray Strachan, Norrie Adams.

1. Welcome and Apologies
   The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
   Apologies were received from Derek Uchman and Councillor Craig Fotheringham.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising.
   In Item 7, Police Report, line 15, after “Stewart Ellis stated he had been” – insert “informed by a dog walker that they had been”. The minutes were thereafter accepted.

   Matters Arising.
   1) Under the Freedom of Information Act, 1) it was reported the matter of dog fouling had been reported to Ally Brown, in charge of community wardens, who stated most fines are paid more or less immediately, and in fact, this is happening even quicker since the fine was increased to £80.00 and 2) further information was available regarding the Council Tax payment enquiry. This had been received in incomplete form and made no sense. Further enquiries to be made to try to elicit the required information.
   2) Sheila Hands reported she had contacted Shona Hunter regarding the request from Ben Lawrie to include Community Council meeting information on his election literature. This was regarded as a grey area and it was agreed everyone would have to be allowed to do it. It was a Public meeting Ben had attended.
   3) Rob Crossland provided names of contact members for Mens’ Shed. Rob Crossland at 01382 535510 or rob1crossland@hotmail.co.uk .Jim Gourlay at 01382 532584 or 07841459166 or jimgourlay@sky.com.
   4) John Thornton reported on the litter situation at McDonalds. Contact had been made with Lynn McCammon, Business Manager, who had arranged more extensive “litter pick” patrols. The situation has improved.
   5) Craig Fotheringham reported by email that consideration was being given to a new bin being sited in the area between Well Street and Ashludie Terrace.

   P C Wilson then gave the Police Report, details at item 7 and left the meeting.

3. Correspondence.
   2) Community Councils website; letter received and cascaded. Discusssed and Noted
   3) Email via Lyn Halley- Scottish Rural Action. Cascaded, discussed and noted.
   4) Email via Lynn Halley- Scottish Fire and Rescue in conjunction with British Heart Foundation providing fire stations as bases for members of the public to learn CPR. Cascaded and discussed. We fully support this very worthwhile initiative.
6) Email via Lynn Halley- Information Literacy Research Projects carried out by Napier University into the problems faced by Community Councillors in regard to use of digital tools to gather information to assist in carrying out their duties. May be unable to do so because their information skills are under-developed. Cascaded and discussed.

7) Email via Lynn Hally concerning Scottish Community Councils Hour on Twitter. Cascaded, discussed and noted.

8) Email via Lynn Halley- Review of Angus Local Fire and Rescue Plan. Cascaded. Discussed and it was agreed this could affect the future of Balmossie as a full time crewed station, although there are no specifics within the review. It has previously been mooted Forfar could be upgraded to full time crews operating there. Rob Murray stated there had always been opposition to changing the status quo at Balmossie although there is nothing in the pipeline to effect change. With over 500 new houses being built now and in the short term in Monifieth alone, this is a situation we will keep a close watch on. Consultation to be completed.

9) E mail From Alex Graham regarding an event at the Community Orchard on Sunday 5th March. Noted.

10) E mails between Secretary and Marc Lorente regarding the litter problem at Riverview Park. The cause would appear to be mainly visiting teams and their supporters and officials, their mess left behind often being cleared up by the Monifieth Athletic officials. The practice of leaving behind plastic bottles can result in them being cut up into dangerous shards by the grass cutters.

11) Letter received from Mrs Fiona Gordon, Assistant Quality and Services Manager, Primary Care Services, Kings Cross regarding an application by Broughty Family Healthcare, Brown Street, to alter their boundaries. This was cascaded and fully discussed. The consensus was that the changes proposed to the Eastern Boundary were unrealistic and not a good alternative for the community. Secretary to reply before the 17th March 2017

New Council Member.

At this point the Chair introduced Norrie Adams who had expressed an interest in joining the Community Council. Mr. Adams stated he has stayed 38 years in Monifieth, has been Managing Director of a company, has been on various committees and was a member of Dundee Sports Council. Discussion followed and Mr. Adam's co-option to the Community Council was proposed by Sheena Cochrane and seconded by Stewart Ellis. He was duly co-opted.

4. Consultations
   a) Scottish Planning System- This was fully discussed with various key points raised, the main one being delivering infrastructure to cater for new developments. Various changes are proposed, including holding developers to account, the removal of Strategic Development Plans to be replaced by projects like the new City Deal which will include the TayPlan strategy. It is proposed to overhaul the system, including costs for planning applications will be increased to ensure the planning service will be self funded. It is proposed a stronger role be given to Community Councils and discussion then centred on what is “local” within the meaning of the proposals. It was agreed this is a very complex matter and as we do not have sufficient expertise to comment on the full document there may be an opportunity to make a general reply.
   b) Angus Local Housing Survey- This was fully discussed with general agreement we should participate in the consultation. The average income for Monifieth and Sidlaw households is £27,000 per annum, resulting in few mortgages being available for higher priced properties, many of which are under construction in our area. There is an obvious need for more “real” affordable housing, there is an ageing population with more need for sheltered type housing with more elderly people opting to for Self Directed Support and going for the private sector, due to Angus Council costs being very high. At one point the Council were having trouble filling sheltered housing. Sheena Cochrane to complete the consultation and submit.

5. Social Media Report
   No activity on this front at present
6. Treasurer’s Report
Frank Chalmers reported he had paid the additional premium for our insurance, rent for the cabin and secretarial expenses. Cash in hand is £2365.94

7. Planning Matters
Rob Crossland reported on planning applications in respect of a Conversion of attic and formation of dormer, replace conservatory with a garden room and formation of a garage at 16 Albert Street, Alteration and extension to existing dwelling at 3 Lorne Street and Conversion of a conservatory to a sun lounge at 6b Victoria Street, none of which give cause for concern. Stewart Ellis stated he had been informed Church Street was to be closed to allow a gas main to be replaced. No permission had been sought for a road closure. Stewart to pursue this with Douglas Hill, Angus Council.

8. Police Report
Steve Wilson reported, as per the Local Community Policing report which had been cascaded, thefts of and from vehicles in Carnoustie, but criminals travel and there is no place for complacency. Make sure the security of your home is reviewed and used, bearing in mind your online security is just as important. An attempted break in was reported at Kingennie Fisheries along with incidents at Pitairlie Garage, these 2 incidents emphasizing the mobility of our criminal fraternity, while Millar Homes site in Broomhill Drive reported a break in and building supplies stolen. Steve reported there had been many Road traffic accidents with drivers again failing to adapt to difficult driving conditions. A multi-agency initiative to deal with youth problems has been ongoing mainly at Panmurefield Village in conjunction with Dundee City Council and good results are reported. Steve has also set up a “drop in” centre at Monifieth High School every Thursday. Community Wardens are being trained at the moment in traffic warden duties and will take up their additional duties on 1st May. You have been warned!

9. Angus Councillors’ Reports
Rob Murray stated there was little new business with the elections looming. There is no news on the recycling centres.
Sheila Hands commented on the meeting due for the following day with Les Hutchison with regard to the Local Community Improvement Plan. Subjects up for discussion are the “locality” items from the charrette and the state of disrepair of the village centre. She also reported as from next Summer there will be an hourly return train service from Monifieth to Glasgow.

10. Public Questions
None

11. AOCB
John Thornton introduced the subject of Angusalive and the publicity surrounding the opening of the new Forfar Community Campus, particularly galling in view of the virtually total lack of involvement of Angusalive in Monifieth. Sheila Hands explained Angusalive had been operating since 1st December 2015 when it was rolled out as a new concept in 6 Angus Burghs, unsurprisingly with the exclusion of Monifieth since when we have apparently been ignored and disregarded. She explained if she was re-elected she would campaign for a Rural and Small Burghs spokesperson to be appointed. Sheena Cochrane then commented on the Angusalive programme of events for the Easter period which, again unsurprisingly, has virtually nothing planned for Monifieth. Anger was expressed at this continual lack of regard and respect for Monifieth, which is by no means the smallest burgh in Angus in terms of population, but which always seems to be considered last or not at all, where Angusalive is concerned. It was suggested an invitation be issued to the Chief Executive of Angusalive to attend one of our meetings to discuss the situation and how we can improve matters.

12. The next meeting of the Community Council is to be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 12th April 2017 at the Community Cabin, Union Street, Monifieth.