

ARGUS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

NEW MEMBERS

Bob, who was in the chair for his last time, welcomed all those present and stressed the importance of getting new members. In addition to his retirement there were three others who could no longer stay on. The Auchterhouse Community Council is entitled to NINE elected members but there were only six in position, plus two very willing and helpful co-opted members. With the date for nominations of new members closing on Monday 25th September it was essential to find those who were willing to be members. The demand on members' time is small and there is a real need for new blood. Even if a person had not been nominated to stand for election it will still be possible to co-opt them at the AGM or later.

TRAFFIC SURVEY

There was no further development. However comment was made that the road from Newtyle near Belmont Arms was now subject to a 30 mph limit although there are no houses nor street lights and no obvious hazards on that stretch of road. In view of the changes in the management of Angus Council further enquiries should be made.

PLANNING MATTERS

Applications have been made for:

- Formation of a Garden Summer House at 3 Eastfield Steading
- Outline consent for residential development in Auchterhouse Park. (The limitations of The Brae would be emphasised again as this development would increase problems)
- Extension to form Garden Room at 7 Eastfield Steading
- Extension to dwelling house at Arden House, Old Whisky Road

- Erection of a conservatory at North Balkello Farmhouse.

AUCHTERHOUSE WEBSITE

Bob reported that the website was progressing. He hoped to have it completed very shortly. Response had been fairly good from Groups, Clubs and Societies. Unfortunately information on ACTIVE was still not available and would therefore have to be left out.

NOTICE BOARDS

These are installed and in full use, although the one at Dronley Wood entrance is still awaiting its Forestry Commission colours.

FIRST RESPONSE

The Auchterhouse scheme is now functional with effect from 7th September, with trained members on call on Friday/Saturday/ Sunday.

HALL UPDATE

During the summer an audio loop system has been installed to help those who wear hearing aids.

It is available in the large hall and includes a radio microphone plus a surround microphone (for meetings). Users need to plug in the microphones and connect the power supply to the amplifiers in the box at the large window. This is not a public address system with loudspeakers.

Currently the education department are trialling a new heating system, in Kirriemuir, using a biomass burning automatic boiler. If successful, a similar system will be considered for Auchterhouse Primary School and Hall (one boiler). In the meantime steps are being taken to cut out heat loss from the windows. Also a working party has been formed to look at the feasibility of erecting a store room at the front of the hall. This may lead to closing the present main entrance and using the rear door as the main door into the hall.

Letters and comments to Bob Bruce
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BRIDGE TOLLS

You are all invited to view and comment on the proposed MSPs Bill for The Abolition of the Bridge Tolls on the Forth & Tay Road Bridges. The consultation document can be accessed on the Scottish Parliament website:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/bills/pdfs/mb-consultations/BridgeTollsConsultation.pdf>

Any queries or problems, plus application for hard copies, should be addressed to:

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EDITORIAL

Following the arson attack on our Recycling Centre, Angus Council have apparently decided that we are undeserving of any replacement of the damaged panels and Paper Bin, and it does not conform to their description of Auchterhouse Neighbourhood Recycling Centre on their website. It says it caters for "GLS/CNS/News/Plas" which being translated means - Glass; Cans; Newspapers and magazines; and Plastics. We therefore have to dispose of our waste paper either in our wheelie bin along with other non-recyclable rubbish or according to one informant "take it to the Recycling Centre at Monifieth". If this is really the view of our Council Recycling section then what attention is being given to the environment?

Drive a total of 25 miles to dispose of waste paper?

Think of the waste of fuel, the unnecessary pollution and additional carbon monoxide and CO2.

When will we have a replacement of the Waste Paper Bin and fence panels?

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A.G.M.

FOLLOWED BY NORMAL MEETING

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2006

7.30 PM IN THE HALL

ALL WELCOME