

ARGUS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Joanne speaking from the chair welcomed all those present - Linda Cockram, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts. Councillor Frank Ellis, Bob Ness and Ashley Kennedy of Angus Council Community Learning were in attendance along with four members of the public.

TRAFFIC SURVEY

There have been a number of accidents recently on the B954 at the Cotton.

A Site meeting was held on 20th February which was attended by Tayside Police, Angus Council representatives and Councillor Ellis. As a result of speed monitoring they felt that this was not the only cause of accidents. Road surfaces may also be contributory so anti-skid strips may be the answer. They agreed that while action was necessary, neither additional signs nor speed restrictions would solve the problem.

The Avenue Footpath is still not satisfactory, although Roads department staff had

cleared it to a certain extent. The path is only suitable for use in single file. The excess soil and shrubs and any undergrowth needs to be cut back to the dykes, not only from Sunnyblink to the Christies' but also along the path to the Dronley Road crossroads. Councillor Frank is to take it up further with Roads.

CORE PATHS

The section of the old Railway line between Dronley and Eastfield farms is now easily walked, as far as the road-end. Euan Grewar has done a splendid job, installing wicket gates at either end of the northern side of his field to allow walkers access from Dronley Wood car park to and from the old railway line.

Euan has also agreed to create a footpath from the southern section of the old railway line at the boundary of Templeton and Dronley Farms up to Dronley wood, where the Forestry Commission has agreed to open up a wall and install a gate.

While the paths will be open to walkers they can

not be described as Core Paths

The right of way between Sunnyblink and Bonnyton Road is still under discussion

PLANNING MATTERS

Linda reported that there are four applications under consideration:

Bonnyton - Outline for 4 houses at Bonnyton farm. This application has now been withdrawn

North Dronley/Hosie Park – Outline for 18 houses.

Linda Cockram (as Planning representative) has sent a letter of objection.

We were reminded of the conclusion of the Reporter to the Angus Local Plan Review (Aug 2006)

"I also agree with the council that, given the drainage constraints of the area which still remain to be resolved, the site remains non-effective for the time being at least and should not therefore be allocated for housing development within the local plan review".

Old Whisky Road

Outline for 1 house in the garden of "Four Winds".

There was strong objection to this application, which

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would alter the character and density of houses in the area. It was noted that, a few years ago, there was similar application submitted (and refused) for a neighbouring house on the same road. A letter of objection has been sent. Balkello Extension to Blairhall House. There were no objections.

AUCHTERHOUSE WEBSITE

The URL or website address is:

www.auchterhouse.com.

As the new website is more flexible, Minutes and even 'one off' advertisements can be included. **All secretaries or representatives of Clubs/Societies who want to put announcements in it or this publication should contact Bob with details.**

LOCAL POST OFFICE

John Beeching of Auchterhouse Park has kindly sent me a copy of a reply which he has received from Jim McGovern MP. As it is two pages long I will not attempt to detail it all,

however he does quote the broad rules published by the Department of Trade and Industry for the provision of Post Office services:

- Nationally, 99% within 3 miles and 90% of the population to be within 1 mile
- In rural areas, 95% of the total rural population within 3 miles
- In remote areas, 95% of the population in postcode districts within 6 miles.

(These are only extracts of the letter.)

Letters and comments to Bob Bruce Inshriach, The Brae, DD3 0RE

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Auchterhouse Community Woodland Action Group

A.G.M.

**Thursday 26th April 2007 at 7.30 pm
Auchterhouse Community Hall**

All welcome

Elections are required for the offices of convener, secretary and treasurer as current holders have come to the end of their term of office.

Nominations are also welcome for member of committee.

**If anyone is interested in being nominated, please contact the secretary, Linda Cockram, Tel 01382 320254
linda@lcockram.fsnet.co.uk**

Eassie & Nevay
Community Association
OSPREY NIGHT
Wednesday 21 March
2007

7.30pm

Eassie Hall

(on the Newtyle / Glamis Road)

Illustrated talk by Bradly Yule

Refreshments

Adults £2

Children £1

In aid of Eassie Hall Funds

ALL WELCOME

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday

20 March 2007

At 7.30pm

In the Village Hall