

ARGUS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Joanne welcomed all those present – Linda Cockram, Gavin Christie, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts (elected members) plus Councillor Frank Ellis.

CORE PATHS

The path from the old Railway line to the south side of Dronley Wood should be available by July. The Forestry Commission is to be asked to open up the wall at the wood and install a gate.

PLANNING MATTERS

Angus Council Development Committee were considering the application for a house on a plot adjacent to 1 Braeside. This has now been accepted. It will bring the total number of houses on the Braeside site to one more than the Local Development Plan and will therefore increase the density.

On this basis the meeting discussed the concern that the subdivision of house plots to create the opportunity to apply for building permission in 'gap' sites could be used increasingly to get round planning restrictions. It was agreed that this subject should be proposed for the agenda for the next bi-annual meeting with Angus Council.

An application has been made for Full consent for a house, for a key worker, at Balbeuchly farm. There were no objections.

A recent report in the local newspaper advised that an application to build a conservatory at Balbeuchly Steading which had previously been rejected by Angus Council has been considered by a Scottish Executive reporter and was turned down.

The reasons given were that the building is

a B-listed converted steading, and the extension would have been on the south-facing wall which was the "most disciplined, continuous frontage" of the structure "accentuated by its imposing position overlooking the countryside towards Dundee." The reporter concluded by saying "*I consider that the addition of a conservatory would disturb the discipline and symmetry of the south elevation and erode its contrast with the rest of the steading.*"

HALL FURNITURE

There was further discussion over the possible purchase of benches outside. The view was expressed that second-hand stacking chairs would be a safer and more economic alternative. Frank Ellis would make enquiries on such availability within Angus Council, and Linda is to be contacting Tayside Recyclers on a similar purpose.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION WITH ANGUS COUNCIL.

The grant which had been received for the above purpose was allocated to be divided between the Secretary and the Planning contact (Linda)

HALL PARKING/TRAFFIC

Concern was voiced at the danger to children from vehicles parking/manoeuvring in the area of the Hall, particularly at the end of school. Garry is to be discussing this with the Head Teacher with a view to finding a solution to the problem.

Letters and comments to Bob Bruce
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AUCHTERHOUSE WEBSITE

The URL or website address is:
www.auchterhouse.com.

Look out for special announcements on the website, although so far very few organisations have sent in information.

MAGGIE'S WINE TASTING 19/05/2007.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Maggie Centre wine tasting I held in the village hall on the evening of 19th May. I believe everyone had a good night and I am delighted to say that we were able to raise £450 which will be handed to the staff at the Dundee Maggie's Centre.

Again many thanks to everyone and I will think of you all as I trek through the Himalayas to Ladakh for the Maggie's Centre!

Jo Williamson.

EDITORIAL

Since there is space this month the Editor is taking the opportunity to voice his views on the small matter of response from Angus Council.

A few months ago this publication made mention of the problem with our Neighbourhood Recycling Centre after the arson attempt on the paper bin. The Council must be congratulated on a speedy

resolution to the problem. Although perhaps it was coincidence that produced such an instantaneous result!

However, it is with regret that the Editor has to draw to readers' attention that the Council has not responded with such alacrity to his personal communication regarding the singularly unoriginal name for the area of new "castles" as **The Braes**.

As pointed out in his letter to the Council the possibility of a new owner of one of these structures naming it "BRAEDEN" at The Braes, Braeside, The Brae, Auchterhouse is in danger of being repetitive to say the least.

To add to the problem the developers have already constructed entrance walls with the name "The Braes" carved into both walls, which suggests that there is no likelihood of any change.

It would be interesting to learn by whom or why this decision was made.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY
19 JUNE 2007**

**7.30 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

ALL WELCOME