

ARGUS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Joanne welcomed all those present – Linda Cockram, Keith Faulder, Garry Stewart and Adam Watts (elected members) plus Councillor John Whyte, P.C. Gwen Loudon and 3 members of the Public.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

As regular users of the road to Muirhead (B954) will have noticed the anti-skid surfaces have been laid at the bends at The Cotton.

Concern has been raised over the problem of heavy lorries for the Braeside site. They are not only endangering people in the village but also causing damage to pavements and verges. Gwen Loudon for the Police will be following up the problem, to assess possible alternative routes.

CORE PATHS

Euan Grewar has completed the path from the old Railway line at North Dronley to the Dronley Wood car par, with signs and gates. This will offer an off-road route to and from North Dronley. The Community Council expressed thanks to Ewan on behalf of the whole community.

Newtyle Path Network group is working on the development of the old railway line as a Core Path between Newtyle and Couston road.

TACTRAN

Councillor John Whyte (as one of our Sidlaw councillors who is also a member of TACTRAN) updated the meeting on transport matters, and advised that the final TACTRAN report is available on the website.

It appears that the sheer cost of a bypass to the north of Dundee (coming near Auchterhouse and Tealing) will make it financially unviable and would be opposed by Angus Council.

HALL FURNITURE

The Community Council agreed to meet the purchase of 80 chairs for the cost of £250

PLANNING

Linda reported that the Forestry Commission has received a request from Dalgleish Associates for permission to drill in Dronley Wood for sandstone. A similar request has been received by Euan Grewar of Dronley Farm. If good quality stone is found, the prospect of quarrying has to be faced. There would be strong opposition to this in the wood because of the effect on wildlife there and the amenity which the wood provides for many people. ACWAG has been promised inclusion in any discussions/negotiations between Dalgleish Associates and the Forestry Commission.

Planning Applications – An application has been made for a garage and extension to a house at Whitehillfaulds. There were no objections.

POLICE MATTERS

Gwen Loudon advised the meeting that vandalism is again a problem. Damage to cars and graffiti on road signs are being reported to the police. Any incidents should be reported without delay.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC

There was discussion on the danger to children from vehicles in the school lane and around the Hall. It was felt that restrictions should be made to prevent use

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of the lane at start and finish of the school day, especially by large vehicles (4x4s and people carriers?)

The Secretary is to discuss the whole matter with the head teacher in order to try to remedy the problem, particularly to seek repair of the road surface.

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,



Auchterhouse Community Council
Age Fun Day Rescheduled
Make it a Date –
Saturday 1st September
1pm – 4pm

Bouncy castle, Face painting, Splat the Rat, Caged Animal Pet Show (1pm sharp), children's' races and much more!

Auchterhouse Hill Race 3pm

If parents, friends or relatives can help on the day, please contact Craig Fraser 320 400 or Joanne Elwin 320498 for more details!

ACTIVE and Auchterhouse Tennis Court (June 2007)

Graham Leese attended the Community Council and updated the Council on the work of ACTIVE. ACTIVE has an initial target of £31,000 for a single Tennis court, and has raised £28,000 so far (after 6 years). It has been decided to start the project, hopefully in the early Autumn after the farmer has harvested his field. It may be completed by Spring 2008. As you can see we (ACTIVE charity) are still about £3,000 short, and any donations to ACTIVE would be most welcome at this stage (!), as various attempts are being made to raise this amount.

Graham Leese (Chairman of ACTIVE)
Judy Goodfellow (Secretary)
Maggie McMahon (Treasurer)

(Extract from Dundee Courier)

<p>AROUND 120 women took part in a shooting event at Auchterhouse on Saturday—and blasted up a £2000-plus boost for Macmillan Cancer Support.</p> <p>Hosted by Auchterhouse Country Sports, it introduced women to clay target shooting, which is often seen as a male-orientated sport.</p> <p>Emma Christie of Auchterhouse Country Sports said, "Approximately 90% of the ladies attending have never shot before, so there are instructors on hand to show them how it's done."</p>	<p>Having a blast for charity</p>	<p>paid £35 and it included 30 cartridges and targets, gun hire and instruction, a buffet organised by The Pear Tree Restaurant, and a goodie bag of items.</p> <p>During the day a raffle, auction and silent auction also took place. One of the main auction items was two nights' dinner, bed and breakfast for two at the Macdonald Aviemore Highland Resort—worth around £400.</p>
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY
18 SEPTEMBER 2007

7.30 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME